



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."

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd/3rd November 2019

While Fr Denis is brushing the sand off his feet and packing up his beach towel in readiness to return to us next week, let us thank Fr Stephen Byrne, Fr Mario Debattista OFM, and Fr Harry Chan OFM for presiding at the weekend Masses for the last four weekends. We are blessed to have such wonderful pastors looking after us in Fr Denis' absence.



Christian, Jewish, Muslim religious leaders unite against euthanasia

'Deliberate taking of life' condemned ... but so is treatment that offers no benefit to patients – reported by Nicolas Senèze, Rome, Vatican City (from LaCroix International 29/10/19)

Christian, Jewish and Muslim representatives signed a joint declaration on the end of life in the Vatican City on Oct. 28, strongly condemning euthanasia and assisted suicide.

It also, however, rejected the notion of "therapeutic persecution," i.e. forcing patients to accept treatment which offered no clear benefit to them.

The signatories, subsequently received by Pope Francis, expressed their opposition in the text to "any form of euthanasia," which they considered "a direct, deliberate and intentional act of taking life," as well as to "medically assisted suicide."

Both "are acts in complete contradiction with the value of human life," they insisted.

Similarly, the joint statement condemned "any pressure and action on patients to end their lives", as well as on medical staff, whose right to conscientious objection it strongly defended.

'Respect the desire of a dying patient who wants to prolong his life'

Although they op-

posed euthanasia, the three monotheistic religions did not defend the use of treatment which offered no prospect of benefit.

"Medical and technological treatments are only justified by the possible help they can provide," they explained. "When death is imminent despite the means used, it is justified to make a decision to refuse medical treatment that would otherwise only prolong a precarious, heavy

and suffering life."

In any case, and whatever the financial cost, medical personnel must "respect the genuine and independent desire of a dying patient who wants to prolong and preserve his life, even for a short period of time, using appropriate clinical measures," the statement said.

This desire can be expressed by the patient himself or, if the person cannot, through directives made in advance or by a trusted person.

"We do not want to bring death to a patient, nor do we want to help him to give it to himself," explained a signatory to the text, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

"Medicine is not about giving or taking patients' lives. To end life is to deny its meaning."

'It is not necessary to prolong life indefinitely' However, he continued: "It is not necessary to restore health at any cost or to prolong life indefinitely, but to always take care of the person, even when the disease is incurable."

"Hence the strong commitment of the text to palliative care, which the various religious representatives undertake to promote within their confessions."

"Any doubt about their collusion with logic that does not support life must be ruled out."

Archbishop Paglia said the text, whose preparation had been announced last November at the Vatican meeting of the Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism and the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, must now be extended to other faiths and leaders.

On the Christian side, the declaration was signed by the Holy See and the Patriarchate of Moscow, on the Jewish side by the two Chief Rabbis of Israel and, for Muslims, by the United Arab Emirates and the largest Muslim organization in Indonesia. However, no Protestant representative was present in the Vatican on Oct. 28.

While welcoming the dialogue that led to this unprecedented declaration, Archbishop Paglia stressed the need to "involve others in this dynamic," either "in the religious communities to which each of us belongs," but also "by joining other leaders and community leaders."

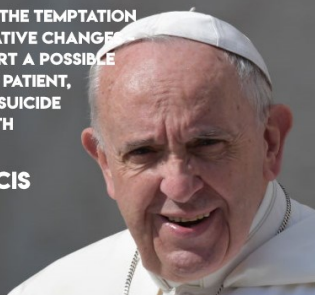


How do you want to die?

WE CAN AND MUST REJECT THE TEMPTATION – ALSO INDUCED BY LEGISLATIVE CHANGE – TO USE MEDICINE TO SUPPORT A POSSIBLE WILLINGNESS TO DIE OF THE PATIENT, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SUICIDE OR DIRECTLY CAUSING DEATH BY EUTHANASIA.

POPE FRANCIS

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The 32nd week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38



Counters Roster Team D: Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle.

Religious Goods Shop:

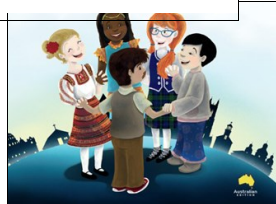
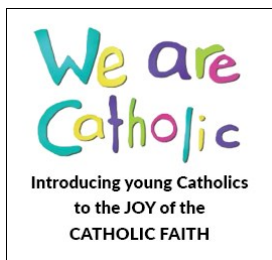
We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions. We have a lovely book in stock which would make a great gift for children for Christmas.

