



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."

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) 19/20th Jan, 2019

Blessing of SCHOOL STAFF:

Next FRIDAY (25th) at the Friday morning Mass (9am), as a Parish we will be **blessing our School Staff** as they begin a new School year supporting our parents in the faith growth of our children. It would be

WONDERFUL for some of our families and others to come along and take part in this blessing. (Mass goes for about 30 minutes).



Please try to come as there are about 60 staff and our parishioners are often heavily outnumbered :)

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



Our Website—(www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)

How long since you checked it out? Have you discovered the "new" stuff?? E.g. On the Home page, you will find "Quick Links" which includes (besides a welcome letter to newcomers):

[Worship Times](#), [Newsletters](#), [Parish Location](#)

[Prayer & Reflection](#) (A new "two-minute homily every week (from Friday), Daily Prayer resources, etc)

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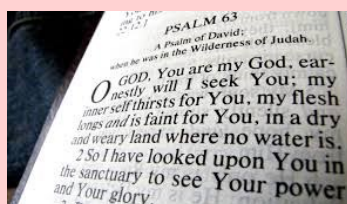
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"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings

and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the Reader or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.



Vinnie's Gifting Tree Appeal — THANK YOU for all the donated Food Items for food hampers made up by our Vinnie's volunteers. Because of your generosity we delivered **104**  **Hamper bags** locally and we have **\$15300** to help give people a "hand up" over the next year. Financial donations can be **given any time using the envelopes** or the "poor boxes" at the back of the church.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS invite you to an information session on **Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25 January 2019.

7am Mass Singer Volunteers—Especially if there is no Cantor, could you gather together to help us all sing please? Maybe behind the organ?? If you have time, you could practise the "response" for the Responsorial Psalm.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): The PPC represents the larger parish and it is important that you make your ideas, needs and hopes (both spiritual and temporal) known. Much of what we achieved last year was in response to parishioners' feedback received via PPC members or through the 2016 National Church Life Survey. The **2019 PPC** will be introduced to the parish in the New Year, but in the interim please keep your good thoughts, intentions, information, and new ideas coming through. Either talk with us or e-mail at ppcstafford@gmail.com

HAVE YOUR SAY

News from the office - Next week **Debra will be taking some leave** to spend time with the family. Fr Denis will be in the office on Monday until 10.00am for any matters that can't wait. **The office will not be open on Tuesday.** For urgent matters, please phone the office and follow the prompts. Fr Denis will be in the office on Thursday, however as his calendar can change, you may not find him there if he is called upon for a visit. Phone before visiting the office to avoid a wasted trip!

The office will be **closed on Monday 28th Jan** for the gazette Australia Day Public Holiday.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21



Counters Roster Team C: Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove and John Dalton.

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: We have EFTPOS!

We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. 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. If you are looking for something special, please ask us to order it for you.

The parish car park is for the use of those visiting the parish and school. We are aware that commuters are using our carpark, particularly midweek and taking a bus to the city. If you are wanting to use our carpark and leave the area, please advise the office. *(Many funerals these days are not advertised in the newspapers).*

Leave Your Legacy. Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community.

To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Stewardship
a way of life

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

Rosters for the next period will be prepared in the coming week. If you know you will be away during this period and have not yet advised us, please do this now. When the roster is finalised, it becomes your responsibility to fulfil your roster commitments or find a replacement. Thank you to all who have gotten into the habit of letting us know when the travel bug hits! It is very much appreciated.



Retreat Opportunity - Date Claimer **Sunday 24th February 2019** Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, **commencing with Mass at 11am**, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book **"Go Set The World on Fire"** Day finishing 3.30pm; Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by Fr Ken's infectious love of God. **St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill**, car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. Info Paul 0417 104 460, Frank 0405 514 929

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talent's, if so please contact the Movement.

Envelopes for this appeal are at the rear of the church. We will be taking up a collection on the weekend of 2nd/3rd February.



Christian Healing Ministries
Level 1 Prayer Training 2019

CCR (Catholic Charismatic Renewal) Brisbane Healing Prayer Centre will be offering training on Healing Prayer **Level 1 at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate (in the grounds of St. John's Catholic Church).**

This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays and participants are expected to attend all 3 days -

Saturday 23 March 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 27 April 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 25 May 9.30am - 5.00pm

This Level 1 Course is **open** to all.

For more details, fees and registration, please go to : http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/News/PrayerTrainingLevel1_2019Notice.pdf or Phone 0432 968 892

Lenten Program 2019 - Although Lent doesn't begin until 6th March, it is a good time to consider doing the Lenten Program prepared by The Brisbane Archdiocese. You can join a small group or do this individually. I will be taking orders in early February, to have books here in time for the beginning of Lent. This year the theme is Compassion: Reflecting Sharing Living the Good News.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Goodna Parish. A person with excellent administration and financial skills is required for a part time fixed term contract for 12 months for the position of Parish Secretary working 24 hours a week working 4 or 5 days per week.

Position closes 31 January 2019

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

ON ENTERING A CHURCH IN FRANCE

This poster can now be found in all French churches, even in the church of the sender's town (population ~ 400). The translation is: "By entering this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is less probable that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to SEE Him, send Him a text while driving."



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults – Prevention and Protection POLICY STATEMENT

...for it is to such as these that the

kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.



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COLLECTIONS


Date	7th Jan	14th Jan
1st Collection	\$468.50	\$428.90
2nd Collection	\$868.50	\$748.25
Loose	\$916.50	\$598.25
DD 1st (Dec)	\$2073.50	
DD 2nd (Dec)	\$7425.72	

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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
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Office Telephone: 3356 7155

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

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APA: Anne-Marie Maw
APRE: Ben Campbell
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Phone (Thuruna St.): 3352 9200
Phone (Chuter St.): 3326 0400

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

For BAPTISM BOOKINGS please contact the Parish Office.



What's happening this week?

Mon	21st	8.30am	Mass
Tues	22nd	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	23rd		No Social Club
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	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those who are unwell

John Blumke
Mary Law
Nora Stevens
Peter Muir
Pam Ward
Donna Geddes
Dominic Waters
Anne Gallagher
Julia Geatches
Michael Donaldson



ANOINTING OF THE SICK ***immediately* after Mass**

on the 3rd Sun of the month
(ex October).



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 names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list.

The Catholic Leader

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- * Royal Commission into the quality and safety of aged care opens on Friday (January 18), with aged care providers sending thousands of incident reports on abuse, neglect and poor care
- * One group of Brisbane Catholics show off the richness of Samoan culture at Panama World Youth Day 2019
- * ACU enters debate about Labor's push to increase entry requirements into education degrees at university
- * Next generation of youth leaders had a chance to test their mettle at this year's Summer Camp, run by Ignite Youth
- * Mater Group chooses veteran doctor Peter Steer as their next CEO
- * Rockhampton Bishop Michael McCarthy, alongside thirty pilgrims, journey through Jerusalem and the Gospel sites of the Holy Land
- * 1 in 9 Christians around the world are persecuted for their faith, Open Doors reports
- * The Vatican announced its plans to create its very own sports association – Vatican Athletic



We pray for those recently deceased including

Maria Solar, Marie Wildermuth, Jim Graham, Keith Kyle, Maria Terre, John Forestal, Garry Maynard, Bonnie Lennox and Pat Neilson.

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

Francesca Antonaglia, Domenico Antonaglia, Eddie Nicholson, John O'Shea, Michael O'Donnell, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.