



# *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."*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—3rd/4th August, 2019**



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DARWIN

Office of the Vicar General

The Honourable Mr Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia.

19.07.2019

Dear Prime Minister,

Today is the sixth anniversary of PM Kevin Rudd's announcement that no person seeking asylum by boat would ever be resettled in Australia.

Every single person arriving after that date was to be subjected to indefinite detention on Manus Island, PNG, or in the Republic of Nauru, under 'processing' arrangements between the Australian Government and those Pacific states.

Six years on, roughly 800 refugees and people seeking asylum remain trapped on Manus Island and Nauru.

I am writing to every Member of the Australian Parliament from the Diocese of Darwin, on behalf of many, many well-informed and thoughtful Australians who are deeply concerned, indeed appalled, by that component of Australia's current Border Protection Policy.

The offshore processing regime is claimed to be **essential as a deterrent** to ensure there are no more asylum seeker or refugee arrivals by boat.

Regardless of that claim's validity, this is actually a classic and clear case of **legislation that is immoral in the most basic of ways**: an evil act is engaged in for the purpose of achieving some good outcome.

**How far can one go inflicting suffering on one group of people to prevent unrelated others from acting in a certain way?**

Why stop at indefinite detention, which is already just a slightly civilized form of torture? Indeed, in my opinion, it has similarities with the use of "human shields" in warfare.

But back to 2013. The fact that the "stop the boats" slogan featured strongly during the 2013 federal election campaign should not at this point in time prevent changes being made to Australia's Border Protection Policy to achieve a more humane treatment of people who have committed no crime.

Earlier legislation should not be so set in concrete as to justify a stubbornly maintained policy of keeping hundreds of fellow human beings locked away in our Offshore Detention Centres, with scant hope of reprieve in sight.

With relentless regularity, Government Ministers have

blatantly repudiated and debunked the raft of concerns raised by United Nations personnel, the Human Rights Commission, Church Leaders, Medical and Legal Experts, Children's Welfare Organisations and other highly principled members of the public. Our elected leaders simply take cover behind a Jericho Wall of total secrecy regarding Operation Sovereign Borders, the treatment of persons intercepted at sea and those in immigration detention centres generally.

Tragically, as might have been expected, the incidence of [self-harm in detention centres has risen to epidemic levels](#).

The crippling cost of maintaining the current detention arrangements is also a very real concern, putting huge pressure on the budget. Is this unnecessary outlay to go on and on unchecked?

**Here is the first and preferred proposal I would like to make:-**

[Operation Sovereign Borders](#) involved from the start a **two-pronged strategy**, characterized by **(1) a deterrence policy** ("Don't attempt to come here by boat or you will face the unbearable treatment we are meting out to our detainees") and **(2) by the diligent efficiency of our Australian Defence Forces** monitoring and controlling the seas surrounding us.

**Has not our experience over recent years shown that the Australian Defence Forces are quite capable by their own resources, of achieving the goal of "stopping the boats" to the point that we no longer need the deterrent factor associated with our costly and inhumane detention centres on Nauru and Manus Island?**

We should henceforth guard our shores by military skill and effective intelligence and discreetly dismantle our offshore detention centres, re-assuming responsibility ourselves for on-shore processing as swiftly as possible.

As regards the detainees still on Nauru and Manus Island, **why not consider the feasibility of a carefully planned, once and for all AMNESTY, with cross-party support, for as many of them as possible?**

What an innovative and laudatory move that would be! Our international standing would be greatly enhanced by such an act.

If the above is rejected out of hand and an objective appraisal of it simply vetoed, then I would make the following (fall-back) proposal:

**It was back in August 2012 that the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers delivered its Report. I believe it is time for another "Expert Panel" to be set up on cross-party lines to review the situation and to indicate what changes can now be made to the conclusions and outcomes of the earlier Report.**

## The 19th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



**C**ounters Roster Team A: Terry Gesch, Gary McLean, Fay Barrett and Margaret Sheehan.

**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.

**P**lanned Giving Campaign for 2019/2020 begins in October. The finance council will be making presentations to you in the coming weeks about pledges and costs and other very important stuff.



Today I want to touch on the **three ways** in which you can GIVE to your parish through Planned Giving. The first is the traditional way - **Envelopes**. Most envelope users place cash in the envelope, however we also receive the occasional cheque in the envelopes. The envelope system is becoming less popular as we are moving towards a cashless society. If you are among this group, read on further, there are other options available.

The second way to GIVE to your parish through Planned Giving is via **Direct Debit**. This is an arrangement between the parish and your bank. You sign an agreement to allow the parish to draw funds on a regular basis from your bank account. This is the same arrangement that you may have in place for insurance premiums, subscriptions or loan repayments.

The third way to GIVE to your parish through Planned Giving is **Credit Card**. This is similar to the direct debit payment. You sign an agreement for the parish to charge your credit card on a regular basis. Again, this is similar to any other regular payment you may have on your credit card. Many cardholders like to use their credit card for several regular payments to make use of loyalty rewards attached to the card. So consider using your credit card for Planned Giving.

Thanks, Debra

**A**nna's Group is now open to **ALL WIDOWS**.

They **meet** on the **2nd Friday** of the **month** at the **Coffee Club** in **Flockton Village** at **12pm**.

Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!

