



# 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."*

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—31st Aug/1st Sept 2019**



**The Archbishop is coming! —** On the weekend Friday 13th Sept until Sunday 15th September, **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** will be visiting our parish. This visit is called a **Pastoral Visit** where Archbishop Mark can get to know our great parish and meet our community. He will spend **Friday morning** at our wonderful school on **Friday Evening** will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with those children we have been praying for. On **Saturday afternoon**, he will visit our ladies and children in the Convent who are Asylum Seekers. After that he will meet up with a combined gathering of our Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Social Justice Group, Environmental Group, Sacramental Team, Qld Community Alliance Reps, and Asylum Seeker support group.

For the **remainder** of the **weekend**, he will Preside at the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7am and 9am Masses and join us for our cuppa and cakes afterwards. There will be NO SUNDAY 5.30pm Mass that weekend.

This will be a great **opportunity** for you to **meet** the Archbishop **personally** and talk about our parish **frankly** and **honestly** about what we do well and what you believe we should be doing more of (Hopefully you already tell our Parish Council about these things).

**P**lanned Giving Campaign — Your promise of a **financial commitment** to your parish. If you have brought your pledge and/or DD or CC forms to church today, you can either put them in one of the boxes at the back of the church or "on the plate." Thanks to you and everyone for your on-going commitment.

## The Plenary Council of the Australian Church

**How God is calling us to be Christ-centred Church that is ...**

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many within the Catholic community, and with the wider

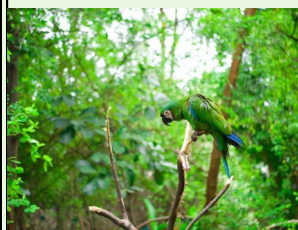


er Australian society, particularly with Australia's First Peoples and with all of creation. A desire was expressed for stronger prayer and sacramental life and more effective outreach to those who seek healing, as a renewed openness to and sign of God's mercy. Read more about this theme at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Season of Creation September 1 - October 4

Representatives of several Christian churches, including Catholics, Anglicans, and Orthodox, are urging the faithful to see September as the "Season of Creation" in an effort to raise awareness about climate change.



"During the month-long Season of Creation, Christians on six continents work to put *Laudato Si'*" into practice," says a letter released on Tuesday by the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human

Development. "They participate in community events to deepen their love for Creator, creation, and each other."

*Laudato Si'*, the encyclical letter released by Pope Francis in 2015, was the **first papal document dedicated exclusively to the environment**, and the timing of its release was meant to influence the talks which led to the Paris Agreement on global warming, which was signed at the end of that year. Tuesday's letter also says that the events held September 1 - October 4 are "particular to each community," and include worship and prayer services as well as advocacy to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The month-long ecumenical initiative has the theme, "The web of life." This reflects the role humanity has as stewards of creation, but also the "urgent need" to protect biodiversity. According to the United Nations, **an estimated one million species are under threat of extinction, primarily due to "our way of life."**

Turkson's dicastery said that the invitation sent to Catholic communities this year is closely tied to the upcoming Synod of Bishops on the Amazon region, which is the "first to focus on the application of integral ecology."



## The 23rd week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18  
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



**C**ounters Roster Team E: Kevin & Trish McGrory, Alan & Helen Gibney, John Mahony 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.

**T**his coming week is the annual “Child Protection Week” and we might use this prayer a couple of times: “Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

*You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.*

*Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.*

*We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to Your healing protection.”*

**A**dvice for parents: “One of the key findings of the FBI concerning abuse of children and adolescents in families and beyond is about the personality of the child.

Abusers of young persons avoid the kind of child many would regard as a brat – loud-mouthed and opinionated – because these children are not easy to manipulate into silence...at any time.

So raising children to speak out confidently and to present as confident will help deter predators. Keep communication open between parents and child, where no subject matter is seen as taboo, will work against any child being manipulated into secrecy. Also, giving children a plan to activate as soon as they feel intimidated or uncomfortable around an adult will move them away from the very first approach of a predator.” – From the FBI guidelines, Adapted from Cath News comment cited by Marie H on 17th June 2009.

**V**olunteer Registration Portal — for those who have used this new technology for volunteer registration and processing of Police checks and Blue Cards let me say ‘Thank you!’ I just need to remind you that the BlueCard form and Statutory Declaration still need to be processed through the parish office. They are prefilled during the process and just need to be signed and presented with two forms of identification, as per the information on page three of the form. Please action any request you receive to complete a police check. If you have any concerns about your



registration status, please contact me during the week or email anytime. Thanks Deb

**Level 2 Training dates** (below) are for those in ministry whose role involves providing services mainly for children/vulnerable adults, or engaging in activities mainly with children/vulnerable adults this includes **children’s liturgy and visiting the elderly**. All other volunteers only require level 1 training on our Resource Hub.

