



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."

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) 23rd/24th March, 2019

PROJECT COMPASSION there is a short video after Mass, describing the effect of your giving in Solomon Islands 2.04 min

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.



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.

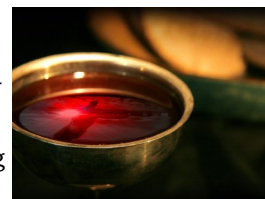
Many thanks for your support. Debra

The PARISH OF TODAY AND THE FUTURE: "U.S. theologian Elizabeth Johnson, issues a timely warning: *A person can no longer be a Christian simply out of social convention or inherited custom. Faith now requires a personal decision, the kind of decision that brings about a change of heart and sustains long-term commitment.* (Abounding in Kindness, Elizabeth Johnson, Orbis books 2nd printing 2018. p.33). This assertion aligns comfortably with the growing awareness that deepened discipleship of Jesus is the core factor in renewing and reforming parishes. A 'more of the same' decree-type of leadership does not bring about this kind of transformation.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! (especially for our biggest mass—the 9am) The shop is a valuable service for many and we really need **at LEAST one more person per Mass** to be on its roster. Don't worry, we WILL TRAIN YOU. If you are one who USES THE SHOP for buying articles, you especially might consider signing up. 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.

9.00AM MASS people: Because of the pressures on the shop roster (above) we need at **least two people** to volunteer to **organise the collectors** during mass and for those who **bring up the bread and wine**. Both these jobs are very simple and Fr Denis will explain what to do. It's a great way to get families involved (in collecting and bringing up the gifts as well as getting to know some who have been doing this for a long time. See Fr Denis if interested!

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 discomforting. 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
2nd Reading: Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32



Counters Roster Team B: Terry Silk, Len Cavanagh, Rosemary Stafford and Kemsley Kelly.
Religious Goods Shop: The Sale has been extended and 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.
Lenten books are at the shop. Please pay and collect after Mass. We are now in 3rd week of Lent, so pick up your copy and enjoy the program.

The Annual Chrism Mass will be held on **Thursday 11th April @ 7.00pm** at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this significant Archdiocesan Mass.



Easter Triduum Roster will also be prepared soon. We are looking for names to prepare the roster. There is a sheet at the rear of the church for those who will be here for Easter. Many people have indicated that they will be away for all or part of April, **so if you are here for Easter please help us fill the roster.**



The Roster for the April/May period is being prepared at the moment. I'd like to thank those that are travelling at this time, for assisting us by advising us in advance of your plans. The next roster begins on the weekend of 6th/7th April and covers dates until 1st/2nd June.

Reconciliation & Triduum Liturgy Times

Reconciliation Liturgy **7PM Tues 9th April**

Holy Thursday **7PM**

Good Friday **3PM**

Easter Vigil **7PM**

Easter Sunday **7am & 9am**

(There is **NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS!**)

1st Week of Easter Mass/Liturgies

No Mass/Liturgy for Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

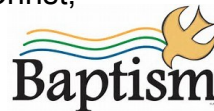
Thursday 25th April 8.30am (Anzac Day)

Triduum



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, 13th 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.



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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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2019 CAMPAIGN

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).

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.

No Jesus No Faith, Know Jesus Know Faith

EUTHANASIA INQUIRY

Qld Parliament is calling for submissions on **end of life** issues, including euthanasia. Submissions due by **15 April**.

Every submission counts. If you answer at least one question we suggest

Question 25: Should voluntary assisted dying (VAD) be allowed in Qld?

Why/why not?

Email your answer to

careinquiry@parliament.qld.gov.au

Go here for more information:

www.cherishlife.org.au/euthanasia

(from page one) 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.



Life's Journey

exhibition & luncheon

with guest speaker

Dr Rhyl Hinwood AM

1st of May

11:30am to 2pm

Hanly Room

Francis Rush Centre

Cathedral of St Stephen

249 Elizabeth St

\$35 per head

for tickets email: cossagart@gmail.com



sculpture pictured:

Water

(front & back)

Cathedral of St Stephen

hosted by



Remember to place your name on the sheet for Triduum Liturgies. Thank you.

ECO



HINT

A compost bin can halve your rubbish and improve your garden soil



Stewardship a way of life

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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.

COLLECTIONS

Date	10th Mar	17th Mar
1st Collection	\$386.15	\$377.00
2nd Collection	\$933.50	\$643.50
Loose	\$604.45	\$546.70
DD 1st (Feb)	\$2138.50	
DD 2nd (Feb)	\$7675.00	

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish Pastoral Council: ppcstafford@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

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School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)
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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	25th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Tues	26th	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	27th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	28th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	29th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	30th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	31st	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those who are unwell

Georgia Evans
Mary Law
Sierra Reck
Honor Barry
Stephen Byrnes
Leticia Morris
John Blumke
Nora Stevens
Peter Muir
Pam Ward
Donna Geddes



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

- * New Zealanders say their 'only hope is in God' as they gather to pray after horror mosque attacks in Christchurch
- * Communities raise more than \$100,000 for Townsville flood appeal
- * Cardinal Pell sentenced to six years' jail for abusing choir boys in 1990s
- * Australia's first village for people living with dementia to be established in Tasmania
- * Young Catholics take action on National Anti-Bullying Day on March 15
- * Catholic student courageously dives into the Brisbane river to save a man
- * 10-page seniors' guide to better living and effective planning for retirement
- * Parents of nine children strive to intentionally parent in the way of God



Still only \$2

We pray for those recently deceased including

Franco Mollo, 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, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.