



# 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."*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—13th/14th July, 2019**

## **C**HRISTMAS IN JULY!! - IT'S THURSDAY 25th (July of course!!) (7pm—9pm at the latest)

Don't forget to plan to come along to the ever-popular Christmas in July. Dr Ian Elmer from the Australian Catholic University (and one of our parishioners!) will be giving a talk called **"Jesus and the Cosmos"** - Sounds great!! What does it mean??

*"John's Gospel has no nativity story. It begins with a majestic prologue (John 1:1-18) claiming that the birth of Jesus heralded the inbreaking of creative divine "Word" into the created cosmos. In this year's Christmas in July soiree we will be exploring the cosmological dimensions of Christmas. We will discuss how this "big picture" approach to the Christmas story impacts upon our relationship with the environment and how that relationship is related to human salvation." - Very topical as we try to implement Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si".*



We will have a Christmas party half way though the night so please **BRING YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TREATS to share.**

## **E**UTHANASIA —how informed are you?? A very important issue that needs deep thought and prayer.

Currently most of the publicity is highly emotive.

- Read Pope Francis' address on end of life care: [www.bit.ly/2HNUiNP](http://www.bit.ly/2HNUiNP)
- Read "Be Not Afraid" and "When Life is Ending" available from [www.cam.org.au/euthanasia](http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia)
- See how Catholic health and aged care services are responding to new (Victorian) legislation: [www.bit.ly/30VMH8n](http://www.bit.ly/30VMH8n)
- Visit "Moments that Matter", for real stories of people who've experienced palliative care: [www.momentsthatmatter.org.au](http://www.momentsthatmatter.org.au)
- Look at these websites for up to date information on the subject: [www.australiancarealliance.org.au](http://www.australiancarealliance.org.au) or [www.no euthanasia.org.au](http://www.no euthanasia.org.au)

**At SPEAKER'S CORNER**, 15 George Street, Brisbane, [Next to Parliament House], there is an 'Anti-Euthanasia Appeal' planned on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. Gathering from 2:30pm Starting at 3:00pm and closing about 3:15pm or so. All JESUS' Disciples are most welcome, all who seriously want to appeal to GOD for HIS help!

## **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - 2ND PHASE ABOUT TO BEGIN**

With the release of the six National Plenary Themes for Discernment and the commencement of the Listening and Discernment phase of the Plenary journey, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be hosting a Brisbane Assembly taking place October 4-5, 2019 at the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre (St Laurence's College) in South Brisbane.

Participants will also hear from an array of quality presenters on 'Discernment' and 'Effective Communication' to assist with the Listening and Discernment phase. This will aid in empowering participants to engage their own communities with the second phase of the Plenary journey in the lead up to Easter 2020.

Who can attend the Brisbane Assembly?:

An invitation is extended to all within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please note registrations are likely to fill quickly for this important local Plenary event therefore you are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.

For those unable to attend the Brisbane Assembly, Shalom TV will be providing a live web cast of key sessions for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Video content captured at the Assembly will also be used to create resources to assist local parishes and communities with their contribution to the Listening and Discernment phase.

Please also note the Brisbane Assembly is just one of a number of ways you and your community/parish can participate in the Listening and Discernment process. This process can also be run locally using the resources available at <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/plenary/>

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### **Brisbane Assembly Format & Registration for October 4 and 5:**

Adult – \$50      Student/Pensioner – \$35

Pricing (inc GST)

Venue: Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College – South Brisbane

Before registering please read the following carefully: Registration includes access to all presentations in ERPAC Auditorium, facilitated Listening and Discernment sessions and meals (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) across Friday and Saturday of the Brisbane Assembly.

**Registration opens July 8**

**Book online** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=521938&>

## The 16th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10  
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28  
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



**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.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** begin again in October. If you are in possession of a box of envelopes, consider if the box is half empty or is the box collecting dust. Would you prefer to make your contributions using your credit card or directly from your bank account? Don't wait until October to make the change, I can help you arrange a direct payment now. Did you know it costs the parish approx. \$10 per box of envelopes. Then we have volunteers open the envelopes and count the monies given. Then a staff member visits the bank to deposit the monies received on the plate. Direct deposits also help when budgeting for the parish expenses and parish endeavours. Envelopes for the next campaign need to be ordered well in advance, so please consider this in the coming weeks. Thanks, Debra

**Living Well - Dementia Information Morning**  
Want to learn more about DEMENTIA and how best to support those who are suffering? Speakers/ Clinical nurse from Anglicare will discuss the disease and how to support those who have the disease and those who are caring for a loved one with dementia.

