



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."

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C) 11th/12th May, 2019

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.

Fourth Station Jesus meets his Mother

"And a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:35)

Meditation:

Mary, when you presented the infant Jesus in the Temple for the rite of purification, the aged Simeon predicted that a sword would pierce your heart. Now it is time to renew your "fiat"; your acceptance of the Father's will, even though the experience of accompanying your child, treated as a criminal, to his execution causes you heartrending pain. Lord, have mercy on the many, all too many, mothers who have allowed their young children to depart for Europe in the hope of helping their poverty-stricken families, only to meet with humiliation, contempt and at times even death. Like young Tina, a mere twenty years old, brutally killed on the street, leaving behind a child just a few months old.

Prayer:

Mary, at this very moment, you experience the same tragedy as all those mothers who suffer for their children who set out for other countries with the hopes of a better future for themselves and their families, but sadly find humiliation, contempt, violence, indifference, loneliness and even death. Give them strength and courage.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, grant that we may always give support and comfort, and be present to offer help":

- to console mothers who weep for the fate of their children;
- to those who have lost all hope in life;
- to those who daily experience violence and contempt.

Fifth Station

Simon the Cyrenean helps Jesus to carry the cross

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2)

Meditation:

Lord Jesus, on the way to Calvary you were crushed by the weight of carrying that rough wooden cross. In vain, you hoped for a sign of help from a friend, from one of your disciples, from one of the many persons whose sufferings you relieved. Sadly, only a stranger, Simon of Cyrene, out of obligation, came to your aid. Where are the new Cyreneans of the third millennium? Where do we find them today? I think of the experience of a group of religious women of different nationalities, places of origin and communities with whom, for more than seventeen years, every Saturday, we visit a centre for undocumented immigrant women. Women, often young, anxiously waiting to know their fate, whether it be expulsion or the chance to remain. How much suffering we see, yet at the same time how much joy when these women find Sisters from their own country, who speak their language, dry their tears, share moments of prayer and celebration, and make easier the long months spent behind iron bars and on cement pavements.



Prayer:

For all the Cyreneans of our history, that they may never falter in their desire to welcome you in the least of our brothers and sisters, in the knowledge that in welcoming the poorest members of our society, we welcome you. May these Samaritans speak out on behalf of those who have no voice.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, help us to carry our cross":

- when we are tired and disheartened;
- when we feel the burden of our weaknesses;
- when you ask us to share the sufferings of others.

Professor O'Loughlin, is a specialist in the early Church and the early medieval period, but his work is not dry Church history. Rather he draws on the experience of Christian living and believing in the past to understand what is important for Christians today to make sense of their faith. Liturgy and sacraments is a key

focus of his work. His visit to Brisbane will bring us the best of liturgical scholarship (continued page 3)

**WHO CELEBRATES
THE LITURGY?**

Fifth Sunday of Easter (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



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.

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 7 years or older in 2019)

The Introductory Meeting for the new programme is on **TUESDAY 14th 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 TOMORROW (MONDAY 13TH) 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**.

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James A. Baldwin



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 – pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group

meets on the third Friday of the month.

It is open to any senior gents in the parish – married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 17th May** at The **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City**

10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**



Release: Let Go and Let God

A quiet weekend for women who choose to retreat together. An opportunity to explore what it means to release – to let go – and to invite God in.

Friday 14 June at 6pm – Sunday 16 June at 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

A Dragonfly Ministries. Facilitated by Grace Harwood.

To register, or for more information contact: Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship.

Our next weekend will held **2 to 4 August 2019**.

Watch our video - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nCf1X91YzMjJuVM-ouVILrvltjRnVt7x>

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Qld (on Brisbane's bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au



and make it accessible to everyone. Tom O'Loughlin's work in Brisbane will focus on this simple question: **WHO CELEBRATES THE LITURGY?** It will help explore the meaning of the Vatican II liturgical principle of *full, conscious, active participation* in the liturgy by the whole assembled people of God. What is the role of the priest in the liturgy? How should we celebrate

WHO CELEBRATES THE LITURGY?

Sunday Mass? His presentations will help us rethink ministry and Christian life for

the present age. **PUBLIC LECTURE Wednesday evening 26 June 2019 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm** in the Hanly Room at St Stephen's Cathedral (free parking available) PLEASE ENROL ON FORM AT BACK OF THE CHURCH—THE PARISH WILL PAY FOR A GROUP BOOKING—It will only be an INVESTMENT of time for you. (NOTE: You may park your car in our carpark if that will help in catching a bus into the city.)

SOS.....VINNIES

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



Vinnies
good works

Social Justice Corner — The latest version of the Ethical Fashion Guide

(published by Baptist World Aid) is now available. It provides grades for 130 apparel companies (covering 480 brands), on their policies, transparency, supply chain, worker rights and environmental management. You can obtain a copy from the following website – <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/resources/2019-ethical-fashion-guide/> and the Guide is also available as an app. A print out of the list of the companies and their grades can be found in the Parish Office—**There are two copies at the back of the church for your perusal—please have a look but do not take them — yet!**

It's great to hear that more than 1/3 of brands have



improved their rating since last year and interesting to see that there's no direct relationship between the price of the goods and the grade achieved – with **some companies that provide expensive apparel achieving low grades and some companies that provide inexpensive apparel achieving high grades.**



Palms Australia **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**



The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

Stewardship
a way of life

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to

spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

Police Check and BlueCard's and other associated forms have been simplified!

There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>. In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically pre-populate forms to be signed. **If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry—PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.** The Archdiocese will be audited in June and we may be included in this audit process. If you have any questions, please contact Debra in the office. Thank you

COLLECTIONS

Date	28th April	5th May
1st Collection	\$418.00	\$394.00
2nd Collection	\$750.00	\$693.00
Loose	\$633.45	\$613.35
DD 1st (Mar)	\$1993.50	
DD 2nd (Mar)	\$7375.50	

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CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or
AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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	13th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	14th	8.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayers and Communion Sacramental Prep Meeting
Wed	15th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	16th	8.30am 5.30pm	Mass Liturgy Team Meeting
Fri	17th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's group
Sat	18th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	19th	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

- * Plenary Council 2020's first phase saw more than 220,000 participants across Australia
- * Centacare's Men's Behaviour Change Program builds coping skills to end domestic violence
- * Dutton Park parish launches Rising Youth Ministries to attract young people from around the community
- * Radio personality Donna Lynch sat down with Rebecca Tweedy ahead of Mother's Day to speak about family, life and faith
- * Bernice Steele, who discovered the fragility of life on her first Mother's Day 40 years ago, tells her story
- * Feast of the Three Saints celebrates faith, family and culture in a colourful Brisbane festival
- * Pope visits Bulgaria for inter-religious meeting in Sofia to offer witness to peace through prayer
- * Creating child-safe institutions is the goal of a ground-breaking full audit of Brisbane Archdiocese's practices

PLUS a regional focus on the Cairns 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, and Lorraine Rivers.

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

Lucien Hoogen, Angela Robertson, Patsy Devine, Des O'Brien and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.