



# 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 Easter (Year C) 4th/5th May, 2019**

**R**esurrection 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

### Second Station

#### Jesus takes up his Cross

*"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Lk 9:23)*

#### Meditation:

Lord Jesus, it is easy to wear a crucifix on a chain around our neck or to use it to decorate the walls of our beautiful cathedrals or homes. It is less easy to encounter and acknowledge today's newly crucified: the homeless; the young deprived of hope, without work and without prospects; the immigrants relegated to slums at the fringe of our societies after having endured untold suffering. Sadly, these camps, unsafe and insecure, are being razed to the ground along with the dreams and hopes of thousands of marginalized, exploited and forgotten women and men. How many children, too, suffer discrimination on the basis of their origin, the colour of their skin or their social status? How many mothers suffer the humiliation of seeing their children mocked and deprived of opportunities open to their schoolmates and others their age?

#### Prayer:

We thank you Lord because by your own life, you have taught us how to show genuine and selfless love for others, especially for our enemies or simply those who are different from ourselves. Lord Jesus, how many times have we, your disciples, been ready to be identified as your followers when you performed healings and wonders, when you fed the crowd and forgave sins. Yet we have not found it so easy when you spoke about serving and forgiving others, about self-sacrifice and suffering. Grant that we may put our lives always at the service of others.



Let us pray together and say: "Lord help us to hope":

- when we feel abandoned and alone;
- when it is not easy to follow in your footsteps;
- when serving others becomes difficult.

### Third Station

#### Jesus falls for the first time

*"He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Is*

53:4)

#### Meditation:

Lord Jesus, on the steep path leading to Calvary, you chose to experience our human frailty and weakness. Where would the Church be today without the presence and generosity of so many volunteers, the new Samaritans of the third millennium? One cold January night, in a street on the outskirts of Rome, three young African women, little more than girls, poorly clad, were huddled near a brazier to keep warm. Some young people passing by in a car, just for fun, threw flammable material onto the fire, burning them badly. At that very moment, one of the many street units of volunteers passed by and came to their aid. They brought them to hospital and then welcomed them into a family home. How much time will it take for those young women to be healed not only of their painful burns, but also of the pain and humiliation of finding their bodies mutilated and disfigured forever?

#### Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for all those new Samaritans of the third millennium who, today too, can be found on our streets, stooping with love and compassion over the many physical and spiritual wounds of those who live every night in fear and the terror of darkness, loneliness and indifference. Sadly, Lord, often today we are no longer able to see those in need, those hurt and humiliated. We are quick to demand respect for our rights and interests, but we forget those of the poor and the last in line. Lord grant us the grace to overcome our blindness to their tears, their sufferings and their cry of pain, so that through them we can encounter you.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord help us to love":

- when it is challenging to be a Samaritan;
- when we find it hard to forgive;
- when we do not want to see the sufferings of others.

**S**AFEGUARDING 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??



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Fourth Sunday of Easter (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts of Apostles 13: 14, 43-52  
 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17  
 Gospel: John 10: 27-30

**Counters Roster Team C:** Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove & John Dalton.

**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.

**A quote from "Ignation Spirituality for Today, Key readings for busy people":** Jesus' initiative was his inclusion of the 'marginalised, sick, suffering and the poor. He chose to be personal with them, touching, eating and walking with them. His acceptance of who they were in themselves drew them and himself into a partnership of life, a partnership with themselves, others and God, this giving rise to a relationship that was life-giving, love-giving and self-giving, respecting difference and leading people to choose their God.

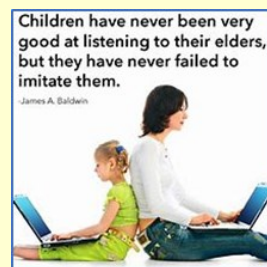
**POLITICS—"Christian faith** is not a private matter. It shapes how we live our lives in public, as well as how we relate to God. Politics can be the object of criticism, even scorn, but it is an arena in which we can express our faith and therefore the truth of our humanity. As citizens who are Catholic, we have the opportunity to participate in the electoral process, to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community. As bishops, we offer this statement as a way of sharing key points of Catholic teaching that you may want to reflect upon as we prepare for the federal election... We all have a role in promoting peace – which means speaking to our fellow Australians with love not hate, with respect not contempt, with understanding not indifference..” There is a **hard copy of the statement at the back of the church** and it can be found online at <https://www.catholic.org.au/>



