



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 Easter (Year C) 27th/28th April, 2019

Marriage Anniversaries for 2019 (25, and the 'tens'): This weekend during all Masses there will be a special blessing for those couples celebrating these particular anniversaries this year.

Resurrection follows the Cross (Easter after Good Friday). Over the Easter Season, we can meditate on the "Stations of the Cross" that Pope Francis prayed on Good Friday. It was composed by Sr **Eugenia Bonetti** who has given her life to saving victims of human trafficking.

WITH CHRIST AND WITH WOMEN ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Introduction

Forty days have now passed since we began our Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes. Today we relived the final hours of the earthly life of the Lord Jesus, to the moment when, from the cross, he cried out "*Consummatum est*", "it is finished". We have gathered in this place where thousands of people once suffered martyrdom for their fidelity to Christ. We want to walk this *via dolorosa* in union with the poor, the outcast of our societies and all those who even now are enduring crucifixion as victims of our narrowmindedness, our institutions and our laws, our blindness and selfishness, but especially our indifference and hardness of heart. We Christians too suffer from that disease. May the Cross of Christ, a means of death but also of new life, embracing heaven and earth, north and south, east and west, enlighten the consciences of citizens, of the Church, of lawmakers and of all those who call themselves followers of Christ, so that the Good News of our redemption may be made known to all.



First Station

Jesus is condemned to death

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 7:21)

Meditation:

Lord, who could be a better disciple of yours than Mary your Mother? She accepted the Father's will even at the darkest moment in her life, and she stood by you, heartbroken. She conceived you and bore you in her womb; she held you in her arms, she showered you with her love, and she accompanied you throughout your earthly life. How could she fail to follow you on the road to Calvary and share in the most tragic and painful moment of your life and her own?

Prayer:

Lord, how many mothers even today share the experience of your Mother, as they weep for the fate of their daughters and sons? How many conceive and give birth to their children, only to see them suffer and die from disease, malnutrition and lack of water, medical care and hope for the future? We pray for those who hold positions of responsibility, that they may heed the cry of the poor rising up to you from every part of our world. The plea of all those young lives condemned in different ways to death by the indifference born of selfish and discriminatory political policies. Grant that none of your children may lack employment and all that is needed for an honest and dignified life.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord help us to do your will":

in times of difficulty and despair;
in times of physical and moral suffering;
in times of darkness and loneliness.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN! Are you aware of how isolated our toilets are when everybody is in church? What if they need your help? If your children (esp up to 12yo) need to go to the toilet during Mass, maybe you should accompany them. Better still, instead of encouraging a habit of leaving Mass for the toilet (which seems to happen with particular children every Sunday), maybe you should take them there immediately before Mass or before leaving home??



What do we do if a Priest doesn't turn up for Mass?? (From "THE GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL- MAY 2007 para 27": - "*In the Mass, or the Lord's Supper, the **People of God is called together**, with a priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord, the Eucharistic Sacrifice. ... For in the celebration of Mass, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated, **Christ is really present** in the very **liturgical assembly gathered** in his name, in the **person of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and continuously under the Eucharistic species.**" AND SO, if there is no priest:*

- 1) **DON'T PANIC** ! Our parish is a wonderful parish with many prepared to support the community. There are people rostered to introduce the prayer, to read, to play music etc.
- 2) **Christ is really present** in your **gathering** (see above) welcome Him in each other. (go to p3)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts of Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Counters Roster Team B: Terry Silk, Len Cavanagh, Rosemary Stafford and Kemsley Kelly.
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.

Divine Mercy Sunday — 28th April, 2019 :

Please join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in Prayer, Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Church, Stafford, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Everyone most welcome.



"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

Stewardship
a way of life

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.



ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS

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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)

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

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

3rd 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.



