



# 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."*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—27th/28th July, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!** - THANK you to Ian and to all who attended! I'm sure you were inspired and enlightened by Ian's presentation as well as the great Christmas treats!! See you again next year.

**E**UTHANASIA —how informed are you??

**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!

**L**ast Friday (19th) was **SIX** years since we started 'warehousing' human beings looking for a better and safer life. Below is from a Vigil commemorating this shameful anniversary.

**The following are extracts from "A CALL TO COMPASSION"** - Vigil commemorating the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incarceration on Manus Island and Nauru.

**Leader:** On July 19 2013, Kevin Rudd declared "From now on, any asylum-seeker who arrives in Australia by boat will have no chance of being settled in Australia as refugees," "Australia will also continue its cooperative offshore processing arrangements with Nauru." (This arrangement was to be reviewed in 12 months!)

April 17, 2019: Sprent Dabwido, the former president of Nauru who brokered a deal with the Australian government to re-open the detention centre, said he felt at least partly responsible for the deaths of asylum seekers on Nauru. "I cannot take full responsibility for it, but I do have my share in it when I allowed this deal to be made. I thought I was helping Australia, I thought I was helping the refugees themselves. Eventually it becomes torture when you don't have a future."

"The deal on the table was done by the devil, it is a deal with the devil." he said.

**Reader 2:** We stand with the refugees brought from Manus Island and Nauru who are subjected to body searches, denied access to family and kept in bug-ridden rooms while waiting for treatment. From her hotel in Brisbane, through a screen door, **Nesha\*** can make out part of the city skyline. Even the view is prohibited. She spends most of the day in the small room, leaving only briefly to eat. Her balcony is kept locked. Serco guards sit permanently in the corridor, entering Nesha's room at night and causing her ongoing panic attacks. When she has to leave for an appointment, two security staff escort her "like a criminal" by gripping her upper arms. Leaving the hotel for any reason involves regular invasive body cavity searches by secu-

rity staff. ...

**Leader: We now light a candle for those who have died as a result of the cruelty of our policies.**

**Reza Barati, 23** (from Iran) was brutally murdered by security guards at the Manus Island regional processing Centre during riots in February 2014.

**Rezene Mebrahtu Engeda, 30** (from Eritria), a talented young man seeking asylum from Eritrea drowned himself rather than be returned to possible torture and death.

**For Janarthanan, late 20's** (from Sri Lanka), doused himself with petrol and set himself alight when his visa was revoked. His greatest fear was that he would be sent back to torture and death in Sri Lanka.

**For Sayed Ibrahim Hussein, 23** (from Pakistan) drowned on Nauru.

**For Hamid Kehazaei, 24** (from Iran) died of severe septicemia when his medical transfer was delayed despite repeated requests by doctors that he be urgently transferred to Australia.

**For Omid Masoumali, 23** (from Iran) publicly set himself alight during a UN monitoring visit in protest at his indefinite detention on Nauru. His transfer to Australia was delayed resulting in his death several days later.

**For Mohammad Nasim Najafi, 27** (from Afghanistan) died in a detention centre outside Perth following an assault by convicted criminals detained in the same facility.

**For Fazel Chegeni Nejad, 34** (from Iran), a stateless refugee, survived torture in Iran only to later suicide on Christmas Island after his pleas for mental health support were ignored.

**For Kamil Hussain, 34** (from Pakistan) drowned while swimming at a waterfall on a day trip from the Manus Island regional processing centre. Australia refused to pay to have his body sent back to Pakistan for burial.

**For Rakib Khan, 26** (from Bangladesh) was taken to Nauru hospital after a suspected overdose. He suffered a series of heart attacks and died on the island while awaiting medical evacuation.

**For Faysal Ishak Ahmed, 27** (from Sudan) died in Brisbane after being transferred from Manus Island after a fall. He suffered repeated seizures on Manus Island, but was denied medical treatment and told he was malingering.

**For Hamed Shamshiripour Suspected suicide, 32,** (from Iran)). His body was found near the school on Manus Island. He was known to suffer acute and worsening mental illness and had previously been attacked by locals.

**For Rajeev Rajendran Suspected suicide, 32,** (from Sri Lanka). Rajeev's body was found on the grounds of the Lorengau hospital.

