



# ***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."***

**Feast of Pentecost (Year C) 08/09 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.

## **Tenth Station**

### **Jesus is stripped of his garments**

*"Put on then compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience" (Col 3:12)*

#### **Meditation:**

Money, comfort, power. These are the idols of every age. Especially our own, which can boast of enormous progress in the acknowledgment of individual rights. Everything can be bought, including the body of minors, stripped of their dignity and hope for the future. We have forgotten the centrality of the human being, the dignity, beauty and strength of each man and woman. Even as the world is building walls and barriers, we want to recognize and thank all those who in various ways during these past months have risked their own lives, especially in the Mediterranean, to save the lives of so many families in search of safety and opportunity. Human beings fleeing poverty, dictatorships, corruption and slavery.

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, help us to rediscover the beauty and richness present in every person and people as your unique gift, to be placed at the service of society as a whole and not used for our personal profit or gain. Grant, Jesus, that your example and your teaching on mercy and forgiveness, on humility and patience, may make us a little more human, and thus, more Christian.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, give us merciful hearts":

- when faced with lust for pleasure, power and money;
- when faced with injustices inflicted on the poor and the weak;
- when faced with the illusions born of self-interest.

## **Eleventh Station**

### **Jesus is nailed to the Cross**

*"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34)*

#### **Meditation:**

Our society proclaims equal rights and dignity for all human beings. Yet it practises and tolerates inequality.

It even accepts extreme forms of inequality. Men, women and children are bought and sold like slaves by the new traders in human lives. The victims of trafficking are then exploited by others. And in the end, they are cast aside, discarded as worthless goods. How many people are growing rich by devouring the flesh and blood of the poor?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, how many men and women even today are nailed to a cross, victims of brutal exploitation, stripped of dignity, freedom and hope for the future! Their cry for help challenges us as individuals, as governments, as society and as Church. How is it possible that we continue to crucify you by our complicity in the trafficking of human beings? Give us eyes to see and a heart to feel the suffering of all those who today too are nailed to a cross by our systems of life and consumption.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, have mercy":

- on those newly crucified throughout today's world;
- on those in society who enact laws and exercise power;
- on those unable to forgive and unable to love.

## **Twelfth Station**

### **Jesus dies on the Cross**

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk 15:34)*

#### **Meditation:**

On the cross, Lord, you too bore the weight of scorn, mockery, insults, violence, abandonment and indifference. Only Mary, your Mother, and a few other women stayed with you as witnesses to your suffering and death. May their example inspire in us a commitment to stand by all those dying today on Calvaries throughout the world: in transit camps, on boats denied entry to safe ports, in shelters, hot spots and camps for seasonal workers, amid protracted negotiations about their final destination.

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, we implore you: help us to be true neighbours to those newly crucified and despairing in today's world. Teach us to wipe away their tears, to comfort them, even as you were consoled by the presence of Mary and the other women beneath your cross.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord help us to give freely of ourselves": Continued page 3

## The Most Holy Trinity (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31  
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5  
Gospel: John 16:12-15



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

**Religious Goods Shop:** We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. 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](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au).



*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will*

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

*send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* (John 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

**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.

## THE PARABLES PODCAST

Why are the parables of Jesus so important and why do they still resonate today? The Parables Podcast is a new fortnightly series featuring Archbishop Mark Coleridge's insights and reflections on the parables of Jesus. In the first episode, he gives an overview of the parables, what they were and how they were used. You can listen to these podcast by subscribing to our channel "Archdiocese of Brisbane" on your preferred podcast app, or by downloading from the link : <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/ep-1-introduction-to-the-parable/> Over the coming months the six top parables, as voted for by parishioners on social

media, will be covered by the Archbishop. The next podcast episode is due June 5. **Eucharist and the Holy Spirit**

The Eucharistic prayers which have been given to us following the Second Vatican Council express the role of the Holy Spirit clearly. At each Eucharist we ask God: *"Make holy...these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Eucharistic Prayer II).

