



# 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 Lent (Year C) 16th/17th March, 2019**

**Congratulations to ELLA CARTAGENA and FELIX SALVATI** Sun 9am) 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 Ella and Felix's faith.



**PROJECT COMPASSION** there is a short video after Mass, describing the effect of your giving in **INDONESIA** 3.45minutes.

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**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.

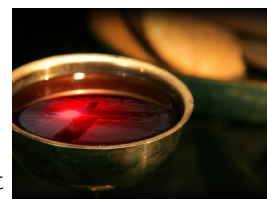
Many thanks for your support. Debra

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Alliance Assembly here at Stafford last Sunday. I was so happy to see so many "non-Union" people present underlying that this is a COMMUNITY Alliance and not a Union front. We made some progress but after over 10 years of bickering and stalemate between the State and Local Governments we still have to maintain the pressure for both to work together for the good of the community. Please SIGN THE PETITION AT [http://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/safe\\_streets\\_petition?recruiter\\_id=10416](http://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/safe_streets_petition?recruiter_id=10416) OR the paper copy at the back of the church.



**The BLOOD OF CHRIST! AMEN!** While many Eucharistic or communion services usually seem rote and ceremonial, being fully present to its symbolism can and should startle us. While the experience of eating Jesus' body and blood can be comforting, it should also be deeply discomfiting. Many mystics and liberation theologians have recognized that by inviting us to drink wine *as his blood*, Jesus is calling us to live in bodily solidarity "with the blood of every person whose blood has been unjustly shed on this earth, from the blood of Abel the Holy to the blood of Zechariah" (Matthew 23:35).

These are the first and last murders noted in the Hebrew Bible. In the act of drinking the blood of Christ at this Holy Meal, we are consciously uniting with all unjust suffering in the world, from the beginning of time till its end. Wherever there was and is suffering, there is the empathy and healing justice of God—and we are joining with God insofar as we can. "This is *all* my blood!" Jesus is saying and we are agreeing.



I can see why Christians celebrate the Eucharist so often. This message is such a shock to the psyche, such a challenge to our pride and individualism, that it takes a lifetime of practice and much vulnerability for it to sink in—as the pattern of every thing, not just the bread and wine. Every thing is in Christ and Christ is in every thing. There is only one suffering, and it is the suffering of God. There is only one love, and it is all the love of God – Richard Rohr Meditation: Holy Blood

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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

1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15  
 2nd Reading: Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12  
 Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9



**Counters Roster Team A:** Terry Gesch, Gary McLean, Fay Barrett and Margaret Sheehan.  
**Religious Goods Shop: The Sale continues this weekend! Visit the shop over the weekend 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. We are now in 2nd week of Lent, so pick up your copy and enjoy the program.

## 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 Vigil after Mass (20 Abbotsford Rd Bowen Hills)



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

Sunday 5 May 2019, Holy Cross Church Woolloowin

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**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.



**Retreat Day at Kedron Parish - St. Therese and St. Anthony Parish** invites you to a one-day retreat on the **Grace of Baptism** on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The day will be presented by members of the Mission Team for Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane and will be held in the parish hall commencing at 9.30am to 4.30pm. Morning and afternoon teas provided. BYO lunch.

Topics: How precious we are in Christ;  
 Starting afresh with Jesus;  
 Understanding the spiritual gifts;  
 The healing touch of God.

Contact: Len Airey [lenairey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lenairey@optusnet.com.au)  
 0421977849







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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 Seniors Social Club** will be entertained by the music group, Satin Sounds on Wednesday morning. They are very good entertainers, so come along and enjoy a fun filled morning.

All welcome!

**For further information contact**

Julia on 3355 6560 or

0467 680 551 or

Carolyn on 3356 8223

**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.



**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 1st/2nd June.

**Young 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. Won't be a late night! Contact the office for details.

#### 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.*



## Stewardship *a way of life*

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

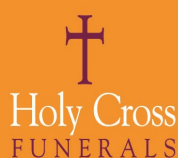
### COLLECTIONS

Date	3rd Mar	10th Mar
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$397.20	\$386.15
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$683.50	\$933.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$588.25	\$604.45
<b>DD 1st (Feb)</b>	\$2138.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Feb)</b>	\$7675.00	

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

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### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)  
Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan  
Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcestafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcestafford@gmail.com)  
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
Office Telephone: 3356 7155

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

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford  
School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
School Principal: Nigel Bird  
APA: Anne-Marie Maw  
APRE: Ben Campbell  
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)  
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	18th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	19th	8.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Penance Sacramental Prep
Wed	20th	9.30am	Social Club
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 who are unwell

Franco Mollo  
Mary Law  
Sierra Reck  
Honor Barry  
Stephen Byrnes  
Leticia Morris  
John Blumke  
Nora Stevens  
Peter Muir  
Pam Ward  
Donna Geddes  
Dominic Waters



### 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: Keeping faith with you

- \* Pro-life advocates to campaign against Labor abortion policy
- \* The Brisbane archdiocese celebrates International Women's Day on March 8
- \* Political parties ramping up their pledges to combat domestic violence
- \* Church and state coming together in the euthanasia debate – palliative care is the true form of assisted dying
- \* New Catholic brand recaptures the spirit of early learning
- \* Brisbane parish offers 'ashes to go' to commuters at Springfield
- \* Blind Eye invites the community to drop-in for Mass at "Home"
- \* Camino pilgrimage inspires priest to journey with the joy and pains of others



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### We pray for those recently deceased including

Terry Moloney, Rod West, Sr Colleen Bell RSC, Lorraine Rivers, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC and Conlon Foley.

### 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.