



# 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."*

**First Sunday of Lent (Year C) 9th/10th March, 2019**

**Congratulations to CAITLYN NAVE (Sat 5pm) and KAI SOMERVILLE (Sun 7am)** who, 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 Caitlyn and Kai's faith.



**Pope Francis said (26th Feb): "Fasting,"** he said, refers to "learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts."

**"Prayer,"** he added, "teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy."

**"Almsgiving,"** he continued, refers to when "we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us."

In this way, he stressed, we can "rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness."

**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

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

build skills for a healthier and happier community. THIS weekend after Mass, there will be a **short video** describing the effect of your giving. in **ZIMBA-**

**BWE** which goes for 5.43 minutes.

**We are hosting this QCA Assembly in our Church TODAY (Sunday).** 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. We are



## 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](https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/stafford_community_assembly)

generous to **Vinnies** and **Project Compassion**, our **Credit Union** to support struggling 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 Carparks. **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 **TODAY (Sunday)** from 11am to about 12.30pm. **PLEASE invest a couple of hours for the common good.— Fr Denis**

**Y**oung man wanting transport to Marburg Old Time Dance. 45 minute drive. Will pay for petrol money and admission which includes supper. It is on 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.



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### The Second Sunday of Lent (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36



**Counters Roster Team E:** Kevin & Trish McGrory, Alan & Helen Gibney, John Mahony and Aileen Kyle.

**Religious Goods Shop: The Sale begins this weekend! 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).

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**40 Days for Life:** 40 Days prayer and fasting for the ending of abortion from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday.

**40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil:** standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness at the Vigil site located at 20 Abbotsford Rd Bowen Hills (at the bus stop outside Bowen Hills Train Station). The Vigil location is 200m away from the Marie Stopes abortion mill.

Please sign up for prayer times on the 24 hour Vigil Calendar by visiting our website <http://40dfl.net/> By registering your commitment on the electronic calendar, you will help achieve the goal of 40 days of 24 hour vigil for our brothers and sisters in the womb. First time campaigners will need to sign the Statement of Peace on our website.

**["Act, and God will act." St Joan of Arc]**

**Mass – dedicated to the ending of abortion.**  
**40 Days for Life warmly invites everyone to a Mass which is dedicated to the ending of abortion.**  
Saturday 23rd March 2019, 9:30am at Our Lady of Victories Church, Bowen Hills.

Celebrant: Fr Adrian Sharp

10.30am – prayer at the Vigil location after Mass (20 Abbotsford Rd Bowen Hills)

**"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history." St John Paul II**



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## Feast in Honour of the **Martyred Three Saints BRISBANE**

Sunday 5 May 2019, Holy Cross Church Woolloowin

**Alfio, Filadelfo & Cirino**



**9:30am SOLEMN MASS** celebrated by Bishop Brian V Finnigan DD, Fr. Peter Gablonski Parish Priest of Lutwyche Parish, Fr. Mauro Conte Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Greater Springfield and sung by the St. Alfio choir.

**11:30am FOOD STALLS** Including BBQ Italian sausages, steaks, arancini, porchetta, roasted chestnuts, hot chips, granita, cannoli, sweets, coffee, tea and drinks. Children's entertainment; animal farm, pony rides, supa-chair swing, jumping castle and face painting. Music by the acclaimed duo **Jamie & Alexandria**.

**2:00pm EXIT OF THE SAINTS & STREET PROCESSION**

**3:00pm ENTERTAINMENT** Jamie & Alexandria continue.

**5:30pm DRAWING OF THE RAFFLE** and end of the 2019 Feast.



Group: Three Saints Feast Brisbane

Event: Three Saints Brisbane Festival 2019

**SPECIAL PRIZE:** Framed Picture of the Three Saints (donated by: I and R. Vitale family)

**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE:** \$1000 Coles Myer Voucher (donated by: Three Saints Feast Brisbane Inc.)

**2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE:** \$500 Cash Money Tree (donated by: Joe & Mary LaSpina, Morayfield)

**3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE:** \$500 Canale Travel Voucher (donated by: Canale Travel Service)\*\*

and many more prizes!!

\*\*Conditions Apply

Raffle proceeds will be donated to: "Friends of Sam" a local boy who has been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy & "Camp Quality" an Australian charity creating a better life for children living with cancer.



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**Give the Gift of Faith.** The dedication you have for Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

## LENTEN PRESENTATION - SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT SANDGATE

Sr Mel Dwyer will be presenting 'The Journey to the Cross and Beyond – Exploring the real focus of Lent, our call to conversion and the invitation of Jesus to a new life.' Sandgate Parish Hall, Sunday 10 March beginning at 2.30pm. All Welcome!



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



**The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group** is up and running! At last count there were more than a dozen men interested in gathering on a regular basis. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on 3rd Friday of the month at **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean for more information (ph 3863 4149).**



**The next gathering is Friday 15th March.**

**Roster changes** for the next roster need to be received by the office **no later than Friday 15th March**. Thank you to those who are already in the habit of advising us in advance of dates when you are away. The next roster begins on the weekend of 6th/7th April and covers dates until 25th/26th May.

Easter Triduum Roster will also be prepared soon. We will be calling for names in the coming weeks, so start thinking about where you will be this Easter.

**Project Compassion Envelopes are processed here at the parish. Please follow these suggestions to make it easier for you and me.**

**Tips on how to use them best.**

- \* Give generously!
- \* Fill in the tear off portion if wanting a receipt for tax purposes.
- \* Place tear off portion inside envelope. Do not leave it attached to the outside of the envelope. It rips when opening the envelope to process your donation.
- \* To save you time, after filling in your details on your first envelope—just print your name clearly on subsequent envelopes when at Stafford.
- \* All credit card payments are processed at the end of the campaign. If you would like to make a donation now, there are instructions for phone and internet on the back of the larger envelope.
- \* Don't encourage children or others to put empty envelopes on the plate. I still need to sort them, checking for money or credit card payments.
- \* If you miss a week, put your donations into one envelope only - it saves time for you and me.
- \* Finalise all donations by 28th April.

Many thanks for your support. Debra

#### Position Vacant – Office Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at St John's Wood, The Gap Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and coordination skills is required for a part time position of Office Coordinator for 26 hours a week to work alongside the Office Assistant.

Applications close Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 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.*



*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)*

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

#### COLLECTIONS

Date	24th Feb	3rd Mar
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$432.85	\$397.20
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$835.50	\$683.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$1043.95	\$588.25
<b>DD 1st (Jan)</b>	\$2008.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Jan)</b>	\$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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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 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	12th	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	13th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	14th	8.30am	Mass
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  
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

- \* Brisbane Archbishop encourages Catholics to keep faith in the face of serious challenges in last Sunday's homily
- \* Students from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane celebrate the Project Compassion 2019 Liturgy at St Stephen's Cathedral
- \* Cardinal Pell spent his first days in jail after being found guilty of child sexual abuse, he awaits his sentencing on March 13
- \* The Missionaries of the Poor call for volunteers to visit and serve in their mission house in Labuan Bajo in Indonesia
- \* ACU ready with 'huge plans' for grassroots engagement in 2019
- \* John Herron's 'unshakeable integrity' remembered at state funeral on March 1
- \* Brisbane man shares the stories of 'the outsiders' (asylum seekers and refugees) from his volunteering days at the Romero Centre

### 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

Cora Lamb, Eddie Nicolson, Barbara Cavanagh, 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.