**Time, Date & Location:** 7pm – 8:45pm, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, All Saints Parish Centre – 4 Faheys Rd East, Albany Creek QLD 4035

**Website Link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BDQGB>

**Invitation Code:** northwest —

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14*

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that 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 by all.*

### Thank you—but what would you expect from our Parish

**Community??** Two of our elderly parishioners had a fall after Mass last Saturday night. Immediately they were surrounded by well trained nurses, others

who called the Ambos, others who informed Fr Denis who came and prayed the Sacrament of the Sick with them, others who lent a pillow, mo-



bile phones etc when they were needed, others who helped clean up afterwards, adults and kids who expressed their concern and prayed. The Parish had no “next-of-kin” contact details but fortunately, a friend was present and could contact the lady’s daughter and meet her at the hospital. This friend went to the hospital and didn’t get home until near mid-night. Molly is doing well in hospital and continues to recuperate each day. Brian is also on the mend. Thank you to all.

**C**hange in Mass time for Sunday 15th September: There will be **NO Sunday 5.30pm Mass** as the Archbishop has to finish his pastoral visit after the morning masses.

**I**s God’s will in your Will? Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office



**E**ach year Queensland generates approximately three billion beverage containers. These containers are the second most littered item in our state, polluting our bushland, parks and waterways. To support our recycling efforts and keep our environment litter-free, the **Containers for Change** scheme gives a 10 cent refund for each eligible container returned to a refund point. Register online <https://www.containersforchange.com.au> to set up your personal refund account, save your money and save our planet.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles has registered with the



scheme. As we

work towards more

sustainable habits in our hospitality endeavours, we will use this facility following functions that produce container waste.

If you would like to use the service and donate the funds to the Parish, simply take your containers to the depot and enter our registration identification number: **C10195625**. Ten cents per item will be refunded into the parish account; that money can be reinvested into projects which further support our community.

The nearest collection point is: **Envirobank** at Everton Park Tavern, 101 Flockton Street, Everton Park. Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am to 3am

**L**ost and Found is often associated with a box full of odd hats and umbrellas. I received a phone call this week from a visitor to our parish who happened to **find a bracelet on the ground** within our fence line. If you have lost a bracelet in recent weeks, please contact the parish office for more details.

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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## COLLECTIONS

Date	18th Aug	25th Aug
1st Collection	\$411.60	\$408.50
2nd Collection	\$650.70	\$764.50
Loose	\$544.65	\$579.55
DD 1st (July)	\$1963.50	
DD 2nd (July)	\$7530.50	

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 Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
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 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

## Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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 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	2nd	8.30am	Mass
Tues	3rd	8.00am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	4th	9.30am	Social club
Thurs	5th	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	6th	9.00am	Mass with Morning Tea
Sat	7th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	8th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

## We pray for those recently deceased including:

Palemata Lolani Leaupepe, Sr Valerie Green RSC, Ray Modystack, Desmond McNamara, Margaret Casey, Jenny Walters, Incoronata Serafina, Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Theresa Pezzutti and John Cunningham.



## We pray for those who are unwell

Molly Rampa  
 Maureen Jones  
 Sonia Officer  
 Rita Butt  
 Abbie Sweeper  
 George Axisa  
 Jack Charalambous  
 Irene Johnson  
 Georgia Evans  
 Mary Law  
 John Blumke  
 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 Archbishop Mark Coleridge tells the Queensland parliamentary inquiry into voluntary assisted dying that a person suffering intense pain can still love and be loved.
- \* Brisbane's Multicultural Mass draws a 1200 Catholics from almost 40 countries to St Stephen's Cathedral for a celebration of the "broad vision" of the Church.
- \* Down-to-earth politician and long time ambassador to the Holy See Tim Fischer dies aged 73.
- \* Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn is on a mission to investigate the spread of euthanasia worldwide.
- \* Australian Catholic University McAuley Campus launches a new entry pathway scheme for student military veterans to help them ease the transition from military to civilian life.
- \* The Catholic Leader dissects the Victoria Court of Appeal judgments about the appeal dismissal of Cardinal George Pell's historic sexual abuses conviction.
- \* The Neocatechumenal Way is helping Catholics embrace the 'full grace of their baptism' and evangelise outwardly through catechesis.
- \* Lily Calvert lives in heaven – and her parents share the story of their remarkable daughter who lit up every room she was in.

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**We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including** Michael O'Donnell, Rose Colledge, Cameron Flanagan, Williamson Family, John Daniel Coyle and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.