



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."

Pentecost Sunday (Year B) 19th/20th May, 2018

Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021.

It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"**

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:



www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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Plenary Council YouTube Channels: Check out these videos for more information:



- Promotional Video [75 secs] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exNXH2YcB8Y>
- Archbishop Timothy's Invitation [5:19secs] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRVY7_uYCM4
- Introduction to the Plenary Council [9:20secs] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZdk5ez3EcM>

Some points to consider regarding Pentecost and the Plenary Council:

At the time of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled all people to understand one another. The Holy Spirit transcended all languages, customs and cultures and the early communities of faith were able to listen to one another and hear the message of Jesus, of God's great love for the world.

Today, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we look toward the future and begin the process of preparing for the Plenary



Council. We, too, will need to rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to speak boldly, and to listen humbly and with open hearts to one another and especially to God.

The Plenary Council gives us all an opportunity to listen

to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia. We are going to build the agenda for the Plenary



Council together, through dialogue – we will practise talking with one another, even if we disagree. In the midst of dialogue, we can hear God's voice. Every one of us is invited to listen to God by listening to one another.

Alongside the preparation for the Plenary Council, this

year we are celebrating the Year of Youth. Our young people are like those early Christians when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost – anointed and sent, they have the energy and vibrancy of youth and we all are nourished by their witness and their faith.

The Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Encounters and the Year of Youth

are ways in which the Church in Australia can express the spirit of Pentecost today. We call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us, to help us hear God's voice as we ask **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"**

In coming weeks, as a parish community, we will gather together to listen to one another, to reflect on this question and share our own stories of faith, and our experiences of the Church. After we talk together, we will collate our stories and ideas and the questions we have about the future of the Church and give our submission online through the Plenary Council webpage.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Most Holy Trinity (YEAR B)

1st : Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew: 28:16-20

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 St Paul's.

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

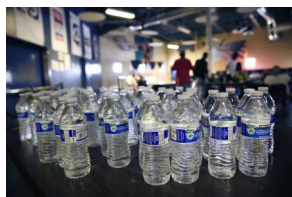
Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer

ENVIRONMENT—pollution and damage caused by plastic waste etc. Would you like

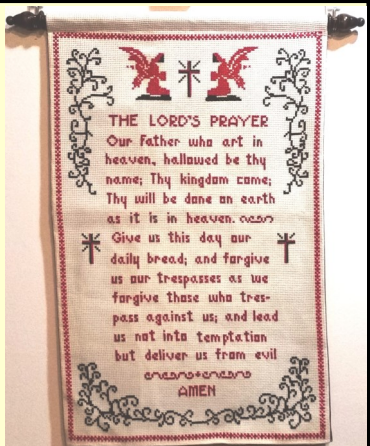
to be part of a Parish

“Environmental” committee to

help our parish cut back on waste and use of polluting materials?? (We have two people so far — any more??) Email/ ring the parish or see Fr Denis.



EMBROIDED “LORD’S PRAYER” from the ladies behind Israel’s “Security Wall” in Bethlehem. **TODAY is the last day** for your orders to be placed! Envelopes at the back of the church. Order will be placed with the ladies this week (Tuesday 22nd)



NEW Feast Day honouring Mary “Mother of the Church”:

Pope Francis

established a new feast for the Catholic Church devoted to Mary as the “Mother of the Church,” to be celebrated on the **Monday after Pentecost**.

This observes that the

reverence of Mary as Mother of the Church has ancient roots in Catholic tradition, reaching back to St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great. The title, the document says, is rooted in New Testament accounts about Mary.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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 Centacare Respite Support Home for families who have fled violence. Find out more at rewritethestory.org.au

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday 3rd June 2.00pm, starting and finishing at St Stephen's Cathedral. To watch the livestream of the procession and for information regarding parish bus timetables visit the website or the Facebook event www.corpuschristibrisbane.com or call 0412 802 122.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION and EUCHARIST—2018-19 (for children who are 7 years or older in 2018) The Introductory Meeting for the new programme is on **TUESDAY 5th JUNE at 7pm**. This

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James A. Baldwin



meeting begins an exciting and fulfilling time as parents continue to support their children's growth in faith through active work at home and celebrating Mass together. Our parish looks forward to helping parents in this most important responsibility.