**For Jahingir, 29,** (from Bangladesh) died on Nauru after the motorbike he was riding collided with a car.

**For Salim Kyawning Suicide, 26,** (a stateless Rohingya)

## The 18th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



**Counters Roster Team E:** Kevin & Trish McGrory, Alan & Helen Gibney, John Mahony and Aileen Kyle.

**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

**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.

**Harrison Wessel turns one Today.** He is a regular worshipper at 7am Mass with older brother James and mum and dad (Amanda and Matthew). He will be also initiated into the Church through **the Sacrament of Baptism TODAY at 7am Mass.** You're welcome to stick around after Mass to share in a cake and coffee/tea.



**Parents have many stresses** placed on them these days. Battling "screen time" with the kids, the ever increasing demands for things which they are bombarded with advertising about, the non-ending noise and activities which don't allow you a breather.

Just a reminder once again: there is a very successful and helpful programme called "Triple P—Positive Parenting Program". You can access it on the internet at <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-ukn/triple-p/> and it includes 12 months of free modules you can do online.

**Enoggera Open Day**—10 am to 3pm, **NEXT Saturday (3rd).** The inde-

pendent living community of **St Vincent's Care Services**



**Enoggera** will hold its Open

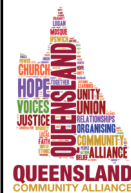
Day on Saturday 3 August 2019, from 10am to 3pm.

Meet with residents and get to know this welcoming and vibrant retirement village!

Hourly tours/ Information on care and support/ light lunch provided.

To RSVP, please call 1800 778 767.

**The Queensland Community Alliance**, with which we as a parish have done so much for the common good of our civic area, has been invited to have a stall at the Vocation and Youth Ministry Expo at the Cathedral. It's a chance to share that part of what our Alliance does is develop people who have a sense of vocation around the Church's mission in public life in Queensland. Date **Sunday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**. Time: After Midday Mass finishes from 1pm until 2.30pm. Come along and see.



### **PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Become an important part of the Aged Care team at Mercy Community. As a Pastoral Care volunteer, you'll be part of a dedicated volunteer team providing much-valued support to our 200 residents. You will:

- make a positive difference in the lives of our residents and their families
- be supervised and supported by expert staff
- have access to a training program and practice pastoral care under the supervision of a specialist
- be part of a caring, supportive volunteer community

Pastoral Care volunteers offer companionship that responds to the spiritual and emotional needs of our Aged Care residents by:

- taking time to listen with empathy and respect
  - helping residents make connection to family and friends, hobbies, and activities that bring them joy
  - supporting residents to feel at home in a meaningful environment
  - accompanying residents to discover and appreciate the profound meaning and value of his or her life story.
- Training will be held at Mercy Community's Nudgee Facility (131 Queens Rd, Nudgee) To learn more about the program, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 07 3866 4264 or email

ya from Burma) who suffered severe mental illness from his incarceration, jumped from a moving vehicle on Manus Island.

**For Fariborz Karami, 26** (from Iran) killed himself in his tent inside the Australian-run processing centre on Nauru after years of mental health issues with doctors continually raising concerns with authorities. His mother had had her phone confiscated after making many requests for help for her son. She then pleaded for months for his body to be released so that she could bury him.

**For Musa 23** (from Sierra Leone) committed suicide at Villawood Detention Centre. His severe mental health problems were known for years. He was kept in detention with no hope of getting well."

**Milad Aljabiri 24** (from Iraq) suicided at Villawood. He had appeared in Burwood Local Court in the morning on two charges, common assault and affray. He had pleaded not guilty to both offences.

**Sarwan Aljhelie 22** (from Iraq) committed suicide in detention outside Perth after being transferred from Villawood at short notice away from his family and young daughter.

**Unnamed 23 year old** (from Afghanistan) who suicided on last Sunday at the Melbourne detention centre. He had signed a visa to go out five months ago but was still waiting for permission to go out.

**Leader:** We will have a minute's silence as we grieve with the **90 men** who have self-harmed or attempted suicide on Manus Island since the election in May and for the **gentle Hazari man** who set himself alight in the Melbourne detention Centre on Tuesday.

