



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th/6th October 2019

While Fr Denis is away on Holidays – Fr Stephen Byrne, Fr Mario Debattista OFM, and Fr Harry Chan OFM will be presiding at the weekend Masses for the next 4 weekends. Fr Stephen Byrne will be available for any funerals.

Sacrament of Penance – No "Confessions" on Saturday afternoon at 4pm.

Weekday Liturgy – Our usual Weekday Masses will be replaced by Morning Prayer with Holy Communion.

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?

ASYLUM SEEKER NEWS:

1) A 75 year old Iranian man lives with his son and family now but would like to move out because of not being treated well by his family. He has a Cen-

trelink payment and therefore can pay some rent. The man would like to live independently in a small flat. He uses a walker and thus will need a ground floor house.
2) An Eritrean woman is interested in getting cleaning jobs in and around Stafford. She is very keen to work, is reliable and available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If interested, call the Parish Office who can facilitate a reference if needed.

Special Ministers for St Vincents Hospital

Northside: Hospital is currently seeking Special Ministers of the Eucharist to assist our Spiritual Care team. In this role you will have the opportunity of joining the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by visiting our patients to offer them the blessing of Holy Communion. Roster will be for Wednesdays, Fridays and the 2nd Sunday of each month. Ideally you are already a Special Minister and are available between 8.30am – 12noon. Please contact Sharyn Smith, Volunteer Coordinator to receive an application form:

Sharyn.smith@svha.org.au or phone 3326 3156.

Steve Jobs dies a billionaire, with a fortune of \$7 billion, at the age of 56 from pancreatic cancer, and here are some of his last words... □□□

"In other eyes, my life is the essence of success, but aside from work, I have a little joy. And in the end, wealth is just a fact of life to which I am accustomed."
"At this moment, lying on the bed, sick and remember-

The Plenary Council of the Australian Church *How God is calling us to be Christ-centred Church that is ...INCLUSIVE, PARTICIPATORY, and SYNODAL.*

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS MONTH: SUNDAY 27th after 9am Mass OR Wednesday (23rd) 7pm in the meeting room.

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 28th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Kings 5:14-17
2nd Reading: Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



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 medals. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

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.

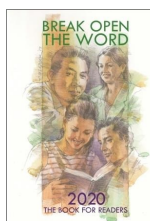
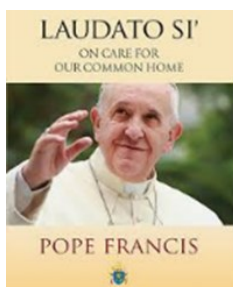
The Environment Committee will host an 'Unpacking of Laudato Si', with a series of meetings, each one addressing a chapter of the encyclical. We will use a document penned by Jesuit priest, Fr Thomas Reese, *A Readers' Guide to Laudato Si* to support discussion through the sessions. We encourage the 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 THIS Tuesday October 8th at 7.00pm – hosted in a Bridgeman Downs home Or

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

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. The new liturgical year begins on the first week of Advent. Order sheet at rear of the church (\$18 each).



The Anna'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**. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 11th October**.



Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!! - Contact Dianne 0407616637

Payer of Oscar Romero: Very appropriate especially in light of this weekend's readings from Habakkuk and Luke!

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation

in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference

between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen."

From the March 28 2004 National Catholic Reporter: For the reflection on the anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, Bishop Untener included a passage titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him. They were, in fact, spoken by John Cardinal Dearden in Nov. of 1979. They come from a homily he gave at a Mass for deceased priests. ... they were words drafted for Cardinal Dearden by Ken Untener ... and they show us an insight that I think is very important.

Mental Health Week—this week. You are welcome to celebrate a Mass at St Patrick's Church Fortitude Valley this Friday 11th Oct at 1pm. Light refreshments will follow.

ing all my life, I realize that all my recognition and wealth that I have is meaningless in the face of imminent death. You can hire someone to drive a car for you, make money for you – but you can not rent someone to carry the disease for you. One can find material things, but there is one thing that can not be found when it is lost – “LIFE”. ♥ □

Treat yourself well, and cherish others. As we get older we are smarter, and we slowly realize that the watch is worth \$30 or \$300 – both of which show the same time. Whether we carry a purse worth \$30 or \$300 – the amount of money in the wallets are the same. Whether we drive a car worth \$150,000, or a car worth \$30,000 – the road and distance are the same, we reach the same destination. If we drink a bottle worth \$300 or wine worth \$10 – the “stroller” will be the same. If the house we live in is 300 square meters, or 3000 square meters – the loneliness is the same.”

“Your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. □ Whether you’re flying first class, or economy class – if the plane crashes, you crash with it.”

