



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th/29th Sept 2019

TEN STEPS

TOWARDS
GENUINE HUMAN
ENCOUNTER IN
OUR DIGITAL WORLD



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LIVING LAUDATO SI' INITIATIVE IN PRAYER

The 2019 Season Creation (Sept 1st – Oct 4th) has as its theme "The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's blessing".

The Care for Creation group of St Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge / Bald Hills Parish in Brisbane has produced a prayer card on biodiversity. Rosie Bugden from the group wrote the prayer and did a sketch of an Eastern Curlew, a large migratory wader.

Many of the Eastern Curlew fly down from Siberia and other parts annually to Moreton Bay. It is estimated that Eastern Curlew lose 40% of their body weight on the journey. The mangroves within the boundaries of some of our parishes in the Archdiocese are their desti-

nation. For example, Tinchi Tam-ba Wetlands in Bald Hills, Boondall Wetlands, several areas from the Sunshine Coast and Bribie to Redcliffe Peninsular and other areas of Moreton Bay, such as the western sides of Moreton Island and North Stradbroke Island.

Last week I was on the Clergy Retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre at Ormiston. There is an artificial roost to protect several species of waders, including the Eastern Curlew, within a short walk from the Centre property.

The Care for Creation group of St Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge / Bald Hills Parish is inviting other parishes and interested parties along the flyway to join with us in praying this prayer. The Columban Fathers and the Good Samaritan (*con't page 3*)

Eastern Curlew critically endangered



"...Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever...
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Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home

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A Prayer for Biodiversity

God of Love, may your divine presence speak to us through the whole of your creation in all her biodiversity:
May we hear her individual songs and her "silent voices".
May we taste her sweetness and contemplate her beauty.
We pray in a special way for those whose very existence is threatened:

Species
Peoples
Cultures

We pray for all Humanity for a change of Heart.

To recognise "all creatures have a value of their own in God's eyes and by their very existence give glory to God".
May we dare to place our own hands in the wounds of Christ.

To feel in Him the suffering of our world.

To feel it as our own personal suffering.

To hear, respond and walk forward together in the hope of our risen Lord.

Amen

Inspired by Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home

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



**Humble, Healing
and Merciful**

**Discernment Meeting: Wed 23rd OCT 7pm or
Sun 27th 10am - both in the Meeting Room**

Stories of Faith: Ruth, Sandhurst

The sexual abuse scandal, the anti-gay marriage rhetoric, the patriarchal nature of governance and the attitude towards contraception has made it impossible for [my children] to remain active participants. All of my children are strong advocates for social justice and they applaud the Australian bishops for their stance on offshore detention and other issues such as climate change. However, the Church in Australia must engage with the other issues mentioned if it is to have a hope of retaining educated women within the ranks of its faithful. As a teacher in a Catholic school, I find the only way to recontextualise my faith so that it has relevance to my students is through social justice. I continually promote Caritas and all its wonderful work but I despair at times for the future of my parish and the Church in Australia as a whole.

The 27th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



Counters Roster Team D: Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly 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.

Composting V's Recycling - what's the difference and does it matter if I get it right or not? There is some confusion about the parish initiatives to be more aware of our impact on our earth. We have introduced a **compost bin** which will be collected and turned into compost for gardens. All the catering products ie paper cups, napkins, wooden cutlery and all food items can be placed into the compost bin. Think about what chooks may eat!

The **recycling bin** takes the same things as your wheelie bin at home with the bright yellow lid. These things are returned to make new products out of glass, plastic, cardboard or metal.

We have received some stickers and posters to help you clear the confusion about which bin for what. I'd appreciate some feedback and suggestions as to what is working and what could work better.

So now you know the difference, does it matter? Yes, it does! We are paying to have our compostable matter collected and will be charged if the collection is contaminated with non-compostable items.

So, now for those pesky things that you don't know what to do with. Plastic disposable plates are not compostable and you'll need to look for a recycling mark. If in doubt place in domestic waste. How about cling wrap? Cling wrap also falls into the domestic waste bin. Teabags? Compostable!

And then we have Containers for change! This is for any containers which have the 10cent logo for refund printed on the label. These can be delivered to the collection point near the Everton Park Tavern quote our number **C10195625** for donations to the parish.

Planned Giving envelopes for the next campaign period are at the rear of the church. This is the last weekend for the current envelopes. Please discard any unused

You can place any type of food scrap, leftover, spoiled or out of date food into your organics bin. This includes:

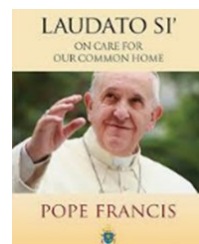
- Fruit and vegetable peels and scraps
- Meat and seafood scraps and bones
- Egg shells
- Dairy products (cheese, yoghurt etc.)
- Bread, pasta, rice, cereal
- Coffee grounds and chaff
- Tea bags
- Out of date food (processed or fresh)
- Confectionery
- Processed food
- BioPak certified compostable products
- Only use BioPak compostable bags

envelopes after this weekend. Your envelope number will change so it's very important to begin using the new envelopes beginning in October. If you didn't receive envelopes and were expecting them, please let me know. Debra

An Opportunity to 'Unpack' Laudato Si

One of the many marvellous things about Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, is that it is written in a very accessible style. The six chapter document, clearly places before us, our integral relationship with the environment. Throughout the letter there are calls to dialogue, a perfect invitation to come together as a group to discern and discuss. The Pope encourages us to respond *with* our Creator *to be* active caretakers of all that He made. Our challenge is to understand how each one of us is able to make that response.

