



# 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."*

**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) 9th/10th Feb, 2019**

**Congratulations to AVA and THOMAS AHLBERG and MIA GAYLER** who, at 9.00am Mass LAST weekend became fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their first Communion! We the church thank their parents and family for their example and commitment to Ava, Thomas and Mia's faith.



**The Social Justice Group in our Parish** researches various Justice issues that concern us all in the proclamation of the "Good News". If you'd like to join them, email/phone the office and we'll put you in touch. Here's their latest news:

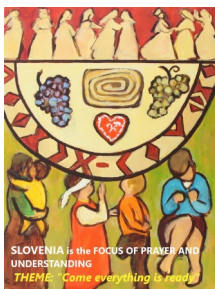
In 2015, Pope Francis declared February 8 to be the annual day of prayer and action against trafficking. It is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese saint who is patron saint of victims of slavery, and herself a former slave.



Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) are inviting Catholics to mark St Bakhita's Feast Day.

These Catholic organisations have also called for Australia to have a four-fold commitment to slavery prevention, victim protection, the legal prosecution of perpetrators, and to creating partnerships for change. This commitment begins with awareness raising and action to eliminate slavery in all its forms at a diocesan, parish, school, family and personal level. These organisations applaud the many people who fought hard for a decade to see gains made in 2018 with the passing of Australia's Modern Slavery Act, which came into effect on January 1.

**World Day of Prayer** is a worldwide movement dating back to the 19th century, which **brings together Christian traditions** for an annual day of worship and prayer. On the **first Friday of March each year** more than three million people in over 170 countries join in a service prepared by the WDP Committee of a different country to celebrate both our unity in Christ and our diversity in culture. **THIS YEAR** the date is **Friday 1st March** and we will be celebrating **at the Salvation Army Church, 32- 54 Hayward St, Stafford**. It starts with a cuppa (and they do great "cuppas"!!) with the Prayer beginning at 10.30am. **Cynthia Oxenham and**



**Toni Evans** do a great job organising us Catholics. If they ask you for help, please support them and if you like to volunteer to help them in any way, contact the office and we'll forward your name and details to them.

**Liturgy Brisbane invites you to join with us for a free lecture** by a visiting scholars from Sydney Jewish Museum, Dr Ari Lander in the St Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct 19<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm for 7pm start, concluding at 8.30pm. Free parking is available from 6pm in the Cathedral car park.

**Ari will be presenting on, "YHWH: How is the God of the Israelites depicted in the Hebrew Bible?"**

This is an excellent opportunity for any reader, lector or homilist in the Archdiocese to hear about the Hebrew texts from Jewish people.

The evening will conclude with a brief panel discussion connecting Ari's presentation to the readings of Lent and Easter.

**Please RSVP here by 15<sup>th</sup> February.** This lecture is limited to 40 participants. To book please email James at Liturgy Brisbane [robinsonj@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:robinsonj@liturgybrisbane.net.au) or phone him on ph3324 3322.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland** has launched an appeal to help victims of the devastating **flood disaster affecting Townsville and surrounding areas**. Vinnies state president Dennis Innes said, "When the rain stops, the clean-up and recovery process begins and we will be here to help residents of the Townsville region return to their homes and restart their lives," Donate online at <http://bit.ly/DonateNorthQLDFloodAppeal>



## Volunteers Needed

Queen of Apostles is seeking volunteers to come on a weekly basis to listen to children read. You may be an Aunty, Uncle, Grandparent or

friend of the family and would like to help children practise their reading and develop a love of reading. *Training is provided.* Please call our Early Years Campus on 3326 0400.



**Grace Waldron-Lamotte** (of Dorkay Street) has been a parishioner here for many years. She has now moved into residential care at Holy Spirit, Carseldine (Hendrina Unit Bed 15) Visitors would be most welcome.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

2nd Reading: Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26



**C**ounters Roster Team A: Terry Gesch, Gary McLean, Fay Barrett and Margaret Sheehan.

**R**eligious 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.

**L**enten Program 2019 - Lent begins 6th March. Now 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**. If you are interested in doing the Lenten program this year please add your name and details to the sheet at the rear of the church. You can also email the office with your details. If you are wanting to join a group or you have a group that would welcome newcomers please let Debra know so she can pass on details to connect people to people! **Orders for the books for will be placed on Monday 25th Feb. The books will cost \$8 each.**



**T**he Queen Of Apostles Men's Group has been formed by a caring woman in our parish. It reminds me of a quote by Mary MacKillop, 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

So far there are eleven men in the parish who have shown an interest in gathering together to form a men's group!



