



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."

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time (Year B) 10th/11th November, 2018

This Weekend we celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

We recognise our Patron—Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. She is the perfect disciple. She trusted totally in God's faithfulness and followed God's Will regardless of her own fears, plans or whatever. May we as a Parish Community who try to "Follow the example of Jesus by serving others" always remember the faith, trust, love and hope that Mary displayed in her part of God's wondrous plan.

Children and Vulnerable Adults—the Royal Commission highlighted a sick culture in many organisations including our Church. That culture was one where some people (especially Clergy and Religious) were seen as "special" and not like everyone else. This influence some to think that "it's all right for me to be seen this way because I'm a Priest" or for others to think "Father wouldn't do that, he's a Priest!". This culture led to an abuse of power, a protection of the "club", a wounding of the innocent and untold damage to the whole community of the church and our mission.

On this our feast day, we recognise that we are ALL—whatever our role in the Parish (Priest, staff, liturgical ministers, volunteers, baptised members) **RESPONSIBLE** for the health of our parish, our mission together to proclaim the Good News and, in this context, not only safeguard the wellbeing of those who are vulnerable but powerfully witness to the fact that we will never let this abuse happen again.

Archdiocesan requirements for ministers and volunteers to ensure we witness to our commitment to protect children and vulnerable adults in future:

Olivier Savignac, (an abuse victim) took part in the meeting between French bishops and eight abuse victims at Lourdes recently. He says this: "To my dear Catholic family, who are battling to keep the faith.

Amid the current crisis that has affected all of us at the



deepest levels of our faith lives, we all have an opportunity to respond as Christ would wish us to do.

Until the age of 13, I had a happy life, a loving family, friends and activities, which all helped me to develop. I had God in my life and my faith continued to grow through the ... Ignatian spirituality. I shared this precious treasure with my friends by singing at Mass on Sundays. Until I was 13, there was nothing to indicate that I was about to experience the way of the cross. I did not have strong arms or shoulders. I was just a kid.

And then, during the summer of 1993, in my flesh, my spirit and my faith, I first encountered the unmentionable. I experienced an immediate trauma, a latent haemorrhage, a loss of all the reference points that had helped build me up. Disoriented and broken, I no longer understood, and I did not want to understand, the word "confidence," which etymologically means "*cum fidere*" or "with faith," abandoning oneself to the benevolence of another person. The black screen became my refuge. And it remained so for a decade until the kid-become-man began to face up to the painful reality.

In 2005, I encountered a second trauma and a double betrayal. That was the year when I became animator of a diocesan boarding home, where I again came face to face with the unspeakable. Several young people from the center came to tell me what they had also experienced at the hands of a director, who was a respected, admired and even idolized priest. That director was also a friend at that time. As my spiritual director for five years, he was the person who had helped me rebuild my confidence and re-establish my points of reference. Once again, my whole life had been upturned. The earth had shifted under my feet. I felt cheated and shattered.

Yet, Christ's call in me at that moment was so powerful that the child-become-man rose up to fight. I made a promise to myself that remains with me, namely to combat the insidious evil that reduces a human being to a life of suffering. I refused to leave those young people

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32



Counters Roster: Team E -- Kev & Trish McGrory, Alan & Helen Gibney, John Mahony and Aileen Kyle.

STAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners at Salvation Army.

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: We have EFTPOS!

The Columban Calendars have arrived. They are still only \$9. There is also a great range of children's books which make great gifts. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. This year's reflection book, **Saviour**, is a 76 page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (2 December 2018) through to the Baptism of the Lord (13 January 2019) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for groups. Orders must be in at the religious goods shop by THIS MONDAY to ensure delivery before Advent. Cost is \$4.



Welcome through celebrating Baptism, (9am Mass) Magdalene Marie Prisk, daughter of Ashley and Tyrone, little sister of Nick.



Catholic Mission Church Appeal - Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

in the silence to which my comrades and I had been abandoned 12 years before.

Initially, I took them to see a social worker. But we soon found ourselves confronting a state of denial by the diocese, which had a collective desire to cover these terrible acts with silence. They did everything they could to ensure that nothing would be revealed. But they did not reckon on our effort to combat their denial. Nor did they expect us to fight a desire to protect the institutional Church that allowed some "good Catholics" to attempt to impose a second penalty on the victims. The evil one operates in an insidious manner. It was unimaginable to allow those who had already been broken to suffer a second time as a result of the cowardice and egotism of those who are obliged to protect them is beyond words.

Since that time, I have never stopped seeking the truth in order to set out on the road to healing, which leads to resilience. I have done everything possible to identify the person who assaulted me at the age of 13, as well as those who were in positions of responsibility, in order to demand accountability....

