



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."

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) 6th/7th April, 2019

Congratulations to **DANIEL OLIVER** who, at 9am Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Patrick and Michelle, his parents for their example and commitment to Daniel's faith.



PROJECT COMPASSION there is a short video after Mass, describing the effect of your giving in Bangladesh 1.57min

Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

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.



DON'T FORGET!! Bring your BELLS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL. DON'T FORGET!! Bring a PLATE to share for a party after the Easter Vigil!!



NEXT SUNDAY is officially called "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord". This is a good article explaining what we are celebrating. It's from Elizabeth Harrington and first appeared

in the column "Liturgy Lines" in 2002.

The fact that we have two names for the first day of Holy Week – "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday" – indicates that this day encapsulates the unity of the Paschal Mystery, that the suffering (Passion) of Christ and his glory (Palms) are one. There is one passage from death to life and for Christians the Passion should mean the single wondrous event of Christ's dying, rising and glorification at the right hand of his Father.

Sometimes Palm/Passion Sunday may seem to be just a preparation for the more important liturgies of the

Triduum. It does more, however, than simply set the stage for the coming week; it announces the reason for, and the meaning of, these celebrations.

Palm/Passion Sunday is *especially important for those parishioners who do not attend the celebrations of the Lord's Supper and the Lord's Passion and who will be at Mass on Easter Sunday rather than at the Easter Vigil.* For these people, Palm/Passion Sunday may be their only opportunity to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in its entirety. The focus of Easter Sunday liturgies is the triumph and joy of the resurrection. Since celebrating Easter without celebrating the cross distorts the Christian message, Passion Sunday becomes extremely important in revealing the Good News of Christ's Passion. *The readings and prayers of the celebration clearly proclaim that, just as there is no cross without the resurrection, there is no resurrection without the cross.*

On Palm/Passion Sunday the occasion for our celebration is Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Interestingly, this is one of the few events of Christ's life mentioned in all four gospels. It is also the only time in Jesus' public life when he actually accepts public acclaim as Messiah. In fact, he even takes the initiative in organising his entrance by sending the apostles off to find the donkey to carry him. Christ enters the holy city where the will of his Father, his own glorification, and the salvation of the world is to be accomplished.

On Palm/Passion Sunday we do not simply celebrate a past triumph, however, but a present and future triumph as well.

We celebrate a triumph already achieved – Christ's dying and rising, a triumph which is being achieved – our own participation in that saving mystery, and a triumph yet to be achieved – Christ's return in glory.



By our participation in Palm/Passion Sunday, we symbolise our commitment to complete the initial victory that Christ has won. We joyfully join ourselves to Christ, making his passion our own, so that we may "fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, the Church" (Col 1:24). We share in his suffering so that we may share in his glory.

Palm/Passion Sunday is a powerful symbol of the pilgrim Church, a Church on its way. We are moving towards the heavenly Jerusalem, yet we can only make the journey because it has already been made by Christ in his Passion. And Christ has done even more than making this journey **for** us, he now offers to make it **with** us. The Palm Sunday procession is not just a procession **for** Christ, but one **with** Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56



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

Religious Goods Shop: 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.

Triduum

Holy Week Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday	Mass 7PM
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross 10am Liturgy 3PM
Easter Vigil	Mass 7PM
Easter Sunday	Mass 7AM & 9AM

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



1st Week of Easter Mass/Liturgies

No Mass/Liturgy for Monday (22nd), Tuesday (23rd) or Wednesday (24th)

Thurs 25th April 8.30AM (Anzac Day)

Fri 26th April 9am (regular time)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance: Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy? The Second Rite of Penance is on **THIS Tuesday (9th), 7.00pm**. **How to do that??** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to:



- consider their sins, and **ask yourself the question, "Why do I do this?"** and reflect on that.
- **write down** on a piece of paper **your sins and/or the reason you do them** (*this helps articulate them which is the first step to healing*) **BEFORE** coming to church that night (as fully as you like and **DO NOT** include your name!!).