This asking God to send the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis* (invocation or petition) prayer. In the prayers of many Eastern-rite Churches the prayer comes after the narrative of Institution of the Eucharist. In the Eucharistic prayers of the Roman rite, the *epiclesis* is split. The first part of the prayer (in which we ask the Spirit to change the bread and wine) is prayed before the institution narrative. The second part of the prayer (in which we ask the Holy Spirit to change those who eat and drink the bread and wine) is prayed after the narrative of the institution.

But whether the two parts of the prayer occur together as in many of the Eastern rites or whether they are split as in the Roman rite, the two parts of the prayer go together: We ask God to send the Holy Spirit to transform our food and drink so that we who eat and drink might be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

This unity in Christ is the culminating work of the Holy Spirit – the Spirit given at Baptism and Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is the divine spirit of unity and communion.

It is the work of the Holy Spirit ultimately to consummate the high priestly prayer of Jesus: "I pray...that all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so that they may also be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me that they may be brought to perfection as one." (John 17:20-23)

By the Spirit we know that we are sisters and brothers. By the Spirit we see all of humanity to be members of one Body. By the Spirit we experience the harmony of the earth and all creation. The Holy Spirit brings about the ultimate design for creation: that we become one in Christ. As St Paul tells us, this is God's "plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth" (Ephesians 1:10).







### To parents of young children:

May we suggest....RELAX!

God put the wiggle in children.  
Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

**All are welcome!**

Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar.

They tire of seeing the backs of others!

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, choir, and other ministries.

Help them find the hymns and prayers in the hymnal or booklets.

Sing the hymns, participate in the liturgy and pray.

Children learn about worship and liturgical behaviour by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, **but please come back.**

As Jesus said, **"Let the children come to me...."**

Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in His house of worship.

### To the members of our parish:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their Parents.



**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

### SO....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.

**A** **anna's Group** has been put in place for recently widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 14th June at The Coffee Club**, Flockton Village, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637.



**B** **O SANCHEZ IN BRISBANE** - The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Grand Feast "Limitless". 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 from 4.00pm at Springhill Conference Centre, 178 Springwood Road, Springwood. Admission is FREE. Contact Elvira Arpon 0432307992 or egaron@gmail.com

**S** **eniors Social Club - Christmas in July** We are having a bus trip on 10<sup>th</sup> July to Canungra for a Christmas in July Lunch. Its 1880's timber industry heritage is evident among the historic buildings in the town, including the Canungra Hotel. We will enjoy a festive hot lunch with all the trimmings! Cost is \$55 which includes morning tea, tour and lunch. For bookings and enquiries contact: Carolyn Ph 3356 8223.

- to all those suffering from injustice, hatred and vengeance;
- to all those unjustly slandered and condemned;
- to all those who feel alone, abandoned and humiliated.

**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**

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights


**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



## COLLECTIONS

Date	26th May	2nd June
1st Collection	\$415.60	\$416.50
2nd Collection	\$681.50	\$773.50
Loose	\$795.75	\$594.75
DD 1st (May)	\$2088.50	
DD 2nd (May)	\$7969.40	

  
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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	10th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	11th	8.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayers and Communion Sacramental Meeting
Wed	12th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	13th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	14th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat	15th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	16th	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

- \* New priests – Fr Josh Whitehead and Fr Brendan Gormley ordained in St Stephen's Cathedral.
- \* Canon lawyer criticises gender-neutral prayer terms in Brisbane Catholic girls' schools.
- \* Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra, celebrating 90 years of worship.
- \* First Torres Strait Islander priest Fr Kopel Gibuma ordained in Australia.
- \* 40 Australian bishops flying to Rome for Ad Limina with Pope Francis in the coming weeks.
- \* Catholic and Anglican Churches mark 10 years of ecumenical covenant in south-east Queensland.
- \* Young Catholic Lachlan Dent wins North Queensland Volunteer award for his work with Vinnies.
- \* Church rolls on with historic safeguarding measures aimed at tightening protection and governance.
- \* Brisbane Catholic Toni Janke works with at-risk families every day and does all she can to get out of the way and let God work through her.

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**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

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