



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 Easter (Year C) 18th/19th 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.

Eighth Station Jesus meets the women

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children" (Lk 23:28)

Meditation:

The social, economic and political situation of migrants and the victims of human trafficking challenges and disturbs us. We must have the courage, as Pope Francis firmly maintains, to denounce human trafficking as a crime against humanity. All of us, and Christians in particular, must come to realize that we are all responsible for the problem, and that all of us can and must be part of the solution. All of us, but above all we women, are challenged to be courageous. Courageous in knowing how to see and take action, as individuals and as a community. Only by being united in our poverty can we make it a great treasure, capable of changing people's approach and alleviating humanity's sufferings. The poor, the foreigner, the other, must not be seen as an enemy to be rejected and resisted, but as a brother or a sister to be welcomed and assisted. They are not a problem, but a precious resource for our fortified citadels, where prosperity and consumption fail to alleviate our growing weariness and fatigue.

Prayer:

Lord, teach us to see with your eyes, with that welcoming and merciful gaze with which you see our limitations and our fears. Help us to imitate you in how we regard different ideas, behaviours and points of view. Help us to realize that we are part of the same human family, and to find bold new ways of accepting diversity and working together to build communities, families, parishes and civil society.

Let us pray together and say: "Help us to share in the suffering of others":

- those grieving the death of loved ones;
- those who find it hard to ask for help and comfort;
- those who have experienced oppression and violence.

Ninth Station Jesus falls for the third time

"He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter" (Is 53:7)

Meditation:

Lord, you fell a third time, exhausted and humiliated, beneath the weight of your cross. Like all those girls forced onto the streets by groups of traffickers in human slavery. Like you, they cannot hold up under the exhaustion and humiliation of seeing their young bodies manipulated, abused and ruined, together with their hope and dreams. Those young women feel divided in two: sought out and used, while at the same time rejected and condemned by a society that conveniently ignores this kind of exploitation, the fruit of its throwaway culture. On one of many nights spent on streets of Rome, I looked for a young woman recently arrived in Italy. Not seeing her in her group, I kept calling out her name: "Mercy!" In the darkness, I caught sight of her curled up and half asleep at the edge of the street. When she heard me calling, she awoke and said she couldn't go on. "I can't take it any more", she kept repeating. I thought of her mother. If she knew what had happened to her daughter, she would burst into tears.

Prayer:

Lord, how many times have you asked us this disturbing question: "Where is your brother? Where is your sister?" How many times have you reminded us that their heartbreaking cry rises up to you? Help us to share the sufferings of all those treated as refuse. It is all too easy to condemn people and difficult situations that offend our false sense of decency. It is less easy to accept our responsibilities as individuals, as governments, and as Christian communities.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, give us the strength and courage to repudiate":

- the exploitation and humiliation faced by many young people;
- the indifference and silence of many Christians;
- unjust laws lacking in humanity and solidarity.

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 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? (Continued on page 3)

**WHO CELEBRATES
THE LITURGY?**

Sixth Sunday of Easter (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29



Counters Roster Team E: Kevin & Trish McGrory, Alan & Helen Gibney, John Mahony 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.

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 be 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

PLENARY COUNCIL PROGRESS: Have you wondered what's happening to all the ideas we've given and who gave them. Here's some interesting information: The data comes from the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) which reported 17,457 submissions received by the Plenary Council Office about church life in Australia. This represents 222,000 people. The number of submissions were as follows: Melbourne 2,440; Brisbane 2,269; Perth 1,601; Sydney 1,550; Wollongong 1,451; Parramatta 1,038; Broken

Bay 930.

WHO sent the INDIVIDUAL submissions? 49% from women, 29% from men, and the remainder did not enter gender.

What else about the INDIVIDUAL submissions? These people identified as: 9,195 Catholics; 364 Christian; 114 non-Christian; 312 non-religious; and many who didn't give any affiliation. (Thanks to Len Cavanagh for finding this information.)



