



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."

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) 25th/26th 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.

Congratulations to **LIA PARTLETT** who, at 5.30pm Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank Sonia and Mark, her parents for their example and commitment to Lia and Jade's faith.



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

Ascension of the Lord (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Hebrew 9:24-28, 10:19-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



Counters Roster Team A: Terry Gesch, Gary McLean, Fay Barrett and Margaret Sheehan.

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-ouVILrvtjRnVt7x>

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

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. 8th June

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**

Ecumenical Unity Service Sunday 2nd June 4.00pm at Chermeside 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 Chermeside 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.

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.**



do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control everything out come. Do you want to make God Stewardship a way of life your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

I don't know where I got this but I reckon it's a great reflection! - Denis.

"I would like to conclude this chapter with a story related to suffering. Everyone loves a great story. That's why Jesus told so many. It was a tradition of every wise rabbi. The story I want to share is related to a quote from Malachi 3: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

This verse puzzled some ladies in a Bible study class, so they need to discover its meaning. One of the ladies visited a silversmith and watched him at work. He held a piece of silver over the fire and heated it. He explained that to refine silver you need to hold it over the hottest part of the fire so it would burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about 'is and how God might hold us in such a hot spot: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.'" She asked the artisan if

it was true he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being purified. He not only said yes, but he explained that he had to keep his eyes on that silver the whole time. If the silver stayed in the fire too long, it would be de-



stroyed. The woman reflected for a moment then asked, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?' "When I can see my image in it," he replied."

Queen of Apostles Social Club are being entertained on Wednesday (29th) by a wonderful **singer Lachlan Wallace**. He has a magnificent voice and has been very popular amongst many other clubs. IF you have some spare time come along and join us. The club starts at 9.30am and we supply morning tea. The cost is \$2 entry fee. For further information please contact Julia on 33556560 or 0467680551 or Carolyn on 33568223.



OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

thankyou

If you would like to join our growing pool of volunteers please contact us by emailing volunteers@bne.catholic.net.au

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COLLECTIONS


Date	12th May	19th May
1st Collection	\$365.30	\$354.15
2nd Collection	\$655.00	\$614.00
Loose	\$622.30	\$77.20
DD 1st (Apr)	\$1993.50	
DD 2nd (Apr)	\$7375.50	

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

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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

- * Deacons Josh Whitehead and Brendan Gormley sit down and discuss their spiritual journeys before their ordination to the priesthood this month.
- * Re-elected government faces three million Aussies on struggle street, St Vincent de Paul Society says.
- * American journalist and New York Times best-selling author Rod Dreher shares why Brisbane Catholics could expect a non-Christian society in the future.
- * Church advocates to the Fair Work Commission that minimum wages must be boosted for struggling families.
- * The sacking of Wallaby star Israel Folau has raised questions about religious freedom and freedom of expression.
- * St Joseph's Regional College in Port Macquarie celebrates 50 years.
- * Good Samaritan Sister Eiko Mukae has a lifetime of teaching and compassion under her belt and shares the wisdom she has learned along the way.

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THE CATHOLIC LEADER

We pray for those recently deceased including: Tony Maddern, Joyce Rackemann, John Winkle, Pam Hop-sick, 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.