



# ***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 Most Holy Trinity (Year C) 15th/16th June, 2019**

**R**esurrection follows the Cross (Easter after Good Friday). Here's our final meditation on the "Way 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.

## **Thirteenth Station**

### **Jesus is taken down from the cross**

*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:24*

#### **Meditation:**

In this era of news flashes, who remembers those twenty-six young Nigerian women who drowned and whose funerals were held in Salerno? Their Calvary was lengthy and difficult. First the crossing of the Sahara desert, crammed in ramshackle buses. Then their forced stay in frightful detention centres in Libya. Finally the leap into the sea, where they met death at the gates of the "promised land". Two of them were bearing in their womb the gift of a new life, children who would never see the light of day. Yet their death, like that of Jesus taken down from the Cross, was not in vain. We entrust all these lives to the mercy of God our Father and the Father of all, especially the poor, the desperate and the abased.

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, at this hour, we hear once more the cry of Pope Francis at Lampedusa, the site of his first apostolic journey: "Has anyone wept?" And now after countless shipwrecks, we continue to cry out: "Has anyone wept?" Has anyone wept, we wonder, before those twenty-six coffins lined up and covered with white roses? Only five of those women have been identified. Nameless or not, all of them are our daughters and sisters. All deserve respect and remembrance. They appeal to us – our institutions, our authorities and each of us – to accept responsibility for our silence and indifference.

Let us pray together and say: "Lord, may we join in weeping":

- at the sufferings of others;
- at all those nameless coffins;
- at the tears of so many mothers.

## **Fourteenth Station**

### **Jesus is laid in the tomb**

*"It is finished" (Jn 19:30)*

#### **Meditation:**

The desert and the seas have become the new cemeteries of our world. These deaths leave us speechless. Yet

responsibility has to be taken. People let their brothers and sisters die: men, women, children that we could not, or would not, save. While governments, closed off in their palaces of power, debate, the Sahara is filled with the bones of men and women who could not survive exhaustion, hunger and thirst. How much pain is involved in these new exoduses! How much cruelty is inflicted on those fleeing their homelands: in their desperate journeys, in the extortion and tortures they endure, in the sea that becomes a watery grave.

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, how many men and women even today are nailed Lord, make us realize that we are all children of one Father. May the death of your Son Jesus grant to the leaders of nations and lawmakers consciousness of the role they must play in the defence of every person created in your image and likeness.

## **CONCLUSION**

We would like to recount the story of Favour, a nine-month old baby, who left Nigeria together with her young parents who sought a better future in Europe. During the long and dangerous journey in the Mediterranean, her father and mother died along with hundreds of other people who had relied on unscrupulous traffickers to come to the promised land. Only Favour survived; like Moses, she was saved from the waters. May her life become a light of hope on the path towards a more fraternal humanity.

#### **Prayer:**

At the conclusion of your way of the cross, we ask you, Lord, to teach us to keep watch, together with your Mother and the women who stood by you on Calvary, in expectation of your resurrection. May it be a beacon of hope, joy, new life, fraternity, acceptance and communion among peoples, religions and systems of law. So that all the sons and daughters of man will be truly recognized in their dignity as sons and daughters of God, and never again treated as slaves.

**F**ood Fest— Thanks to all who participated in and cooked and cleaned afterward. Your sharing of your gifts and time is what makes our parish such a great family to be part of. Thanks especially to Di Hoi-berg, Peter Robertson, James Fitzsimon and Liz Austen, our "Social Committee" who did so much to make our food fest a magnificent success and to Tony Fitzgerald for doing a great MC job.

**Thank you!**

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20  
2nd Reading: Corinthians 11:23-26  
Gospel: Luke 9:11-17



**C**ounters Roster Team D: Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle.

**R**eligious 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.

**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 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-parables/> 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.

**T**rinity Sunday—the following letter is a testament to how our Parish has reached out in communion with our fellow human beings. It’s from one of five Vietnamese Families who were refugees and our Parish gave them a home in their time of dire need. It was written to Fay Burge.

“Wishing you all the best in this wonderful Christmas and coming new year 2017 with a lot of healthy and happiness.

We came Brisbane in 1978 at Christmas time. We are lonely, hopeless, empty hands and panic in a vast country. When we are needed help the most you people come with kindness, assistance , hand out your helping hands, find a place to live and assisting Jobs searching- Finally we settled down well.

Thank you so much. God bless you all. A lucky country with such wonderful people I myself as well as my family never ever forget your enormous help with love.

Now I and my wife are retired. Comfortable Living. My three children are all married They are well-educated, two graduated NBA degree and one computer engineer, they are all working. I have 5 grand children (4 granddaughters and one grandson)

We are healthy, well-being and happy

Love Always—From : Hoa, Bien Hang & Family

### 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.



**T**he cold is here again and as we snuggle under doonas and blankets may we spare a thought (as we have often in the past) for our homeless brothers and sisters trying to find a spot out of the wind and cold. We will be holding a collection for Street Swags next weekend 22/23 June. A reminder of the work of Street Swags is this comment from their webpage on Australian Government ACNC site

"**Street Swags** has provided basic bed and shelter in the form of waterproof swags to more than 50,000 homeless men, women and children. Street Swags has a unique production and supply chain that benefits different groups in the community. Prisoners gain work skills and qualifications and school students learn about giving back to the community by rolling swags. Homeless Shelters, Community/Church Groups and Charities nationally give out swags when

## Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



people are turned away from emergency centres or are sleeping rough."

**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.**

### Vinnies need your HELP! SOS

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.

**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.

**T**he Queen Of Apostles Men's Group is meeting again this Friday. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They meet on 3rd Friday of the month at **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City** 10.30am. Phone Gary McLean for more information (ph 3863 4149).

## COLLECTIONS

Date	2nd June	9th June
1st Collection	\$416.50	\$331.00
2nd Collection	\$773.50	\$640.00
Loose	\$594.75	\$613.25
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	17th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	18th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	19th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	20th	8.30am	Prayer of the Church & Communion
Fri	21st	9.00am	Prayer of the Church & Communion
		10.30am	Men's Group
Sat	22nd	4.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting)
		5.00pm	Mass
Sun	23rd	7.00am	Mass
		9.00am	Mass
		2.30pm	Rosary
		5.30pm	Mass

### We pray for those who are unwell

Ray Modystack  
Irene Johnson  
Sr Madonna FMM  
John Cunningham  
Georgia Evans  
Mary Law  
Sierra Reck  
Leticia Morris  
John Blumke  
Nora Stevens  
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 announces six national themes of discernment from 17,500 submissions
- Hendra parishioners celebrate 90 years of heaven at Our Lady Help of Christians Church
- Regents Park parishioner recognised for his life-saving service in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List
- Panel of three judges has retired to consider three courses of action in Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his conviction
- Young men from Marist Ashgrove and Padua College build community and raise awareness for mental health
- Four Springfield parishioners reconnect with their faith through the Alpha program
- 75-year-old Brisbane archivist Fr Denis Martin will soon retire after 47 years of serving in the archdiocese
- Church says Catholic schools must help parents teach young people that gender ideology is opposed to faith and reason
- Brisbane mum Sheridan Potter dreams of a non-judgemental church where education and understanding are key to acceptance for all with special needs

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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.