Speaking out leads to liberation from interior suffering. Speaking out means finally opening up to the confidence of the person who is prepared to listen. Here, the Church needs to make itself available to listen benevolently to the suffering of these "little ones," who have now become women and men. Christ is calling all of us – lay people, priests, religious, cardinals and the pope. ... Salvation for the Church will come from its capacity to re-place at its center the love that Christ was able to bear witness to us even until the cross.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13). After decades of omerta or silence, this commandment is the only path of salvation available for the People of God. This conversion demands an interior transformation on the part of all of us. In the first instance, it means facing up to our own omissions, failures, cowardice and incapacity. It means recognizing this to ourselves and to others in sincerity and humanity. Today, it is unacceptable to think that believers, practicing or not, can still remain silent.

Here, I address myself to those who are aware of terri-

ble events, even if they were in the past, and who have not yet spoken out. You must bear witness to what you know and protect those who have suffered. Do this in the name of Christ. This truth is necessary for the liberation of the word and the interior suffering of victims. Put aside the fear of being judged. Put aside the convictions that keep us closed in on ourselves as well the matters that divide us or the straitjackets that prevent us from becoming who we truly are. Let us be good and loving.

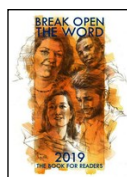
Let us accept to move forward with humility and benevolence on a common path with those who are suffering. The Church will only achieve resilience by means of a "common union" of the People of God through "pardon" which is also a gift. (from "La Croix International—Nov 2nd, 2018)

Responding to the important issue of Modern Slavery— ACRATH* Calendars for sale **THIS weekend—Cost \$10.**

*Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans.



Break Open The Word - It is that time of year when we need to order **Break Open The Word (BOTW)** for the coming Liturgical Year. This begins on 2nd December.



It is **highly recommended** that all readers have a copy of this resource. It is designed to assist in preparing the reader for Sunday Liturgy. An order sheet will be at the Religious goods shop. They are now \$22. Payment can be made at the shop using Eftpos or cash. Payment can also be made online. A link for payment can be emailed to those who wish to use this payment method. **Orders need to be in by THIS MONDAY.**

S.O.S. Re Vinnie's - If you have any "WARDROBES" or "CHEST OF DRAWERS" you no longer want, please, please ring Vinnie's Furniture Collection number on **1800846643** and they will be happy to pick them up. We are unable to help the people we assist with these items because the Vinnie's furniture warehouse has run out of them.

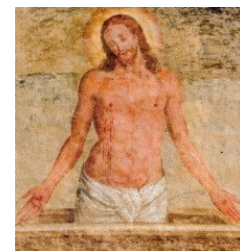
Any questions please ring **Dianne 0407616637**

Weddings bells are sounding: Alana Scott (eldest daughter of our cantor, Louise) and Benjamin Mosely would like to invite the parish to join in celebrating their marriage at Corpus Christi Church, Nundah. **1.00pm Sat 17th Nov.**

Parish Reflection Day - The theme for the final Parish Reflection Day this year is 'Encountering Jesus' - Exploring the Gospels through Imagery.

Date: Saturday 1st December (9am-4pm)

Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch box and baked morning tea). **Venue:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston.



If you would like to attend please complete the form available at this weekend's masses and place the form and payment in the provided envelopes on any of the collections **by 19th November**. For further details contact the parish office or email the Parish Pastoral Council at ppcstafford@gmail.com.

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We forwarded another \$70.00 last week, bringing our total so far this year to \$1,430.00. Thank you to all our stamp savers who have made this possible.

COLLECTIONS


Date	28th Oct	4th Nov
1st Collection	\$475.70	\$439.75
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FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	12th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	13th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	14th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	15th	8.30am 5.30pm	Mass Liturgy Team Meeting
Fri	16th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	17th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	18th	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: Mary Law, Nora Stevens, Peter Muir, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Donna Geddes, Dominic Waters, Anne Gallagher, Julia Geatches, Michael Donaldson, Joan French & family and John Cunningham.

Our Recently Deceased: John Forestal, Garry Maynard, Bonnie Lennox, Noeleen Wilson, Pat Neilson and Margaret Kirkwood

Those We Remember: Eddie Nicholson, Rosemund Colledge and John Killin all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

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Brisbane archdiocese remember recently deceased priest Fr Ray Kearney

Exiled Australian nun Sr Patricia Fox fights to return to the Philippines

Nobel Prize recipient and Mercy Sister Denise Coghlan encourages young people to 'see the world through the eyes of God'

Caritas helps rebuild lives in Indonesia after last month's 7.5 magnitude earthquake and tsunami

Aid agencies and Catholic officials are sounding the alarm on Yemen's spiralling humanitarian crisis

Staff at Holy Spirit Primary School, Bray Park encourages students to spend time with Jesus in adoration

How handcrafted saint pegs are bringing mothers across Australia together and empowering them as first educators of the Gospel in their homes.

The Catholic Leader journalist Mark Bowling shares insights into recent trip to the Holy Lands

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