Contact Dianne 0407616637



**T**he Website for the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults (as per the video last week) is <https://www.safeguardingaob.com.au>

**G**ive 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.

**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

**Y**OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!! Yes, as you saw a few weeks ago "Someone Else" has died. It is **YOU** whom I am asking to step forward to help enhance our worship!! You have had **the gift of education** (which millions have missed out on) and so, you probably can read reasonably well—why don't you volunteer to be a **READER**? You have **average dexterity** (many people who've been injured haven't) - why don't you volunteer to be a **SPECIAL MINISTER OF COMMUNION**? Go on, don't let all those negative voices in your head cripple you or prevent you sharing your gifts with the community in thanks to God!! **SEND an email to the office** with:

The way you see yourself and feel about yourself will have a tremendous impact on how far you go in life and whether or not you fulfill your destiny.

—Joel Osteen—

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your Name, Preferred Mass Time, Phone Number and which you are volunteering for. (You will be trained and guided in your role before actually having your first go.)

**Otherwise** (complete this form, tear it out and **put it on the plate** or give it to Fr Denis:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Mass** (circle): Sat 5pm; Sun 7am, 9am, 5.30pm

**I'll have a go** at (circle): Reader                      Special Minister

Australia is capable of something a lot savvier and more generous than our current harsh and mean treatment of asylum seekers and refugees. The majority of people I encounter are most uncomfortable with this ongoing reprehensible phenomenon and there is a growing sense that, as Australians, we are better than this.

As an elected representative with good moral principles, can you stand aloof and make no effort to achieve **a more positive and humane future** for these already damaged and hapless human beings?

Instead of subjecting them to even harsher Medevac arrangements, let's bring them out of their current confinement into the realm of freedom and opportunity that we Australians inhabit and so put an end to this ugly and unnecessary 6 year episode.

With appreciation for the many good things our elected Members are doing,

(Father) Malcolm P. Fyfe msc

Vicar General,

Catholic Diocese of Darwin.

***"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." Prayer of St Francis.***

## **OLA SCHOOL at ENOGGERA - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AUGUST 18**

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

On Sunday 18th 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!!!!*

*This is a "Once in a Hundred Years" Celebration!! Do come along and be our special guests!!*

## **ECUMENICAL PEACE ACTION INVITATION from FRANCISCAN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA**

God calls us to love your neighbour as yourself. This calls us, as people of faith to choose peace.

In light of recent events in Christchurch and Sri Lanka

## **Tennis Courts for Hire with lights**

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



and the discord of world tolerance for 'the other', Franciscan Schools Australia together with Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Aboriginal elders and elders of world religions invite you to a peace action event in which we can promote harmony, reconciliation and advocate for peace. We see the event as an opportunity for leadership, compassion and love.

The invitation to the Ecumenical Thirsting for Peace Action on Wednesday 07 August 2019 at 5:20pm at Brisbane City Hall is open to all.

This is a free event however registration via the FSA website is critical so that we have some idea of numbers.

Students, staff and other members of school communities are most welcome to attend this event.

To attend book at: <https://www.fsa.asn.au/ecumenic>

## **SAY NO TO EUTHANASIA - 'LIVING, DYING and the POWER OF PRESENCE'**

Come and hear Canadian filmmaker and anti-euthanasia activist Kevin Dunn on his upcoming Australian tour. His documentary film "The Fatal Flaws" looks at how euthanasia has expanded beyond its original intent in Holland Belgium and the US State of Oregon. Mr Dunn will be in Brisbane for a public presentation at Brisbane City Hall on Thursday evening August 22. His presentation "Living, Dying and the Power of Presence" will champion palliative care over euthanasia, and feature clips and discussion from a number of his films. The event is free and open to all, but for catering purposes, please RSVP your attendance to [communications@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:communications@bne.catholic.net.au)


**What:** Kevin Dunn presents "Living, Dying and the Power of Presence"

**Where:** The Brisbane Room at Brisbane City Hall

**When:** 6.00pm for 6.30pm start on Thursday August 22. Concludes around 8.00pm

## **COLLECTIONS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>21st July</b>	<b>28th July</b>
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$536.00	\$359.50
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$1189.00	\$3102.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$748.80	\$607.40
<b>DD 1st (June)</b>	\$1968.50	
<b>DD 2nd (June)</b>	\$7550.50	

  
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STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or  
 AOB@stopline.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	5th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	6th	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	7th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	8th	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Finance Council Meeting
Fri	9th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat	10th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	11th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

**We pray for those recently deceased including:**

Incoronata Serafina, Fr Micahel O'Sullivan, Theresa Pezzutti, John Cunningham, Michael Wilson-Mitchell, Nathaniel Kenneth Bailey, Maria Grigorovich, Nola Grant and Frank Donaghue.



**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**

- \* Moorooka Salisbury parish celebrates two church anniversaries, the centenary of St Brendan's Church, Moorooka and the St Pius X, Salisbury 50th anniversary
- \* Catholic religious advocates seek lost wages for exploited workers underpaid by a Queensland labour-hire firm
- \* Key Plenary Council 2020 topics emerge from the final report of the council's Listening and Dialogue phase
- \* St Mary's Church, Maryborough commemorates 150 years of sacramental care and community
- \* Sr Rose Patrick O'Connor enters novitiate with the Sisters of Life, taking on her new name and full habit
- \* Australia's 'doctor death' Philip Nitschke is about to embark on a nationwide tour promoting his latest device - a space-like suicide capsule called Sarco
- \* Vanessa Comninos is so fired up for evangelisation she walked away from her dream job to work full-time in her Brisbane parish
- \* Mindaugas Cerniauskas was a married entrepreneur and now, after more than 20 years of discernment and discovery, he is a poor missionary priest called Fr Mary Elias

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**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.