**WHEN...** 3rd Friday of each month

**First social gathering** is the 15/2/19.

**WHERE.....** Rosetta's at Stafford City at 10.30am

**Ring Dianne for further information 0407 616 637. Well done Dianne!**

**L**eave 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.

**W**hat are our Parish children learning from us adult and teenage parishioners about how to worship and give praise to God? About the importance of singing? Listening? Responding? Being part of a Community? How do they see YOU?

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

James A. Baldwin



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

**P**lease support flood-affected families in North Queensland.

The flood that is devastating North Queensland is affecting the lives of many families in the Diocese of Townsville.

You can make a tax-deductible gift online or by calling the Catholic Foundation on 07 3324 3200. Your donation will be designated to individuals and families in hardship situations whose homes and businesses have been affected by the floods.

URL: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/how-we-help/flood-relief-appeal/>

**T**he BIBLE:

"Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth"



**A**ULT AUSTRALIAN-ENGLISH Lessons:

Are you NEW to our country OR are wanting to learn more about our language and customs? Maybe you only want to feel more confident engaging in

everyday conversation? You are **very welcome** to come and join our friendly team **every Wednesday morning** during the School Terms from 10:00 till 12:00 in the Parish

Meeting Room. Lessons commence **Wednesday, 30th January**. More info? Contact the Parish Office 3356 7155.







## Raising up the next generation in worship.

Dinner | Festival | Rally

**6.30-9.30pm | 22 Feb**  
**Somerville House**  
 17 Graham St, South Brisbane

Connect with teenagers across the Archdiocese for massive worship and extraordinary encounters.

More details available at:  
[www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive](http://www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive)  
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**Morning tea** is held after 9am Mass on the first and third Sunday of the month. This is run by the community that worships at this Mass. We are preparing a roster of families or couples or individuals to keep this going in 2019. This is one of the easiest things to sign up for! Everything is supplied, some folk do bring some baking along but it's not a cooking competition. It's an opportunity to gather in an informal way to meet with your fellow



5th Sunday after Epiphany **Hook, Line and Sinker** Luke 5:1-11



## Parish Reflection Days 2019

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

### Theme: 'Call to Holiness'

Reflections on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: 'Rejoice and Be Glad'

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 (9am-3pm)
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (10am-4pm)
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 (9am-3pm)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November (9am - 3pm)

North Country Deanery  
 date to be advised

- Day costs are \$30 per person (includes morning tea and lunch box)

Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com>  
 (booking and payment essential 7 days prior to the day)



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## COLLECTIONS


Date	27th Jan	3rd Feb
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$392.35	\$411.20
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$679.00	\$660.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$508.65	\$787.65
<b>DD 1st (Dec)</b>	\$2073.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Dec)</b>	\$7425.72	

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.00am—3.30pm  
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  
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)  
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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	11th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	12th	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	13th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	14th	8.30am 7.30pm	Mass Finance Council Meeting
Fri	15th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's Group
Sat	16th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	17th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

### We pray for those who are unwell

Honor Barry  
Leticia Morris  
John Blumke  
Mary Law  
Nora Stevens  
Peter Muir  
Pam Ward  
Donna Geddes  
Dominic Waters  
Anne Gallagher  
Julia Geatches



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**immediately** after Mass on the 3rd Sun of the month (ex October). IF you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** for an op, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand



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

Still only \$2

- \* Heavy flooding causes widespread damage through Townsville City, while farmers rejoice after a long drought
- \* Five sets of twins join the largest ever intake at St Pius V Primary School, Banyo
- \* Youth unemployment rampant as Vinnies representative points out a job trap keeping young people from full-time work
- \* St Josephine Bakhita's feast day will mark a day of anti-slavery prayer, reflection and action against the multi-billion dollar industry
- \* Ex-agents in Poland face charges for framing Blessed Popieluszko
- \* Three cases of self-harm in two days on Manus prompts letter from PNG-SI bishops conference
- \* Vinnies appoints new CEO in Queensland
- \* Sister Norma Pimentel has stood for the rights of immigrants across the United States, finding her strength in a deep prayer life and the joy of helping others



### We pray for those recently deceased including

Conlon Foley, 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

Greg Curry, 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.