



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."

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) 23rd/24th Feb, 2019

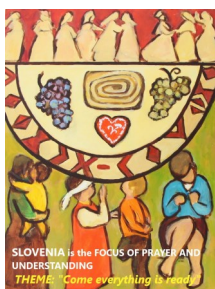
Parish Plenary Meeting: We had one last October and with the deadline for submissions being on Wednesday March 6th, the Parish Council thought it would be good to give people **another opportunity** to contribute their thoughts about "What do you think



God is asking of us in Australia at this time". Of course this is big issue stuff (e.g. how we as Christians can be better and more effective "lights" or "leaven" in our Australian community? - type stuff).

It's not about whether we should have 2 or 3 candles on the altar or similar "little" issues. Even if you have contributed, personally on the web or at the last meeting, here is an opportunity to add more or flesh out your original ideas. It's on **TODAY (24th) in the PARISH MEETING ROOM at 10.15 am until 11.30am.**

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 **NEXT FRIDAY (1st MARCH)**. Our local churches will meet at **the Salvation Army Church, 32- 54 Hayward St, Stafford**. It starts with a cuppa at 9.45am with the service at 10.30am (*and they do great "cuppas"!!*) with the Prayer beginning at 10.30am. **It's our turn to host the prayer next year.** Come along this year and meet some of the people who will be joining us next year.



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>



LENT starts on Wednesday 6th March. It's an important time of renewal for all of us. We are asked to fast and someone said that there are 3 reasons for fasting: 1) Deepen awareness of need for God to nourish us; 2) Reminds us of the plight of the poor who have grumbling stomach all the time; 3) Reminds us not to depend, or be ruled by every physical need. – God gives us our Daily Bread!

Ash Wednesday: Mass with distribution of the Ashes will be on Wed March 6th — 7am.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (for Children): Parents of children who turn TEN in 2019 are welcome to enrol their child for this preparation which will begin in March (see below). Please go to the link below to **complete the enrolment form on or before Tuesday 26th February**.



(You may find it easier to email Fr Denis at pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au and he will send this link to you.) If you cannot enrol via the internet, please ring/email the Parish Office and other arrangements will be made. (Contact details are on the back of the Parish newsletter.) The Parish Team will help Parents prepare their children over three meetings. For PARENTS AND CHILDREN: Tuesday 5th March 7pm, Tuesday 19th March 7pm; Tuesday 2nd April 7pm. Here's the link: <https://goo.gl/zDa5k6>

PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES/BOXES

are available for collection near the doors of the church. Collect yours today and prepare to share your God-Giving gifts with your brothers and sisters throughout the world. With Project Compassion, **you are changing the world and enabling people**



to escape poverty and build skills for a healthier and happier community. Each Sunday of Lent after Mass, there will be a **short video** describing the effect of your giving.

Today Jesus teaches us: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..." (Lk 6:27,28). Lutheran minister Nadia Bolz Weber describes mistreatment as a chain that binds us and goes on to say, "Maybe retaliation or holding onto anger about the harm done to me doesn't actually combat evil. Maybe it feeds it. Because in the end, if we're not careful, we can actually absorb the worst of our enemy, and at some level, start to become them. So what if forgiveness, rather than being a pansy way to say, 'It's okay,' is actually a way of wielding bolt-

**"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
DO GOOD TO THOSE
WHO HATE YOU..."**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7

2nd Reading: Corinthians 15: 54-58

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45



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.

We have some special news from the 'shop' this week. Our long time shop assistant **John Lamb** has decided to retire from his post. We would like to thank John for his service to the 'shop'.

Lenten Program 2019 - Lent begins 6th March. 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! **Last chance to add your name to the list or email the office to place an order for your copy. Orders for the books for will be placed TOMORROW (Monday 25th). The books will cost \$8 each.**

The first order of books has arrived. You can pay for the books in the religious goods shop or pay in person at the parish office through the week. For those in the Friday group, you may pay on the first Friday meeting. I will have your books in the room for you to collect.

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.

Queensland Community Alliance Assembly. Our Parish is hosting a big meeting between the **City Council and the State Government** to address the on-going issue of getting into and out of the Prince Charles Hospital precinct safely.



Over the years there's been fatalities, and serious injuries and other accidents. However, there's been lots of to-ing and fro-ing between both governments as to who's responsible. The QCA has got both together and on **Sunday 10th March from 11am to about 12.30pm IN OUR CHURCH**, we are holding both governments accountable and asking them to report to us of concrete proposals of how this situation will be fixed within the next 12 months. **PLEASE come along.** A strong community representation is the best prompt politicians of all stripes will respond to.

What 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



Queen of Apostles Seniors

We are having a bus trip on 3rd April. We are travelling to Nanango to visit Ringsfield House. This magnificent family home was originally established in 1908. This house has wide verandahs, historic interior and glorious gardens.

Explore the Museum and the picturesque grounds which house a replica coach house, cream shed, slab shepherd's hut and other out buildings.



Cost is \$55 which includes morning tea, tour and lunch. We will leave from Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 70 Appleby Road, Stafford. The bus will leave at 8am. For further information contact **Julia on 3355 6560 or 0467 680 551 or Carolyn on 3356 822.**

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org



"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane invites you to "UNITED AS ONE", our Opening Event for 2019 on Sat 2 March from 9.30am – 5pm at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Praise and Worship, talks, Prophetic Intercession, prayer ministry and Mass celebrated by Fr Leonard Uzuegbu. ALL welcome. Bring and share lunch.

Enquiries: Miriam (3103 2400) or

email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au for more details.

You will also find a flyer in our noticeboard with more information.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Kumbia in the parish of Kingaroy celebrates its **centenary 18/19 May 2019** and invites all former parishioners and interested people to this memorable occasion. Details are available from kumbiacatholiccommunity@gmail.com or phone 07 4164 4262

Meal tickets and souvenirs at <https://www.trybooking.com/YSWA>



A Sunday School teacher asked her class why

Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a babysitter.'

Immersion Trip to PNG - Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position of Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Rochedale Parish. This position is for 2 years for 10 hours a week.

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

Applications close – 15th March 2019

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.



Santa Teresa
Spirituality Centre

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 23rd March 2019 (9am-3pm)
- Sunday 26th May 2019 (10am-4pm)
- Saturday 31st August 2019 (9am-3pm)
- Saturday 30th 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	10th Feb	17th Feb
1st Collection	\$418.95	\$321.25
2nd Collection	\$798.50	\$608.0
Loose	\$486.90	\$580.10
DD 1st (Jan)	\$2008.50	
DD 2nd (Jan)	\$7370.50	

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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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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	18th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	19th	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	20th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	21st	8.30am 5.30pm	Mass Liturgy Team Meeting
Fri	22nd	9.00am	Mass
Sat	23rd	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	24th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including

Lorraine Rivers, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Brian Hansen, Conlon Foley, Maria Solar, Marie Wildermuth, Jim Graham and Keith Kyle.

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

Greg Tyrrell, Cecil Hargraves and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

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

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- * Townsville Bishop Tim Harris says crushing debt is falling on people in rural areas after floods
- * Vinnies celebrates 125 years of service to Queensland families
- * Pro-life organisation fights against abortion with a 40-day prayer and fasting vigil starting Ash Wednesday
- * Government plans to encourage more teachers to work at remote Indigenous community schools
- * Former senator takes leading role in Catholic education
- * Pope confirms the removal of former Washington cardinal and archbishop from the priesthood
- * Dynamic 83-year-old has been described as a champion Christian after retiring from Religious Instruction classes at Albany Hills State School
- * Curia Mass draws together the Brisbane archdiocese workforce