So, I hope you understand that when you have friends or someone to talk to – this is true happiness! □

Five Undeniable Facts

- Do not educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. – So when they grow up they will know the
- value of things, not the price.
- Eat your food as medicine, otherwise you will need to eat your medicine as food.
- Whoever loves you will never leave you, even if he has 100 reasons to give up. He will always find one reason to hold on.
- There is a big difference between being human and human being.
- If you want to go fast – go alone! But if you want to go far – go together.

And in conclusion... □

The six best doctors in the world

- Sunlight
- Rest

- Exercise
- Diet
- Self-confidence
- Friends

Keep them in all stages of life and enjoy a healthy life. □

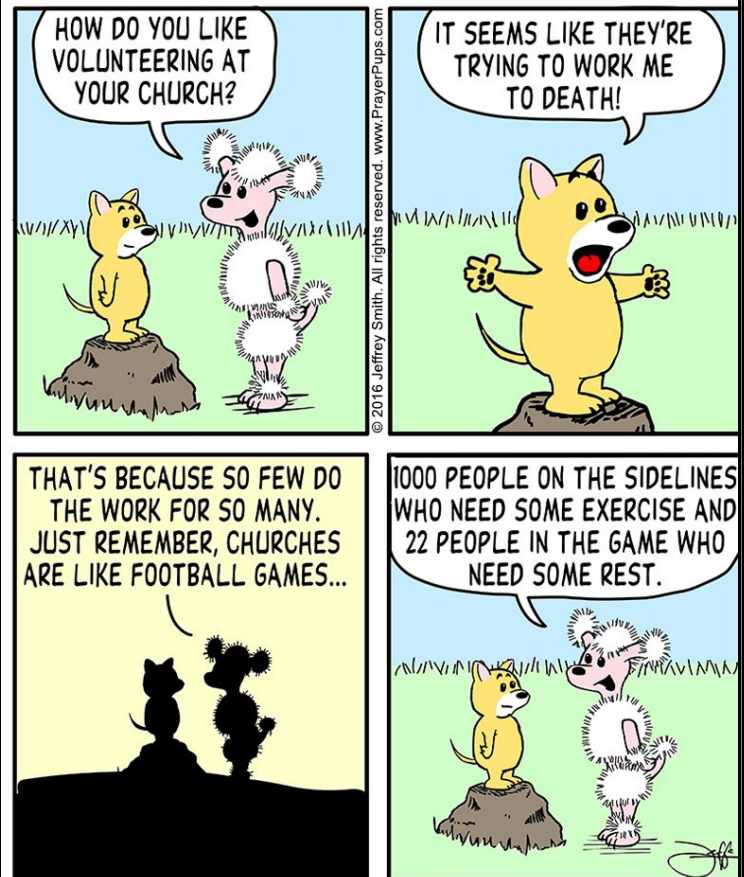
Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends...

Treat yourself well. Cherish others. □

“Love the people God sent you, one day He’ll need them back.”

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



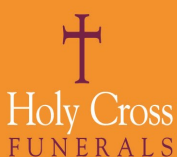
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“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and



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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	7th	8.30am	Mass Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Office Closed Today
Tues	8th	8.30am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Wed	9th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	10th	8.30am	Morning Prayers and Communion
Fri	11th	9.00am 12.00pm	Morning Prayers and Communion Anna's Group
Sat	12th	4.00pm 5.00pm	NO Reconciliation (while Fr Denis is away) Mass
Sun	13th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including:

Sr Imelda O'Brien RSC, 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

Nora Stevens
 Larry Fischer
 Eadie Curry
 Molly Rampa
 Maureen Jones
 Sonia Officer
 Rita Butt
 Abbie Sweeper
 George Axisa
 Jack Charalambous
 Irene Johnson
 Georgia Evans
 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

- Ignite Conference 2019 brought 1500 young people together over four days of formation and festivities at Mueller College last weekend.
- 86 couples celebrate at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass held at St Stephen's Cathedral on Sunday, September 29.
- St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin will be visiting Australia next year in rare tour of relics.
- St Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Religious Australia speak out against proposed legislation blocking access to social security for people with "modest savings".
- Nominate your Catholic hero for The Community Leader Awards 2019 – visit www.theleaders.com.au to nominate online. Nominations close October 20.
- Rockhampton diocese experiences growth while other dioceses shrink based on new Catholic demographic report.
- Former Iona College rector Fr Peter Daly dies in Perth; he was remembered as a man of giving and a leader of Oblate education.
- New South Wales decriminalises abortion, allowing women to access on-demand abortions up to 22 weeks and beyond 22 weeks with two doctors' approval.

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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.