No date is going to be convenient for everyone. As with soccer, dancing or whatever, we need to choose a “sign on” date and it is **ESSENTIAL** that at least one parent **organise their diary to be present at this meeting**.

Please **enrol BEFOREHAND** using the following link:

<http://bit.ly/2wFYRay> . For more information go to our website <http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/> click on “Sacraments” and then “Sacramental Programme” –

PLEASE NOTE: This programme is for **families who live and/or worship in Stafford Parish**. This is important as much of the programme happens within our weekend masses. (If you have difficulty enrolling on line, ring the parish office or email Fr Denis.



The **Catholic Justice & Peace Commission**
of the Archdiocese of Brisbane
invites Catholic Parishes, Schools & Agencies
to join us for the

Luminous Lantern Parade

5:00 PM

Friday, 8 June 2018

Southbank Parklands Forecourt, South Brisbane

Gather behind the Commission's banner and lantern to show the Church's commitment to welcome migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum to Brisbane and Queensland.

Please help us to ensure we have a large Catholic contingent witnessing to Jesus' call for us to "welcome the stranger".

Please let us know you are coming by sending an email to cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au or ringing 3324 3451.



Our basic Identity is **HUMAN** (God didn't differentiate when God made us in His Image).

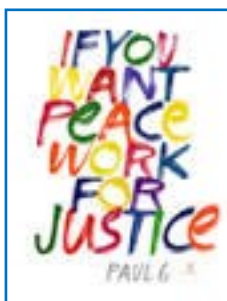
Come along (a great night of community and music and working for good).— I'll be catching a bus — see you there—Denis

organisations and people who can help and while many can be found better situations [e.g. domestic violence, children] for older men there is

Social Justice Corner

At the Social Justice Meeting last week items discussed included * a response to the Arms Trade letters we as a parish signed a few months ago. The S J team sent a copy of the letter to the Leader of the Opposition and we have had a response from the ALP office. Nor have we received replies from the office of the Prime Minister. * We spoke of Queensland Community Alliance (QCA) assembly to be held on 10 June. * we invited "Street Swags" to speak with us. The current CEO (Adrian) has been on the Street Swags board for 4.5 years and the CEO for 2 years. There have been many changes in at Street Swags, a new board [only one original member], a new Accountant and a separate new Auditor. Also changed, is the Swag design, the JUMBUCK, better than the older model Matilda. Jumbuck has no moveable parts can be put up, and down very quickly. 1200 swags were distributed in 2014/15, this year it is between 3500 and 4000.

Adrian reaches out to homeless people every Thursday night. There is an increase in those living homeless particularly women in the middle-age group with many living in cars. Street Swags provides information about



little available help.

In discussion after Adrian left the meeting we thought it worthwhile to have another campaign this year to assist those 'on the street', especially as nights are getting colder. Videos can be found on Street Swags Facebook page, (shared with the parish's Facebook page) especially one featuring Rusty and Ross, 2 'rough sleepers'. Web address www.streetswags.org

COLLECTIONS


Date	6th May	13th May
1st Collection	\$532.20	\$2381.15
2nd Collection	\$934.15	\$1369.05
Loose	\$542.25	\$580.95
DD 1st (April)	\$3203.50	
DD 2nd (April)	\$6671.30	

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	21st	8.30am	Mass (Mary, Mother of the Church)
Tues	22d	8.30am	Prayer of the church
Wed	23rd	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	24th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	25th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	26th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	27th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass MMP Rosary Mass NCLS Working group

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: Bev Lofgren, Rosario (Ross) Caruso, Michael Slater, John Blumke, Mary Law, Mark Fleming, Isaac Goodman, Pat Neilson, Kev & Marie Wildermuth, Kimberley van der Hulst, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Mary McDonald .

Our Recently Deceased: Lucien Hoogen, 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:

- * Fatal terrorist attacks on churches in Indonesia last weekend raise fears of resurgence of home-grown militancy
- * Centacare and Vinnies each opening homes on Brisbane's northside offering fresh start for families affected by domestic violence
- * Author gives advice on recognising early signs of abuser in a relationship
- * National Rosary unites Catholics from coast to coast
- * Shake-up for Catholic high school sport in Brisbane
- * Catholic charities predicting Budget blues for the poor
- * ACU researcher reports on benefits of exercise for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy
- * Head of Church's new safeguarding body says maintaining child safety will remain an issue
- * Pauline Fathers prepare to ordain their first priest from Queensland