When : Tuesday 16th July

Where: St Clement's Anglican Church

Time: 10-30am -12noon Commencing with morning tea at 10-00am

Cost: Free of charge—open to all

RSVP: [office@stclements.org.au](mailto:office@stclements.org.au)

Ph 3356 4300 (Tues-Wed 9am-12noon or Thurs-Fri 9am-4pm) or Text David Murray 0430 122 453.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #5 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community?**

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) "Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:37)



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our

neighbour. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

**The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group** meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 19th July** at The **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary**



**McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**

**Give the Gift of Faith.** Your generosity towards Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.

**Rising Youth Ministry Presents...**

Being Kind Even When It's Tough To Be  
Youth Event

Age Specific Activities Ages 5-25

Games, Music, Talks + More

14 July, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

St Francis Hall

47 Dornoch Terrace, West End 4101

Info: [hello@risingyouthministry.org](mailto:hello@risingyouthministry.org)



**Volunteers urgently needed for West End charity**

We are short on volunteers in both our West End office and thrift shop and would appreciate your support in publishing the below notice in your Parish Bulletin. **St Veronica's** is a registered charity and we are so blessed to be run entirely by unpaid volunteers, which ensures that 100% of donations reach its beneficiaries.

Do you have skills in administration, banking or retail? St Veronica's Welfare Committee could be the ministry for you! For more information and to find out how you can help, please contact us on 3844 7423, email [stveronica@gil.com.au](mailto:stveronica@gil.com.au) or visit [www.stveronica.org.au](http://www.stveronica.org.au).

**Lost Property** has been growing over the last few months. We thank you for your donation of glasses—that helps when we need a reader at the eleventh hour and someone uses the excuse—no glasses! We also are building a nice collection of umbrellas for those rainy days! There is also an assortment of odd bits and pieces ie shoes, scarf, headband, water bottles etc. Please have a look if you are missing something.

I know that all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our church's most valuable members -- Someone Else.

Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Someone Else can work with that group. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

- Author Unknown -

**Why did I share this well known poetic work with you this weekend?** In a few weeks the next roster will be prepared. I enjoy sitting in the middle of the church and enjoying the liturgy. There is also much joy in participating in the liturgy. Don't leave it to someone else! Someone else is needing a break, maybe sick, maybe not with us anymore, maybe on the list of those we remember! Don't wait to be asked! There are many ministries in a parish, so please share your time, talent and reap the rewards! Training and nurturing are available too. Just ask! Someone else needs you! Debra

### Update from Social Justice Group

At the Social Justice meeting last Thursday we discussed following items:- Street Swags and the fantastic response from our wonderful parish (over \$7000.00 so far). A big THANK YOU to all.

Other items were Aboriginal Sunday, today, World Environmental Day, July ACRATH article on slavery - see Parish Facebook. Did anyone happen to see Angela Fredericks on T. V. We missed it! She is from Biloe-la trying to save the Sri Lankan family from being deported after years in Australia where their 2 children were born. Our prayers are with her and them.

**Caritas Receipts are at the rear of the church.** It's tax time, so please collect your receipts today

### Presentation on the History of the Qld Church

Fr. Chris Hanlon will speak for 2 nights in the Daley Centre, Grovely (67 Dawson Parade, Keperra) on July 16 and 23, 7.30pm – 9pm. He will outline his recent research on history of the Qld Church from the time it became a colony (1859) to the end of World War 1 – a most interesting period.

### Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults – Prevention and Protection POLICY STATEMENT

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

Mark 10:14

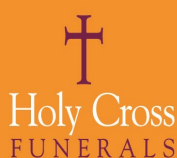
***Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.***

*This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.*



### COLLECTIONS

Date	30th June	7th July
1st Collection	\$628.50	\$439.50
2nd Collection	\$861.50	\$776.50
Loose	\$663.75	\$551.75
DD 1st (June)	\$1968.50	
DD 2nd (June)	\$7550.50	



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### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)  
Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan  
Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)  
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
Office Telephone: 3356 7155  
**Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Cath D'Hage  
STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or  
AOB@stopline.com.au or  
[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford  
School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
School Principal: Nigel Bird  
APA: Anne-Marie Maw  
APRE: Ben Campbell  
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)  
Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200  
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

**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	15th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	16th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	17th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	18th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	19th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's group
Sat	20th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	21st	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

### We pray for those recently deceased including:

Michael Wilson-Mitchell, Nathaniel Kenneth Bailey, Maria Grigorovich, Nola Grant, Frank Donaghue, Gordon Gargano (Brother to Truci Dove), Tony Maddern, Joyce Rackemann and John Winkle.



### We pray for those who are unwell

Jack Charalambous  
Ray Modystack  
Irene Johnson  
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

- \* Brisbane opens NAIDOC week with an annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral last Sunday
- \* Queensland doctors warn vulnerable older people could feel pressured if euthanasia is legalised
- \* Pro-life group says public sentiment is running deep against abortion - prompting the organisation to start a national advertising campaign
- \* Sainthood step for Cardinal John Henry Newman fills Brisbane Oratory community with joy
- \* Yeronga parishioner Grace Quane celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends and family and presented with papal blessing from Pope Francis
- \* Brisbane plans for an archdiocesan Plenary Council 2020 two-day communal discernment event starting October 4
- \* Fr Josh Whitehead prepares for his three-year placement in Caloundra parish
- \* North Queensland Cowboys young gun Michael Morgan's words inspire Ignatius Park College triumph at the Confraternity Shield in Bundaberg
- \* Ninety-seven-year-old Iraqi Shami Eso makes her home in Brisbane after fleeing from ISIS terrorists in her home town of Qaraqosh in northern Iraq  
**Still only \$2**

**We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including** Des OBrien, Mary Scanlan, Maud Menezes and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.