International Foodfest

Save the Date 25th May

(Note change of date)

In the School Hall

YOU ARE CALLED TO MISSION

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**

Sunday May 19th @ 3:30pm

Brisbane Square Library

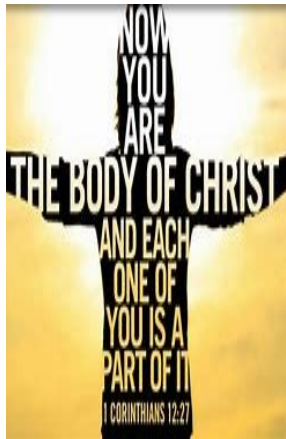
Community Meeting Room,

266 George St, BRISBANE



Palms Australia

- 3) The "Prayer Leader" or one or a Parish Councillor or one of those on the list of Readers Rosters, could **lead the assembly** in the prayer. (Leave the Presider's Chair empty remembering that the whole church, laypeople AND ordained are not present).
- 4) Celebrate **Christ's** being **really** present in The **Word** (a Reader would need to Proclaim the Gospel and there is a book of reflections in "Mary's Room" which could be used as a "homily").
- 5) After the Prayers of the Faithful, take up **both** collections together (signs of **our commitment** to our parish and thanks to God for God's gifts given to us).
- 6) There will be **no Holy Communion** as there will not be enough hosts for all to share and, more importantly, the danger of children and others **confusing the act of going to Communion with the much more important act of celebrating Eucharist** as we do at Mass.
- 7) Sing a **final hymn** and, if possible have a cuppa afterwards.
- 8) The Majority of Catholics throughout the world have to do this **for weeks on end** as do some of our fellow Catholics out in the west.



A quote from "Ignation Spirituality for Today, Key readings for busy people": Jesus' ministry reflected three main attributes: He took the initiative for a 'personal presence with' people without exception; He empowered people to act out of their own truth and freedom and He called people into partnership and community".

Pick up a **Prayer Calendar** for our Seminarians & Priests of Brisbane "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, grandfather, a mother, a father, a community." Pope

Tennis Courts for Hire

with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday

This is the way, walk in it.

~Isaiah 30:21

Dear Ladies,

Recently while flying at 24,000 feet I was reading a novel about who I was becoming, and some questions started to filter into my mind.

Am I doing what I'm meant to be doing right now? At my stage in life should I be doing something else? Did I think life would be like it is right now?

Am I wasting time, marking time, not advancing in my dreams? Do I even have any dreams anymore? Do I need to change some things? Could I be doing it better? Have I even asked God what He thinks? Does He even talk to me? Would I know how to hear if He did? I wish I had that direct phone line to Him!

I ponder lots like Mary our Mother who meditated upon things in her Heart, but unlike Mary, I often come to the wrong conclusions.

How can I listen better? Discern better? Be wiser? (without the age)

This year at Heart our focus is on hearing the voice of God. Through life, we have many questions about ourselves and our circumstances. We want to be women who are listening and discerning God's voice by trying to figure out what is the right thing to do where we are today.

So, I invite you personally to join me and all our team at HEART Conference 2019.

HEART Women's Ministry continues to grow and develop and is now being held in 4 major Capital Cities in Australia.

I can promise you there will be **Fun**, great **Food**, wonderful **Fellowship**, and inspiring **Faith** stories.

Make sure you invite other women in your life to come and enjoy this great event.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Rosemary and Bruce Downes
The Catholic Guy Ministry

One Day Conference 25th May

At Mt Gravatt Bowls Club

To register Phone 1300 734 880

Email Heart@thecatholicguy.com

Website Heart.thecatholicguy.com

Brochures are at
the rear of the
church

COLLECTIONS

Date	14th April	21st April
1st Collection	\$481.50	\$560.50
2nd Collection	\$958.50	\$362.80
Loose	\$491.85	\$439.85
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DD 2nd (Mar)	\$7400.50	

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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	29th	8.30am	Mass
		10.30a	Worker's Memorial Liturgy
Tues	30th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	1st	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	2nd	8.30am	Mass
		7.00pm	Pastoral council Meeting
Fri	3rd	9.00am	Mass with morning tea
Sat	4th	4.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting)
		5.00pm	Mass
Sun	5th	7.00am	Mass
		9.00am	Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including

Sr Monica FMM, John Winkle, Pam Hopsick, 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

Patsy Devine, Des O'Brien, Margaret Roberts, Cora Lamb 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

John Cunningham
ham

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 April). 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.

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