



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."

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) 2nd/3rd March, 2019

Congratulations to ALFIO MANGANO and STEFANO ROTOLONE who, at 5.00pm Mass this weekend become fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their first Communion! We the church thank their parents and family for their example and commitment to Alfio and Stefano's faith.



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 **THIS WEDNESDAY (6th) — 7am.**

FASTING: A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn. Every major religion has a tradition of fasting as a means of preparing oneself for an important spiritual event. Fasting reminds us of our deepest hunger for God and a meaningful life. It reminds us of the difference between our true needs and our wants. Fasting allows us to empathize with those in our world who do without the most basic comforts we take for granted. It is a way to give thanks to God and to all those who have helped provide us with so much. Fasting helps us to become more aware of our faith, the promise it offers and the responsibilities it entails.

PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES/BOXES are available for collection near the doors of the church. **Collect yours today and prepare to FAST by sharing** 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



Last year we shared \$7241.05 of our wealth with our brothers and sisters in need

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.

THIS IS WHERE WE STAND TOGETHER

1. Safe roads at Prince Charles Hospital

2. A fair and fully funded NDIS



Join us as we stand together to ask Dr. Lynham, Cr. King and Metro North for safer streets.

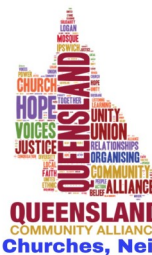
Residents and staff of our community must travel safely.

We want the Hamilton rd, Staib rd and Zenith rd intersections at the Prince Charles Hospital fixed to prevent any more tragedies.

We want a seat at the table for Webster and Rode Rd developments.

Local Federal Labor and Liberal candidates for the seat of Lilley will be asked to advocate for a fully funded NDIS that reaches its full potential.

We need you in the room to support change! See you there



COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Sunday 10 March, 11am

Queen of Apostles Catholic

Church, 70 Appleby Rd Stafford

QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
Churches, Neighbours, Friends, Family, Unions, Community Groups

https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/stafford_community_assembly

We are hosting this QCA Assembly in our Church). As a parish we have a **wonderful reputation** as a community concerned for the **Common Good** and so I stuck my neck out to say we will have **50 parishioners** attending (*at least*). We are known for our generosity to **Vinnies** and **Project Compassion**, our setting up a **Credit Union** to support struggling young families, our welcoming and housing **Vietnamese** Refugees in the 1970's, our welcome and support for modern day **refugees**, our action with QCA in achieving **cheaper parking** at Public Hospital Car-parks. **NOW** the call is out — can we **just turn up** and pressure our politicians to remedy **issues with NDIS** and the **dangerous exits** to the Prince Charles Hospital precinct. (Solita, a nurse, was killed in December exiting the hospital—her friends from the **Filipino Catholic Church** will be here) . It is **NEXT Sunday (10th)** from 11am to about 12.30pm. **TAKE a LEAFLET and pass it on** to your friends and neighbours!. **PLEASE invest a couple of hours for the common good.**— Fr Denis



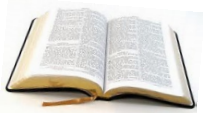
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The First Sunday of Lent (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13



Counters Roster Team D: Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle.

Religious Goods Shop: We are having a sale!

Visit the shop over the next two weeks to get a bargain. Some stock is reduced to half price! 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 need your help! The roster for the shop is under pressure. There are very few people on this roster, only two for most mass times. Please consider this seriously, speak to those in the shop about this ministry.

Lenten books are at the shop. Please pay and collect after Mass or pay and collect at your Lenten group meeting (Wednesday and Friday groups).

Statement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

RE: the verdict in the Cardinal Pell case:



The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia. The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.



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Those affected by abuse and misconduct by Church personnel need to be supported and encouraged to speak their truth. Their voices need to be heard. Disclosures of this nature should be made to the Professional Standards Office Qld, either by:

Email Fill in a [Professional Standards disclosure form](#) (accessed via our website [psqld.catholic.net.au](#)) and email it to psqld@catholic.net.au

Post Fill in a [Professional Standards disclosure form](#) and post it to us at: PO Box 3264, Brisbane Qld 4001

Phone 1800 337 928 OR (07) 3324 3070
Office hours 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday (excepting public holidays)

