



# 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."

**The Ascension of the Lord (Year C) 01/02 June, 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.

(The "eagle-eyed ones among us noted that I missed the 6th & 7th Stations last week. Here they are!):

## **Sixth Station Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

*"As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40)*

### **Meditation:**

Let us think of all those children in various parts of the world who cannot go to school but are instead exploited in mines, fields and fisheries, bought and sold by human traffickers for organ harvesting, used and abused on our streets by many, including Christians, who have lost the sense of their own and others' sacredness. Like the young girl with a slim body we met one evening in Rome while men in luxury cars lined up to exploit her. She might have been the age of their own children. What kind of imbalance can this violence create in the lives of all those young women who experience only the oppression, arrogance and indifference of those who, night and day, seek them out, use them and exploit them, only to cast them back onto the street again, as prey for the next trader in human lives?

### **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, cleanse our eyes so that we can see your face in our brothers and sisters, especially in all those children who, in many parts of the world, are living in poverty and squalor. Children deprived of their right to a happy childhood, education and innocence. Little ones used as cheap goods, bought and sold at will. Lord, we ask you to have mercy and compassion on this sick world. Help us rediscover the beauty of our dignity, and that of others, as human beings created in your image and likeness.

Let us pray together, saying: "Lord, help us to see":

- the faces of innocent children who ask for our help;
- social injustices;
- people's inherent dignity that is violated.

## **Seventh Station Jesus Falls for the Second Time**

*"When he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly" (1 Pet 2:23)*

### **Meditation:**

What a thirst for vengeance we see all around us! Our societies today have lost the great value of forgiveness, a gift second to none, a cure for wounds, the basis of peace and human coexistence. In a society where forgiveness is seen as weakness, you, Lord, ask us not to stop at appearances. Not with words, but by your example. To those who tortured you, you asked: "Why do you persecute me?" For you knew very well that true justice can never be based on hatred and revenge. Make us capable of asking for, and granting forgiveness.

### **Prayer:**

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Lord, you too bore the burden of condemnation, rejection, abandonment and suffering inflicted by persons who had met you, listened to you, and followed you. In the certainty that the Father had not abandoned you, you found the strength to accept his will by offering forgiveness, love and hope to those who today, like you, walk the same path of ridicule, contempt, mockery, abandonment, betrayal and loneliness.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, help us to give comfort":

- to those who feel offended and insulted;
- to those who feel betrayed and humiliated;
- to those who feel judged and condemned.

**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

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How about wearing something **RED**

## Pentecost (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11  
2nd Reading: Rom 8:8-17  
Gospel: Jn 14:15-16,23-26



**C**ounters Roster Team B: Terry Silk, Len Cavanagh, Rosemary Stafford and Kemsley Kelly.

**R**eligious 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.

### **R**elease: 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](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au).

**W**orldwide 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](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)

Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**Y**our 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

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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.

**F**OOD 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 (NEXT SATURDAY)

**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 THIS SUNDAY NIGHT**

**P**olice 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

**P**roject Compassion Caritas Receipts have been processed and are available to collect from the rear of the church.



## **C**ORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2019

Let us publicly honour Our Lord through the streets with the Corpus Christi Procession from 2.00pm on Sunday June 23rd. Bishop Finnigan will begin the procession this year and bring it to a conclusion with a homily and Benediction in the Cathedral. For information regarding parish bus timetables to bring people into the CBD please visit the website

[www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com) or call 0412 802 122 We are looking for girls aged 10 to 18 to take part in the Corpus Christi procession Sun 23rd June as flower girls. If interested please contact Kylie on 0413 218673 or at [kylie.barros@gmail.com](mailto:kylie.barros@gmail.com) or the parish office.

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 destroyed. 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."

**Pope Francis** on World Day for Migrants and Refugees: Titled, "It is not just about migrant": "The signs of meanness we see around us heighten our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalized, the foreigner," he said.

"The problem is not that we have doubts and fears," he said, "The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even - without realizing it - racist."

"In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord."

Pope Francis in his message said migrants and refugees are not a threat, but "an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society."

"When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays," he said.

He pointed out that the progress of a nation "depends above all on our openness to being touched and moved by those who knock at our door. Their faces shatter and debunk all those false idols that can take over and enslave our lives."

In every political activity, in every programme, in every pastoral action we must always put the person at the center, in his or her many aspects, including the spir-

itual dimension. And this applies to all people, whose fundamental equality must be recognized,"

**S OS...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.

**L uminous Lantern Parade:**

This is a wonderful demonstration of community welcome to migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum. It's on **NEXT**



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**FRIDAY** with food stalls starting around 5pm and later a huge "luminous lantern parade" featuring all the parishes, community groups and other organisations that support our asylum seekers. It's at the Cultural Forecourt of Southbank Parklands, South Brisbane. It's a powerful witness to the Gospel imperative of welcoming the stranger. Catch a bus in, have some great food and watch the parade!



COLLECTIONS		
Date	19th May	26th May
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$354.15	\$415.60
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$614.00	\$681.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$532.35	\$795.75
<b>DD 1st (Apr)</b>	\$1993.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Apr)</b>	\$7375.50	

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Cath D'Hage  
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 AOB@stoline.com.au or  
 www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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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	3rd	8.30am	Mass
Tues	4th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	5th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls Club
Thurs	6th	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	7th	9.00am	Mass and morning tea
Sat	8th	4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation <i>(until no one is waiting)</i> Mass Foodfest Evening
Sun	9th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

**We pray for those who are unwell**

- Irene Johnson
- Sr Madonna FMM
- John Cunningham
- Georgia Evans
- Mary Law
- Sierra Reck
- 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**

- \* Catholics across southeast Queensland are being urged to take up the call of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message ahead of World Environment Day on June 5.
- \* Carmel College students put their hands forward with courage during National Reconciliation Week.
- \* Brisbane Catholic Ora Duffley is taking on the injustices of the world with a new role at the United Nations in New York.
- \* Our Lady of Peace Church, Kumbia, recently celebrated its centenary and the "loving" faith community who uphold its peace.
- \* Real Talk Australia's annual dinner was a hit with podcaster and author Matt Fradd delivering a hilarious address about faith and philosophy
- \* Knights and dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem celebrated a solemn Mass after a successful national retreat.
- \* A Brisbane indigenous Catholic leader hailed the appointment of Ken Wyatt as indigenous Australian's minister a significant step towards reconciliation.
- \* St Benedict's Catholic School, Shaw, stands as the greenest school in the country.
- \* Canossian Sister Rosa Vazzano explains why she takes her shoes off on holy ground and other cross-cultural encounters.
- \* **Still only \$2**

**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 OBrien and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.