**Reader 3:** We now take time to **reflect on the following quotes** from across the centuries.

*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (sic) to do nothing.* - Edmund Burke 18<sup>th</sup> Century

*That which is morally wrong cannot be politically right - Quaker faith and practice 23.26 from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*

*There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.* - Elie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor)

*'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.'* - Martin Luther King

**Leader** We give thanks for the **many women and men of courage and compassion** who continue to speak up for and offer ongoing support to those who are suffer-

ing in our detention centres

**Reader 5** The **Governor of Manus Island Province** recently **called for action** from the Australian Government. After the dramatic increase in self-harm and suicide attempts among people seeking asylum in Papua New Guinea since the Australian election, he said *"They don't want to be here and Australia, you have to take responsibility. You have to move them."* There has **not been any response** from our government to this plea.

**All.** We **lament** the lack of compassion for people seeking asylum in Australia, we lament the denial of human dignity and freedom, we lament the indifference, we lament our inability so far to turn the tide.

**B**risbane City Pops Orchestra Annual Concert  
St Paschal's 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights

"Tripping around Britain" Conducted by Neil Flottman

And Featuring guest soloist Lindsay Gaffney

Special appearance by the OLA School Choir under the direction of Debbie Todhunter.

Friday 23 August 7.00pm St Paschal's. Tickets \$35.00 each. Includes light supper. Tickets on sale from the parish office from now. Phone sales with credit card available also. Proceeds will go towards much needed repairs and refurbishment to the parish hall at Wavell Heights.

ENQUIRIES TO KERSTIN KNOTT 3359 0239

**O**LA SCHOOL at ENOGGERA - CENTENARY  
CELEBRATIONS AUGUST 18

Remember your old school days at Our Lady of the Assumption Primary School??

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August a significant 100 year celebration of our OLA Enoggera Parish Catholic Primary School will be held. We would like to contact & invite as many Past Pupils of OLA & their families as well as anyone who has had an association or connection with OLA over the many years.

To assist in compiling an Invitation List of Past Pupils (as well as for catering purposes) please forward names and contact details

to: BarbaraBowers103@gmail.com or phone 0423 617 012. AND also

include the years of your attendance for our historical records, please!!!!

## COLLECTIONS


Date	14th July	21st July
1st Collection	\$380.00	\$536.00
2nd Collection	\$528.00	\$1189.00
Loose	\$444.10	\$748.80
DD 1st (June)	\$1968.50	
DD 2nd (June)	\$7550.50	

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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	29th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	30th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	31st	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	1st	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	2nd	9.00am	Mass and Morning Tea
Sat	3rd	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	4th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

### We pray for those recently deceased including:

Fr Micahel O'Sullivan, Theresa Pezzutti, John Cunningham, Michael Wilson-Mitchell, Nathaniel Kenneth Bailey, Maria Grigorovich, Nola Grant, Frank Donaghue and Gordon Gargano (Brother to Truci Dove).



### We pray for those who are unwell

Maureen Jones  
Sonia Officer  
Rita Butt  
Abbie Sweeper  
George Axisa  
Jack Charalambous  
Ray Modystack  
Irene Johnson  
Georgia Evans  
Mary Law  
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

- \* Toowoomba Bishop Robert McGuckin ordains Fr Tom Duncan to serve the people of Toowoomba diocese
- \* Catholic leaders denounce Australia's offshore detention policy as thousands rallied in capital cities last weekend, calling for the release of 800 refugees
- \* Catholic Education Week begins on July 28, full of festivities, liturgy and learning
- \* Presbyteral Jubilee Mass commemorates the life and work of the many priests celebrating significant anniversaries in Brisbane archdiocese
- \* Vinnies Shop West End is blessed by Capuchin Father Lam Vu, 'starting off the store on the right foot'
- \* NET Ministries' Luke Schaefer ran away from his family's faith when he was 17 years old and now he travels the world evangelising
- \* Gatton Laidley parish rejoices in the united faith of their diverse parishioners with a Multicultural Mass last month
- \* Students from St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park were part of the winning team at the Ultimate Disc Championships in Brisbane
- \* Two married couples whose stories were followed by The Catholic Leader, Naimh and Peter McAuliffe and Pia and Arnie Hurdoyal, each cradle a baby boy on their first wedding anniversaries

**We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including** Don Shuttleton, Fernando Rampa, Tom Gallagher, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.