



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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—7th/8th Sept 2019



The Archbishop is coming! — NEXT 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 and 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).

Congratulations to CHARLOTTE and JOSHUA BARWICK who, at 5.00pm Mass this weekend become fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their first Communion! We the church thank their parents, Matthew and Kathryn for their example and commitment to Joshua and Charlotte's faith.



The Plenary Council of the Australian Church
How God is calling us to be Christ-centred Church that is ...

Your Stories of Faith: Patricia, 71, Brisbane

I love my Catholic faith, and live it every day.

Without the Eucharist in Mass and listening to the homily, I would find life more difficult. Our western world leads many people on the wrong paths in life, and if they have no guidance from our church leaders, we will see empty pews in our

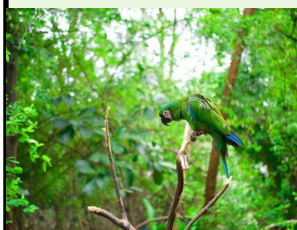


churches. Especially under 55's.

Our Catholic schools must prepare our students to be more active in the practice of their faith, and to resist the temptations that await them in the wider world. Our young people want the Church to be more inclusive of both men and women. And to realise, also, that they, the youth, have had little exposure to what the Church offers as in previous generations. Change must come.

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 24th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

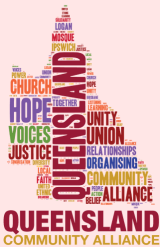


Counters Roster Team A: Terry Gesch, Gary McLean, Fay Barrett and Margaret Sheehan.

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.

Change 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.

Queensland Community Alliance: Our parish has been a part of this Alliance since its beginning in SE Queensland. What has the alliance achieved over this time—you'd be amazed!!! Look below....



NORTH BRISBANE (incl Stafford):

QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE • **New car park** at Prince Charles Hospital to be **publicly funded and built**.

• **Expanded parking concessions** at The Prince Charles Hospital, providing free or discounted parking to regular hospital visitors who can't afford the costs.

• **Statewide rollout** of hospital parking concessions worth \$7.5M, modelled on our solution.

• **A safer exit onto Hamilton Rd** for Visitors and Staff—a nurse was killed here at the end of 2018. (this was after 15 years of stalemate between City Council and the State Government over whose responsibility is it. Designs have now begun.)

LOGAN:

• **\$2M annual funding for 6 Community Maternity Hubs**. 3 are up and running, fulfilling the first stage of this commitment.

• **\$4M Logan City Council funding** of public transport for first time ever. Implementation of Australia's first **Demand Responsive Transport trial** in Logan, Sept 2017 - Sept 2018.

• **\$75,000 a year** for two years in funding for the Logan Community Group Alliance to **organise the community to engage in the Logan Together** Collective Impact project.

Mt GRAVATT:

• **World leading social prescribing network** established to address social isolation. (Incl \$100,000 funding for a "Link Worker" provided by Qld Government, and promotional support from Brisbane City Council

IPSWICH:

• Establishment of **Mental Health Collective Impact project** to address people let down by gaps in mental health system. With \$270,000 funding for establishment announced by Health Minister Cameron Dick.

• Council support for establishment of **Oki Dokie Farm** at Rosewood.

NDIS AND AGED CARE:

• State **funding for disability advocacy** secured to June 30, 2021.

• Extended **funding of Workability Project** for 2018/19.

• **Reduction of ACAT waiting times** to Australian benchmarks.

• Commitment to **minimum staffing levels**, based on research, where State delivers residential aged care.

NDIS Workforce Fund:

• \$5M NDIS Training and Skills Support Strategy, to support NDIS training pathways and workforce development. & Commitment to fund for upskilling and reskilling for disability workers.

• **Human Rights Act for Qld** – bill introduced in Qld Parliament 2018 includes NDIS service providers, ensuring a rights based approach.

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING:

• **New Labour Hire Inspectors** to expose exploitative employment practices especially for Qld's most vulnerable workers.

A commitment to particularly **targeting these inspectors** to contract cleaning, seasonal farm work and hospitality.

• The establishment of a new **government-led apprenticeship program** under Qld Government's Building Asset Services.

• Changes to implementation of **Schools Solar program** that ensure procurement policies will be triggered and extra apprentices are employed.

PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM:

• **50% concession on public transport fares** for people seeking asylum.

• **Release of "Baby Asha" and family to community**, spared from being deported to Nauru. Following two-week, 24-hour vigil at Lady Cilento Hospital organised together with Qld Council of Unions, Getup!, Refugee Action Collective.

NEXT WEEKEND—we will hand out a "story sheet" and invite you to share your personal experience in either or both these areas: **SAFE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**—How have you experienced the consequences of a community that is more fractured and individualistic? **REAL JOBS FOR A REAL FUTURE**: How have you personally experienced under-employment, unemployment (as an older person as well as the young), bad environmental practices. We'd like you to write down your story as a basis for future campaigns. **Please take the sheet home and return** it next weekend or email it.

Planned 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.

Laudato Si’ (Pope Francis) para 14: “I urgently appeal, then, for a **new dialogue** about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which **includes everyone**, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and **affect us all**. ... Regrettably, **many efforts** to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved **ineffective**, not only because of **powerful opposition** but also because of a more general **lack of interest**. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. ... All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.



Also from Pope Francis: “Young people remind us that the Earth is not a good to be wasted, but a legacy to be transmitted . . . we owe them real answers, not empty words; facts, not illusions.”

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33)



Stewardship
a way of life

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



Anna's Group is now open to



ALL WID-OWS.

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

Next Thurs 12th Sept is Parish Office Professional Day (POPS). The parish office *may be* unattended. I'll be in on **Friday**. **Debra**



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I saw this today- no matter what happens in your life, you can start over.



COLLECTIONS

Date	25th Aug	1st Sept
1st Collection	\$408.50	\$392.50
2nd Collection	\$764.50	\$701.50
Loose	\$579.55	\$542.40
DD 1st (Aug)	\$2063.50	
DD 2nd (aug)	\$7845.50	

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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	9th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	10th	8.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayers and Communion Sacramental Prep Meeting
Wed	11th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	12th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	13th	9.00am 12.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Anna's Group Confirmation
Sat	14th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	15th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary No Mass this afternoon

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 and Theresa Pezzutti.



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
 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

- * A Tamil family has, for better or worse, become the face of Australia's border policies as the family is set to be deported to Sri Lanka despite public outcry.
- * Fijian archbishop visits Brisbane as part of the Season of Creation, highlighting the impact of rising sea levels on the Pacific islands.
- * Provisional date set for March for Life on October 12.
- * Volunteering has become "second nature" for Brisbane Catholic Joseph Grogan as he reflects on his 2015 Volunteer of the Year award and looks to the future.
- * The 2019 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference social justice statement has highlighted the need for people to make a genuine human encounter in a digital age.
- * Catholic schools battle a drop in enrolments, reversing decades of growth in the sector.
- * Australian Catholic University campus ministry is embedded into the university culture and has been busy building new ways to evangelise.
- * St Rita's College teacher Paul Jarvis retires after 40 years and shares how his passion for teaching has inspired generations of students.

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