Laudato Si - Our weekly meetings continue **'Unpacking of Laudato Si'**. Great conversations and many practical ideas shared.



It's not too late to join us! Contact the Parish Office for the Bridgeman Downs address or join us in the Meeting Room on Friday mornings.

Break Open The Word for 2020 has been received and will be available for collection from this weekend from Mary's room. Only those who have paid for their book will be able to collect. As payment is received, the books will be available for collection from Mary's room. Payment can be made at the 'shop', through the week at the parish office, via envelope on the 'plate' clearly marked or by using the payment link which was sent out to all readers. This link is also on the home page of the website. Cost is \$18.



On Friday 15th November, Queen of Apostles will be hosting their **Annual Christmas Twilight Markets** at the school. This is the major fundraising event to support our current Year 5 students on their journey to a memorable weeklong trip to Canberra next year. More information is on our noticeboard.



STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We sent a further \$170.00 to Fr. Ron Nissen this week from stamp sales, bringing the total sent this year to \$320.00. Please help us by saving your used (or mint unused) stamps, and placing them in the specially marked box to the left of the main Church entry. ALL stamps are most welcome. Thank you and God Bless all our stamp savers.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a **National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November**. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national.

The month of November is the month of Remembrance. If you would like a family member added to our Remembrance book, please let me know and I will update our records. I will need a full name and date of death. I do update our records when a funeral has been held here at Stafford, however sometimes things are missed. Of course, anyone can be added to our Remembrance book, not just those that have been farewelled from our church. Debra

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."



DO NOT FEAR for I am with you



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

National Prayer Campaign

for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought,
for support services

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.



catholic.org.au/drought

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans

Funds raised enable volunteers to educate the world of the appalling practise of Modern Slavery and to advocate against this barbaric treatment of precious human life. Calendars on sale after each Mass.

ACRATH 2020 Calendar

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans



The parish social justice group will have ACRATH calendars available for sale at all Masses this weekend.

Cost: \$10.*Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans



Stewardship
a way of life

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.' " (Luke 19:8)

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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**.

Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!

Contact Dianne 0407616637.

Catholic Mission appeal envelopes will be accepted again this weekend. If you missed out last weekend, you will find envelopes in the church to place your donation or fill in your details for credit card payments.

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the
office Monday to Thursday



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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	4th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Tues	5th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Laudato Si Discussion Group
Wed	6th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	7th	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	8th	9.45am 10.30am 12.00pm	Laudato Si Discussion Group Funeral Mass Anna's group
Sat	9th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation <i>(until no one is waiting)</i> Mass
Sun	3rd	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including: Sr Majella Tracey FMM, Maureen Jones, Sr Mary Cooke RSC, Laurie Fischer, Elaine Russell, Jackie Broughton and Sr Imelda O'Brien RSC.

We pray for those who are unwell

Brian Turner
 Vincent Jenner
 Mary Law
 Nerida Versace
 Nora Stevens
 Eadie Curry
 Molly Rampa
 Sonia Officer
 Rita Butt
 Abbie Sweeper
 Irene Johnson
 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

- * Queensland religious leaders join forces in opposing euthanasia, bolstered by declaration from the Vatican.
- * St Patrick's Church, Laidley, goes green as they celebrated their centenary and look forward to the future.
- * Parish and community groups who use St Francis' Hall, part of South Brisbane parish, have expressed their disappointment over a council road project that will disrupt their access.
- * Townsville Deacon Emene Kelemete shared his joy before priestly ordination on October 31.
- * Migrants and refugees in Brisbane joined forces with Australian Catholic University and Multicultural Australia to play soccer and build employment skills.
- * Naomi Fong, a QUT law and justice student, was being evangelised all along and she didn't know it.
- * Synod of Bishops for the Amazon wrapped up three weeks of controversy and confusion, and the future is still unsure.
- * Larry Cox, a member of the Secular Franciscans, is walking in the footsteps of St Francis and sharing Christ's love with all he meets.

Still only \$2



We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including Francesca Antonaglia, Domenico Antonaglia, Angelo Di Mauro, Rose Colledge, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.