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND Eucharist—2019 (for children who are**



7years or older in 2019) The Introductory Meeting for the new programme is on **TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7-8.30pm in the church**. This meeting begins an exciting and fulfilling time as parents continue to support their children's growth in faith through active work at home and celebrating Mass together. Our parish looks forward to helping parents in this most important responsibility. **Please enrol by MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 5pm at the latest** to help us in our preparation.



No date is going to be convenient for everyone. As with soccer, dancing or whatever, we need to choose a "sign on" date and it is **ESSENTIAL** that at least one parent **organise their diary to be present at this meeting**.

PLEASE ENROL FOR THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK: <http://bit.ly/2wFYRay>. For more information go to our website <http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/> click on "Sacraments" and then "Sacramental Programme" – **PLEASE NOTE:** This programme is for **families who live and/or worship in Stafford Parish**. This is important because much of the programme happens in the context of our weekend masses. (If you have difficulty enrolling on line, please ring the parish office or email Fr Denis –

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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

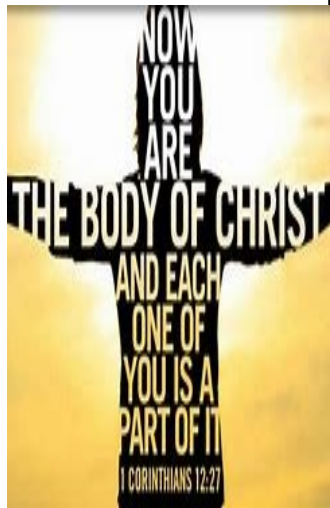
Raffle proceeds will be donated to: "Friends of Sam" a local boy who has been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy & "Camp Quality" an Australian charity creating a better life for children living with cancer.





**W**hat 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)
- 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 **con-**



**fusing 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.

**M**ay is Domestic and Family Violence Month. During this month the Archdiocese will be working together to demonstrate their commitment to help end domestic and family violence and raise awareness of the work they do to support victims through Centacare.



**A**nna's Group has been put in place for recently widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 10th May** at **The Coffee Club**, Flockton Village, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637.

**D**ominic & myself would like very much to thank the parishioners & friends at Queen of Apostles Parish for all of your prayer support during Dominic's illness.

Thank God Dominic is doing very well again & has recovered from his surgery. We really appreciated the prayer support. God bless you all. Angela & Dominic Waters

**S**OS....VINNIES

Vinnie's are once again asking for donations of toiletries for



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men and women, so they can make up pamper packs to give to the people they visit each week.

Thanks so much for your continued support of your local Vinnie's.

## COLLECTIONS


Date	21st April	28th April
1st Collection	\$362.80	\$418.0
2nd Collection	\$560.50	\$750.00
Loose	\$1274.90	\$633.45
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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	6th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	7th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	8th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	9th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	10th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's group
Sat	11th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	12th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

### We pray for those who are unwell

Sr Madonna FMM  
John Cunningham  
Georgia Evans  
Mary Law  
Sierra Reck  
Stephen Byrnes  
Leticia Morris  
John Blumke  
Nora Stevens  
Peter Muir  
Pam Ward



### 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.



### The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- \* Sri Lanka terror attack unites Brisbane Catholic communities in prayer at St Stephen's Cathedral
- \* Brisbane Archdiocese domestic violence workers urge a closer focus on strangulation to lower fatalities in Queensland homes
- \* East Timorese veterans join Anzac Day parade in Brisbane
- \* Marist College Ashgrove old boy found the faith and set himself on a mission to help those in need
- \* The joy of Easter fills the hearts of all the new Catholics joining the faith
- \* The Catholic Leader prepares for a new distribution model – changes to affect regional dioceses
- \* Survivor of Santa Cruz cemetery massacre, Rogerio Castro Da Cruz, tells his story
- \* PLUS a regional focus on the Townsville diocese

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### We pray for those recently deceased including

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.