



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th/13th 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.

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 Centrelink 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 Vincent's 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

The Plenary Council of the Australian Church *How God is calling us to be Christ-centred Church that is ...HUMBLE, HEALING and MERCIFUL.* TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS MONTH: SUNDAY 27th after 9am Mass OR Wednesday (23rd) 7pm in the meeting room. The other themes will be reflected on each month on the 4th Sunday and Wednesday at the same times mentioned above.

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. There was a call to renew forms of governance and leadership in the Church, to find ways formally and informally of being co-responsible for ministry and mission, seeking structures and processes of collaboration, shared decision-making and financial co-responsibility in order to enable this greater involvement of lay people particularly of women, young people, people of diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disabilities. There was an expressed need for stronger connections across the many parts of the Church, and with other Christian traditions.

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 remembering 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

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



The 29th week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
2nd Reading: Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel: Luke 17:18:1-8

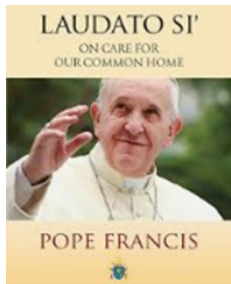


Counters Roster Team A: Terry Gesch, Gary McLean, Fay Barrett and Margaret Sheehan.

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.

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

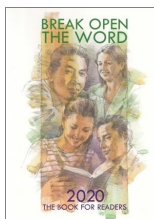
THIS Tuesday October 8th at 7.00pm – hosted in a Bridgeman Downs home Or

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

It's not too late to join the discussion groups. If you would like to join the discussions next week please advise the parish office.

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).



Prayer of Oscar Romero:

"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.

The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group is looking for a few more like minded men to join.

The group meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. You are welcome to bring a friend, neighbour or someone you sit near in church!



They will meet on **Friday 18th October** at The **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome.

Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.

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.”



Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!
Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday

Pope Francis calls modern slavery ‘...a crime against humanity.’

Modern slavery exists in Australia in different forms:

- Workers from developing countries are brought into Australia by traffickers using force, fraud or coercion in order to exploit them;
- Girls and young women are being forced to marry;
- People, including children, in developing countries are working for little money, or are enslaved, to produce goods we use every day.

ACRATH* works with the community and government, and health, education and civic leaders to bring about systemic change and prevent human trafficking and slavery.

ACRATH calendars bring this daunting issue to life with up to date stories of people and initiatives. Funds raised from the sale of the

ACRATH 2020 Calendar



calendars enable ACRATH to coordinate the work of many volunteers in this education and advocacy work. Also, a percentage of the funds is donated to a ministry directly involved in anti-trafficking work in South East Asia.

The parish social justice group will have ACRATH calendars available for sale at all Masses on 26-27 October. Cost: \$10.

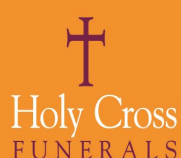
**Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans*

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new campaign should be in use now. If you have any old envelopes, please discard them. There are still some boxes of envelopes to be collected. If you were expecting envelopes are have not received them, please let me know.

I heard that hot cross buns were spotted in a supermarket this week. The 2020 Lenten program, *Be Opened – A journey to new life (Reflections on the Gospels for Lent and Easter Sunday – Year A)* will be available to pre-order from mid-October 2019. This will include six sessions for Lent and one session for Easter Sunday. Time to plan ahead for Lenten preparation. More information coming soon.

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:18)

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has



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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	14th	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	15th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Laudato Si Discussion Group
Wed	16th	7.30am	Social Club Bus Trip Today
Thurs	17th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Fri	18th	9.00am 9.45am 10.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion Laudato Si Discussion Group Men's Group
Sat	19th	4.00pm 5.00pm	NO Reconciliation (while Fr Denis is away) Mass
Sun	20th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including:

Elaine Russell, Jackie Broughton, 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 and Ray Modystack.



We pray for those who are unwell

Mary Law
 Nerida Versace
 Nora Stevens
 Larry Fischer
 Eadie Curry
 Molly Rampa
 Maureen Jones
 Sonia Officer
 Rita Butt
 Abbie Sweeper
 Irene Johnson
 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 Assembly brings hundreds of Catholics together to listen to the voice of God on October 4 and 5.
- * Bishop Anthony Randazzo named shepherd of Broken Bay diocese.
- * A senior professional in the death-care industry says Queensland's laws are "failing dismally" to protect bereaved families and workers.
- * Brisbane Catholic Sally Hood opens up about her experience with endometriosis.
- * Red Frogs is 'Red-y' for Schoolies 2019, where they minister to young people across Australia.
- * Nominate your Catholic hero for The Community Leader Awards 2019 – visit www.theleaders.com.au to nominate online. Nominations close October 20.
- * Capuchin Father Thomas McFadden loves being a Capuchin Franciscan Friar and wants to inspire young people to live the Gospel.
- * Catch the Seniors Week Guide in this week's edition of The Catholic Leader.
- * Darwin Bishop Charles Gauci shares his story about his first year leading and ministering to Catholics in the Top End.

Still only \$2



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.