The Environment Committee will host an 'Unpacking of Laudato Si', with a series of meetings, each one addressing a chapter of the encyclical. We will use a document penned by Jesuit priest, Fr Thomas Reese, *A Readers' Guide to Laudato Si* to support discussion through the sessions. We encourage the Parishioners of our Future, our youth, to join the discussion, your voice is valued.



Please register your intention to join the discussion group via the forms available at the back of the church or through the Parish Office. Louise will contact you with further details. During the meeting we will enjoy something to nibble and drink. You can download a free copy of the encyclical from <https://laudatosi.com/watch> or contact the Parish Office and we will organise to have one printed for you.

Laudato Si- Discussion Group Weekly Meetings Commencing

Tuesday October 8th at 7.00pm – hosted in a Bridgeman Downs home Or

Friday October 11th at 9.45am (following Mass)-hosted in the Parish Meeting Room

Parish Office hours for next week may be interrupted as I'll be taking next week off for some annual leave. The office may be unattended at times due to Fr Denis' calendar. If your parish business isn't urgent, I'll be happy to assist you on my return. I'll be back on Tuesday 8th October. Debra

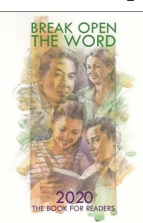
Congratulations to LUCA SMITH who, at 9am

Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank Makyla and Andrew, her parents for their example and commitment to Luca's faith.



Break Open The Word for 2020 contains readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary

designed to provide not only background to the text but assistance on how to read it. Break Open the Word is a vital publication for readers. Order sheet at rear of the church (\$18 each). I'll be placing an order in the second week of October.



Sisters are among those helping us spread the prayer to their communities and parishes along the flyway, as well as in Australia.

We invite you to pray with us and others along the flyway. Please feel free to pass the prayer card on (or print it out) for others who you think may be interested.

May we work and pray together in being responsible carers for the Earth, our common home.

Fr Gerry Hefferan

Stories about your or your family's experience of an increasingly-fragmented society and/or the difficulties are still welcome. **Thank you** for all those who have offered stories so far, Together with other groups concerned for the common good we WILL find some way to make life better for all (after all -isn't that what Jesus has sent us out to do?)



Holy Spirit, the life that gives life: You are the cause of all movement. You are the breath of all creatures. You are the salve that purifies our souls. You are the ointment that heals our wounds. You are the fire that warms our hearts. You are the light that guides our feet. Let all the world praise you.— **Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), canonized a saint in 2012**

Reflect on your interdependence with your environment. At first glance a person seems separate and independent. But what is our relationship with air, water, food, temperature – our surroundings? What are we without them? How separate are we?

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26)



Stewardship
a way of life

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

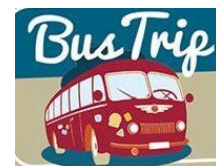
CHEAP RATES!
Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



Fay Burge was acknowledged at the recent POPS Day for her years of service to our parish. The certificate was presented to her by Archbishop Mark during his parish visit. The Archdiocese records show she has been serving the clergy of Stafford for 15 years! The truth is Fay has been in the role for 41 years! Well done Fay. You may be the longest serving staff member in the Archdiocese.

The Seniors Social Club are planning a bus trip on the **16th October to Crows Nest**.

They will be enjoying a tour of the museum and the lovely historical village. There is also an art and craft shop in the town as well. Cost is \$55 which includes morning tea, lunch and tour. The bus will leave at 7.30am from the car park of the Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Appleby Road, Stafford.



For bookings and enquires contact Julia 33556560 or mobile 0467680551 or Carolyn on 33568223

COLLECTIONS

Date	15th Sept	22nd Sept
1st Collection	\$321.00	\$376.05
2nd Collection	\$598.00	\$724.00
Loose	\$352.15	\$
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	30th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	1st	8.30am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	2nd	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	3rd	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	4th	9.00am	Mass and Morning Tea
Sat	5th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	6th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including:

Sr Jean Montgomery RSC, Wendy Irwin, Claire Van Wessen, Vivian Kelly, Joan Long, Palemata Lolani Leaupepe, Sr Valerie Green RSC, Ray Modystack, Desmond McNamara, Margaret Casey and Jenny Walters.



We pray for those who are unwell

Eadie Curry
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 Oct). 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

- * Thousands of young people rallied in Brisbane under the broad banner of 'School Strike for Climate' to urge Australian leaders to take action on climate crisis.
- * Catholic pro-life group vows to keep fighting for the rights of the unborn, a year after pro-abortion laws were passed in Queensland.
- * The Tamil asylum-seeker family forced into a legal battle to stay in Australia could be held in detention on Christmas Island for several months.
- * Winner of the School Leader of the Year award, former principal Michael Naylor's continues to make a difference in young lives after suffering a brain aneurism at his school Book Week in 2017.
- * St Vincent de Paul Society recognised five long-serving Vincentians at a dinner commemorating 125 years of the organisation in Queensland.
- * Catholic human rights advocate claims Indonesia militia are working alongside soldiers in a brutal crackdown on independence demonstrators in West Papua.
- * Campus missionary Vivien Dolar says the Church needs to facilitate people's relationship with God, help them understand the Church and give them the freedom to be who God has created them to be.
- * Youthful sacristan Hayden Kennedy says helping to 'make a space for Christ' in the cathedral is the most satisfying part of his job.

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

Rose Colledge, Cameron Flanagan and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.