FOOD FEST!!! IT'S NEARLY HERE!! Sign up today on sheets at rear of the church. Maximum number we can cater for is 140 people. **DON'T MISS OUT!!** Please write the number of people from your family going and whether you are bringing a sweet dish or a savoury dish on clipboards provided at the back of the church.



WHAT. International Food Fest

WHEN. 8/6/19

WHERE. School Hall

TIME. 6pm

BRING. Savoury or sweet food from your culture to share with everyone.

BUY. Soft drinks \$1. and Juice \$0.50

If you have any dietary requirements, then bring your own meal and keep it separate. Raffle tickets given out for Lucky Door Prizes. **RSVP 31/5/19**

Hearth Women's Conference

Date: 25th May 2019

Venue: Mt Gravatt Bowls Club

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed



In our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, Honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, Mothers, sisters and friends! Men – What woman in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2019?

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com

Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

Phone: 1300 734 880

Ecumenical Unity Service Sunday 2nd June 4.00pm at Chermide Kedron Community Church.

We pray at the invitation of our neighbouring Christians of Indonesia. Held during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2nd - 9th June 2019.

Guest preacher is Rev Canon Richard Tutin, General Secretary of Qld Churches Together. It will be followed by a fellowship meal please bring a plate to share. For further details please contact the office of Chermide Kedron Community Church 3350 4302

"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish or our Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

(From page one) How should we celebrate 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 THIS WEEK-END**—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.)

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.**

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



SOS....Vinnies need your HELP!

The weather is starting to get cold and we need blankets to give out to our people in need. Or you can donate money in order for us to buy some. Just place the money in the poor boxes at the back of the church.

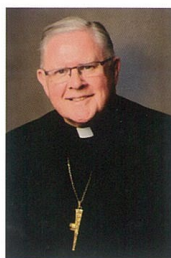
Blankets can be left at the parish office...Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. As always, thank you for your continued support for your local Vinnies.

The Stafford Conference of St. Vincent De Paul would like to say thank you to June King who left a very generous donation in her will for our Conference. (June once was a parishioner in our Stafford Parish) **May you Rest In Peace June.**



"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbour" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.



There are many people who are paid, and rightly so, for their work in the church and in the social services sector.

But it's our volunteers who are at the heart of everything we do - who make the church, and community go round.

As we prepare to celebrate National Volunteer Week, thanks to all the volunteers who are the heart and soul of what we do.

Whether it be in parishes or prisons, hospitals, courts or respite and drop-in centres, without you we couldn't do or be what Jesus Christ calls us to do and be.

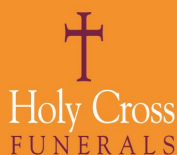
Most Rev Mark Coleridge
ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE



COLLECTIONS

Date	5th May	12th May
1st Collection	\$394.00	\$365.30
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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	20th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	21st	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	22nd	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	23rd	8.30am	Mass
Fri	24th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	25th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	26th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	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

- * Pope Francis puts child safety front and centre with new international standards to address clerical abuse and prevent cover ups
 - * Funding boost allows Aspleycare charity to continue after financial hardship threatens future of the program
 - * Catholic Women's League urges quality palliative care for the dignity and validation of the lives of individuals
 - * Australian election throws religious freedom into the spotlight as politicians are forced to clarify their stances on the role of faith
 - * Palliative medicine specialist Dr Phillip Good writes about the dignity of palliative and end-of-life care
 - * Prayers and memories flood in for Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, who died aged 90
 - * Good Samaritan Sister Lorraine Victorsen tells her story and discusses the power of interfaith dialogue and shared belief in the one God
- PLUS a regional focus on the Toowoomba diocese

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We pray for those recently deceased including

Joyce Rackemann, John Winkle, Pam Hopsick, Honor Barry, Franco Mollo, Terry Moloney and Rod West.

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.