



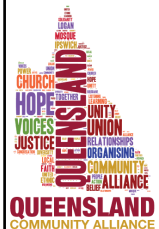
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

[A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery]

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

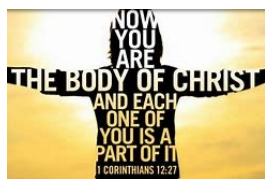
The Ascension of The Lord (Year B) 12th/13th May, 2018

ANOTHER BIG WIN for the Queensland Community Alliance: No longer will Carparks for hospitals be built for profit by private companies. Carparks will have to pay for themselves of course but their prime reason for existence will be support of patients and their families. ALSO there is now a state-wide facility funded by \$7.5million from the government whereby concessions for car parking will be given to those who qualify because of their circumstances. (more than 5000 discounted days at Prince Charles have been provided!)



On Sunday 10th June 2018 we are going to CELEBRATE! We are celebrating the result of all the campaigning and work of the last 2 years to obtain fairer and more affordable car parking at The Prince Charles and other Queensland Hospitals This is also a THANK YOU to so many of you for your participation and support over that time with, from over 2 years ago, so many of your stories of hardship and angst, down to the meetings and organising and planning of recent months. **Pollies and Public Servants** get lots of flak but this is also to thank those who **listened to us** and helped us achieve our aim for all Queenslanders. Come to our **Thanksgiving Celebration Party** starting with a cuppa after 9am Mass and finishing with a sausage sizzle after a brief assembly. A most wonderful cake has been ordered. Come and share and hear about future plans. (To be held in our hall.)

What do you usually do on a weekday at 8.30am?? Have you thought about **praying with your parish**?? When you drop your kids off from school, how about staying for **30 minutes** for Mass (on Mon and Thurs) or at 9am on Fridays — this Mass is where we **help our school kids appreciate faith** and what it means to come to Mass! **On Tuesdays** we celebrate that



other great prayer of Christ—the **Morning Prayer of the Church** (see below) - try it (we pray the **psalms which are Jesus' prayers**—he prayed them all the time!

The daily prayer of the Church is called the *Liturgy of the Hours*. The principal parts of the *Liturgy of the Hours* are Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. They are sometimes described as the “hinges” for daily Christian prayer. This **belongs to the people who are the Church** and who are the Body of Christ at prayer. It has a rich heritage inherited from the Jewish People (including Jesus), then the first Christians who continued to pray in the Temple and then throughout history.

Liturgically -- prayer is the “work” of the (people) and this celebration shapes, forms and teaches us.

Communally -- the (people) are gathered together and pray as one, making present in miniature the Church itself.

These are basic principles on which the Prayer of the Church is built:

- ♦ The **whole body of Christ celebrates**, everyone according to ability;
- ♦ The **whole body of each Christian celebrates** through gesture, posture and action;
- ♦ *Liturgy is more than words*;
- ♦ Strong **symbols speak louder** than words;
- ♦ **Liturgy requires repetition** and (people) thrive on repetition;
- ♦ We give thanks and praise and so **we grow** in wisdom, age and grace.

(The above is edited from “We Pray as One” pub Liturgy Brisbane)

Thank you for the generosity shown towards the Share the Dignity campaign. We once again were able to collect a large amount of goods for this worthwhile cause.

PENTECOST (19th/20th May)—celebrating the gift of God’s Spirit enabling us to love as Jesus loves, to **PROCLAIM light, goodness and life** regardless of how powerful and overwhelming darkness, evil and death may SEEM to be. With the power of the Spirit, what can ever defeat the growth of God’s Kingdom?? — How about **wearing something RED** to Mass that weekend?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Pentecost Sunday (YEAR B)

1st : Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Counters Roster: Team D - Frank Deighton, Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle.

STAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners at Chermside/Kedron Uniting Church.

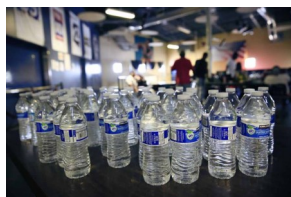
RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: You can buy all sorts of goodies from our shop — medals, statues, pictures, books, baptism gifts etc

ENVIRONMENT—pollution and damage caused by

plastic waste etc. Would you like to be part of a Parish

“Environmental” committee to

help our parish cut back on waste and use of polluting materials?? Email/ ring the parish or see Fr Denis.



TRI-CARE—we had a great response for volunteers to take Communion about once a month to the

elderly at Tri-Care. We have **one volunteer** who can only do this on **Sunday Mornings after the 9am Mass** because of work

commitments. We are looking for

ONE MORE volunteer who would be **available at this time** (little less than once per month). Please ring the office or let Fr Denis know and we'll get the ball rolling.

Project Compassion Receipts are available for collection from the rear of the church. Again, we have been a very generous community when called upon to give to the various campaigns to help those in need.

Position at Catholic Mission

The Brisbane team of Catholic Mission is expanding.



We are looking for someone with passion, energy and a sense of humour to join us as a donor relations officer.

If you know someone who wants to make a difference in the world and has a heart for mission and evangelisation please share the link below with them.

<http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/work-with-us>

Congratulations to our **KAREN PEOPLE** who at 9am Mass, will have 4 of their children being fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their first Communion! These children are: **Joseph Elizabeth; Juliana & Stephano Paulina; and**



ThuReSar Lucia whose mums Elizabeth, Paulina and Lucia, with the help of their KAREN family have given great example and commitment to fostering their faith.



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REWRITE THE STORY

LET'S END DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

Domestic and family violence is unacceptable in all its forms and should always be taken seriously. Together, we are committed to helping rewrite the stories of victims of domestic and family violence.