The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN** sheet of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

Meal on Wheels Stafford are looking for volunteers to deliver the meals to their clients. If you are looking for a rewarding job in a volunteer capacity please phone Sue McLeod for more details Ph 3356 2382.

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

This week the parish had a **Safeguarding Health Check**. While we are striving to do your best to comply with the Safeguarding children and Vulnerable Adults Policy, **we need your help to meet all requirements of the policy**. All volunteers working directly with children or vulnerable adults need to attend a **Safeguarding Workshop**. There are several training dates available, the most convenient to Stafford is to be held at **Albany Creek Parish on 3rd September**. More information will be released closer to the date.

For all parishioners on the Liturgical roster, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Piety Stall, Counters, Children's Liturgy and Communion to the sick - you will need to apply for a BlueCard and Police check and Stat Declaration. if you have not already done so. If you hold a BlueCard for another organisation, we can link you to the parish (another form). There are also other forms to be completed - Code of Ethical Behaviour Statement, Confidentiality Agreement and Volunteer Data Forms.

We appreciate this does create a lot of work for you. To make it easier, I will be emailing a simple to follow guide regarding what forms we need from you and what identification (ID) is required.

Police checks are problematic when supplying ID.

There are three levels of ID needed. **Commencement docs** are divided into two categories - Australian born and overseas born. Then **primary documents** - for most people a driver's licence is supplied. Then **secondary documents** - these include bank cards, government benefit cards, Medicare, photo identity cards (check list). BlueCard's are not acceptable ID for police checks. (*I don't make the rules!*) For women who have changed their name by marriage or divorce, they will need to provide a paper trail if using a birth certificate as Commencement docs. If you are completely confused by this, please feel free to phone me at the office or pop in. I'm happy to help you to complete the paperwork.

I mentioned earlier that we need your help to comply with the policy. We can all complete the paperwork and feel good about that. However, we can't let our obligations stop there. We need to be vigilant about keeping children and vulnerable adults safe at all times. This includes during Mass. Please be mindful of your children's whereabouts during mass. If you have young children please consider their safety if using the toilets. If you can't see your children, who is watching them?? Something to think about. Debra

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

The Kelvin Grove Wind Orchestra warmly invites you to their next concert entitled 'Islands of the

World". Sit back, relax and let the music transport you to those faraway, magical islands and countries dotted across the globe.

Contact: Maree Coe Ph 3350 1472 or Mob 0405 660 583 Or KGWO.org.au

When: Sunday 5th May Time: 2PM

Where: The Old Museum

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$20 concession, \$13 Children



Stewardship
a way of life

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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HINT

Put a bowl of water out on hot days to help thirsty birds



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	24th Mar	31st Mar
1st Collection	\$395.05	\$327.30
2nd Collection	\$584.50	\$590.70
Loose	\$752.80	\$509.95
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



ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS

is a Right, NOT A PRIVILEGE

Donate SANITARY ITEMS DURING THE April DIGNITY DRIVE AT THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION POINT

Stafford Catholic Parish

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FOLLOW THE NETWORK, VISIT www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au



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The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

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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)
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	8th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	9th	8.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion 2nd Rite of Penance
Wed	10th	8.00am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	11th	8.30am 7.30pm	Mass Finance Council Meeting
Fri	12th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	13th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	14th	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
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

- * Gatton Laidley parishioners celebrates Our Lady of the Valley's centennial – a spiritual home to generations of Catholic families
- * New figures from the National Centre for Pastoral Research shows a drop in regular Mass attendance amongst the Australian Catholic population
- * Brisbane archdiocese partners with Youngcare and Moreton Bay Regional Council in housing project for young Queenslanders with high care needs
- * Technology and social media hindering children's intellectual development and psychological happiness
- * Enthusiastic young Catholics step up to the altar to serve in the sacred liturgy at Regents Park parish
- * Little Flower Church blooms in its fifth decade of faith and friendship
- * World traveller Eileen Glass took the backseat on a truck ride into a new life - now she's leading in a disability-focused organisation called L'Arche
- * Parties pledge to get more electric cars on roads by 2030

Still only \$2

We pray for those recently deceased including

Honor Barry, 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.