2019 Family Lent Calendar

Copies available at the back of the church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
During Lent, penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 110)		5 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes are a traditional dish to use up ingredients not allowed in Lent	6 Ash Wednesday Turn away from sin and believe the good news. Go to Mass and wear the cross of ashes	7 As a family, support Project Compassion during Lent	8 Fast from social media	9 Make a family cross from bark found on a walk & place it in the centre of the dinner table
10 1st Sunday of Lent Trusting As a family read Luke 4:1-13	11 Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Zimbabwe this week	12 With your family, say a prayer of thanks before each meal throughout Lent	13 At bedtime, pray for someone you have hurt	14 Look for a chance to help someone without being asked	15 Fast from worrying & trust God instead	16 Look around home for clues that you have been baptised
17 2nd Sunday of Lent Transforming As a family read Luke 9:28-36	18 St Patrick Wear something green today and learn about St Patrick	19 St Joseph spouse of Mary Read a bible story about Joseph	20 Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Indonesia this week	21 At bedtime, thank God for plants and trees that give us fresh air	22 Fast from television	23 Look after God's Creation by saving electricity
24 3rd Sunday of Lent Risking As a family read Luke 13:1-9	25 The Annunciation of the Lord Angels bring good news. Be an angel today	26 Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Solomon Islands this week	27 At bedtime, thank God for someone who helped you today	28 Pay attention to someone you are tempted to ignore	29 Fast from criticising other people	30 Go for a walk and pray for your neighbours
31 4th Sunday of Lent Reconciling As a family read Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	1 Project Compassion asks us to pray for First Australian people this week	2 Check times in your parish & go to Reconciliation to prepare for Easter	3 Write a note to your teacher thanking them for their help in term 1	4 At bedtime, pray for people affected by drought	5 Fast from electronic games	6 Play a game together as a family
7 5th Sunday of Lent Encountering As a family read John 8:1-11	8 At bedtime, thank God for all the graces you received today	9 Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Bangladesh this week	10 Before you respond to people: Stop, breathe, & think	11 At bedtime, thank God for the gift of each person in your family	12 Fast from sweet treats	13 Put on some dance music and dance with your family
14 Palm Sunday Redeeming As a family read Luke 23:1-49	15 Project Compassion asks us to pray for people in Vietnam this week	16 At bedtime, pray for those being welcomed into the Church this Easter	17 Research 'Easter Triduum' and tell someone what you learnt	18 Thursday of the Lord's Supper I have given you an example John 13:15	19 Friday of the Passion of the Lord And bowing his head he gave up the spirit. John 19:30	20 Holy Saturday Look after God's Creation by saving water
21 Sunday of the Resurrection ...he has risen... Luke 24:5 Alleluia! Alleluia!						

God ... offers us each year the season of Lent as a 'sacramental sign of our conversion'.

Lent summons us, and enables us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly

and in every aspect of our life.

Pope Francis

Evangelisation Brisbane
www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au

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.

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

Could this be your Ministry?



Now in its thirty-third year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre.

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries.

Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.

Written applications can be sent to:

Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au
Website: www.cppc.net.au

Young man wanting transport to Marburg Old Time Dance. An easy 45 minute drive. Will pay for petrol money and admission which includes supper. It is held every Saturday night but would be happy to go every 4-6 weeks. Would need to leave Stafford by 6pm and can leave Marburg anytime to return home. It would not be a late night. Contact the Parish office for details. Good wholesome entertainment.

Anna's Group has been put in place for recently widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 8th March** at **The Coffee Club**, Flockton Village, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637.



Queensland Irish Choir St Patrick's Day Concert
German Club, Vulture St East Brisbane
Sat 09 March 2.00 pm

Come along and hear the Choir perform your favourite Irish melodies in 4 part harmony. The Pipers and Dancers will be joining us.



Ticket \$15 - includes Afternoon Tea
Bookings through Jennifer Dunbar

Mob: 0447 744788.



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43)

Stewardship
a way of life

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

COLLECTIONS

Date	17th Feb	24th Feb
1st Collection	\$321.25	\$432.85
2nd Collection	\$608.00	\$835.50
Loose	\$580.10	\$1043.95
DD 1st (Jan)	\$2008.50	
DD 2nd (Jan)	\$7370.50	

Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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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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Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
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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	4th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	5th	8.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Sacramental Prep Meeting
Wed	6th	7.00am 9.30am	Mass with distribution of Ashes Social Club
Thurs	7th	8.30am 5.30pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	8th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat	9th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	10th	7.00am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Community Assembly Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including

Rod West, Sr Colleen Bell RSC, Lorraine Rivers, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Conlon Foley and Maria Solar

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

Michael O'Donnell, 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
Stephen Byrnes
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

- * Cardinal Pell to appeal sexual abuse conviction
- * Townsville diocese thrilled to welcome newly ordained Deacon Emene Kelemete
- * Church leaders promise laws and concrete actions to protect children and the vulnerable after the conclusion of historic four-day summit on abuse
- * Royal commission reports reveals Aussie care workers are overworked and underpaid
- * Evangelisation Brisbane office launches new Lenten app for smartphones
- * World Youth Day pilgrims from across Brisbane return home inspired to follow Jesus Christ
- * A new seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo shares his discernment journey into the priesthood