If you would like to help women and children rebuild their lives after escaping domestic and family violence you can support our campaign to help fit out a Centa-care Respite Support Home for families who have fled violence. Find out more at rewritethestory.org.au

Hear Women's conference
24th-26th May



Mt Gravatt Bowls Club

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!

Men - What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full registration cost \$199 (See our website for other registration options)

Register: heart.TheCatholicGuy.com

Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

Phone: 1300 734 880

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We have forwarded another \$100.00 to the Missions this week bringing our total so far this year to \$700. Please keep the stamps coming – they have dropped off quite a bit, possibly due to the holidays. Thank you to all of our stamp savers who enable us to help the sick poor. Saving stamps saves lives ! God Bless you all.

FIVE LANGUAGES OF LOVE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

The 5 Love Languages- the secret to love that lasts: Enrichment Seminar for married couples is based on the international bestseller by Dr Gary Chapman (more than 10 million copies sold).

We all need to feel loved. Men and women have an "emotional love tank" that makes us feel content, secure, and loved when it's full. When it's empty, when we feel totally unloved, we feel threatened, angry, frustrated, and alone. The key question all of us face is: what makes me feel loved? We all communicate love primarily according to one of five love languages. Many of us need help recognising our primary love language. And the truly life-changing moment comes when we understand someone else's love language.

Speaking the right love language can make all the difference!

9am-5 pm, Saturday 9 June 2018 at the

Our Lady of Mt Carmel primary school hall

Cost: \$60 per couple (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon cuppa)

More information and booking: <https://trybooking.com/TWXC>

Booking enquiries:

Cathy & Vincent Agius: Email cvagius@gmail.com

Lolita Norris 0403 514 454 Email :

lolita.norris@outlook.com

Stewardship Reflection

May 13, 2018

Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Parish office hours next week will be effected as I will be away on Monday and Tuesday.

Although Fr Denis is normally working in the office, he may be called away, so if visiting the office please phone beforehand to avoid any inconvenience. All will be back to normal on Thursday. Thank you for your understanding. Debra

Joke of the Week: A man was involved in a fatal car accident and found himself standing at the pearly gates. St Peter greeted him, and said, "in order to get into heaven, you have to spell a word." "Okay," replied the man, "what's the word?:" "You have to spell the word love", replied St Peter. "Why that's easy, the man responded, l-o-v-e."

Welcome, said St Peter, "you may enter, but first would you do me a favour. I have to do an errand and will be back soon. Would you please take my post here until I return. Whenever someone comes here, do the same thing I did with you. Ask them to spell the word love. If they are able to do that, let them in. If they are unable, send them to the other place." The man was at the gate for about ten minutes when his wife greeted him. "Why are you here?" he asked. "Well," she replied, "when news of your accident reached me, I had a heart attack and died immediately."

"But why are you at the pearly gates," she asked. "I'm substituting for St Peter while he does an errand," he said, "and I have to ask each person to spell a word in order to enter this place." "What the word?" she inquired. He responded: "Czechoslovakia."

Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts. (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish or our Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

COLLECTIONS


Date	29th April	6th May
1st Collection	\$ 528.55	\$532.20
2nd Collection	\$ 872.05	\$934.15
Loose	\$ 690.20	\$542.25
DD 1st (April)	\$3203.50	
DD 2nd (April)	\$6671.30	

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with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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 Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
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Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative :Cath D'Hage

Parish School "Queen of Apostles"

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 APA: Anne-Marie Maw
 APRE: Kirsten Karey
School Secretaries: Thuruna St: Vera Fitzgerald
 Chuter St: (Mon) Jacqui Collett
 Chuter St: (Tues-Fri) Mary-Anne Coppolecchia
 School Office Hrs: 8.00am - 4.00pm
 Telephone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
 Telephone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	14th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	15th	8.30am	Prayer of the church
Wed	16th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	17th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Liturgy Team Meeting
Fri	18th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	19th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	20th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass MMP Rosary Mass

BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent).

For BAPTISM PREPARATION please contact the Parish Office (3356 7155).



ANointing OF THE SICK - immediately after Mass : 3rd Sun of Month (ex Oct).



You may add a **sick person's name** to the list by phoning the Parish Office (3356 7155). **To keep the list 'fresh'** the last four names each week will be deleted. If their illness continues, let's know and we'll add them to the start of the list.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Our Sick: Michael Slater, John Blumke, Mary Law, Mark Fleming, Isaac Goodman, Pat Neilson, Kev & Marie Wildermuth, Kimberley van der Hulst, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Carol Donaldson, Irene Johnson, Mary McDonald and Bev Lofgren.

Our Recently Deceased: Archbishop Len Faulkner Emeritus, Fr Brian Cooper, James Malip, Michael Service, Lorraine Bolin, Frances Thomas, Bernadette Stratford, Marie Brady, Ryan O'Donnell, Patricia Carter, Patrick McGrory, Bill Quinn, Jo Grant, June King, Josie Lyle.

Those We Remember: Angela Robertson, Fred Schubert, Margaret Roberts and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

The Catholic Leader is available from the Religious Good Shop for \$2. Articles in this week's edition include:

- * Brisbane archdiocese reignites its campaign against domestic violence
- * Four pages shining a light on reality of domestic violence, and information for preventing it and responding to it
- * Archbishop Coleridge says he'll be following the example of Pope Francis in leading Australia's bishops
- * Townsville mourns death of former bishop
- * Launch of Queensland Bioethics Centre at ACU
- * Mothers' compassion knows no bounds – two women in the one community talk about their grief over the death of their sons and how they're coping
- * Principal shows his artistic talent to Sunshine Coast
- * Beverley Moore says her 50 years' service with Vinnies not just about good works but good friends as well
- * Three Catholic women reflect on motherhood for Mother's Day