



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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th/10th November 2019

This Weekend we celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

We recognise our Patron—Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. She is the perfect disciple. She trusted totally in God's faithfulness and followed God's Will regardless of her own fears, plans or whatever. May we as a Parish Community who try to "Follow the example of Jesus by serving others" always remember the faith, trust, love and hope that Mary displayed in her part of God's wondrous plan.

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)

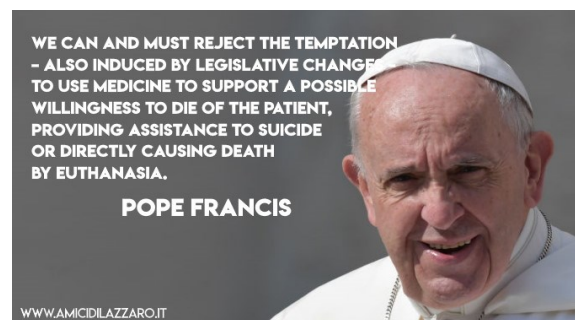
Christian, Jewish and Muslim representatives signed a joint declaration on the end of life in the Vatican City on Oct. 28, strongly condemning euthanasia and assisted suicide.

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 pa-

tient who wants to prolong his life'

Although they opposed 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?

The 33rd week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

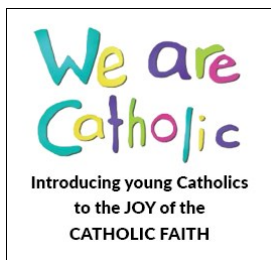
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



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 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.



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

VINNIE'S Early Notice re **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

There will be talks at all masses over the week-end of the **23rd & 24th of November**.



Vinnies
good works

VINNIE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held at all masses on **30/11/19 & 1/12/19**

The Queen Of Apostles Men's 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. They will meet on **Friday 15th November** at The **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**



Nine Ecological Virtues

<https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/eco-catholic/nine-ecological-virtues>

Do you remember learning the virtues which underpin our Catholic identity....faith, hope and charity, prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude? These virtues were the goal and focus of our spirituality. Though these older virtues still abide, perhaps we need resources, vision and strength for the completely new challenges of our global community?

Our challenge today is to work together in healing a world that is badly out of balance. What will help us to live and flourish as citizens, workers, parents, seekers after God in this new context? Perhaps we should reflect upon and cultivate the following.... *Nine Ecological Virtues?*

Adaptability: Approach new concepts/change with an open attitude. Listen, discern then decide and act

Sustainability: Take what we need not what we *think* we need. Does my use of a resource/product rob others?

Frugality: It is a paradox, but all manner of good things emerge from the practice of thrift and frugality.

Relationality: At the very heart of ecology is interdependence. Our world is a living web living web, just as the environmental threats we face are interrelated, so are the solutions.

Equity: Pyramid-shaped power system go hand-in-hand with the world view that sees nothing wrong with exploiting the natural world for short-term gains.

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

Solidarity: Today, due to the far-reaching effects of our technologies, can harm the next thousand generations. In order to make sound and wise decisions, we need *solidarity with future generations* and we need *solidarity with the place where we live*.

Biodiversity: The universe and the Earth itself are living webs of relationship; thus a respect for diversity and an attentive listening to others' point of view is the key to healing the destruction of our ecology and our humanity.

Sufficiency: The Gospel call to dependency on others summons us also to be satisfied less with material wealth and more with human community. Dependency naturally leads to a sense of sufficiency, for accumulating or hoarding things doesn't make sense when you know you absolutely need other people for your life to continue and flourish.

Humility: Jesus gave us a process, a way of being, a way to look behind things and to press forward to the truth. It is humility. In the crucible of humility, all the other ecological virtues come together and brew a sturdy, reliable strategy for living and discerning the right decisions for a future for our children. Humility means attentive listening, realizing that no one of us has all the answers.

The Kelvin Grove Wind Orchestra warmly invites you to their final concert for the year entitled "Viva Espana!". Listen to the pulsating rhythms of Latin and Spanish music and be dazzled by Flamenco Dancers! Expect to be entertained!

Date: Saturday 14th December Time: 7pm

Tickets: \$25 (Adults), \$20 (Concession) and Children (\$13). Includes a light supper.

Contact: Maree Coe (3350 1472) or (0405 660 583) or buy online from kgwo.or.au

Venue: The Old Museum, Bowen Hills.


Advent reflections The Way is an 84 page pocket size book containing short, spiritually rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Cost is \$4. Please reserve your copy with Debra in the office. Email or phone orders are welcome. I will be ordering the books on 18th Nov to ensure delivery before Advent.

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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	11th	9.00am 6.00pm	Funeral Mass (Trevor Jewell) Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	12th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Laudato Si Discussion Group
Wed	13th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	14th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	15th	9.00am 9.45am 10.30am	Mass Laudato Si Discussion Group Men's Group
Sat	16th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	17th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

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

We pray for those who are unwell

Ado Padayhag
Miguela Savellon
Brian Turner
Vincent Jenner
Mary Law
Nerida Versace
Nora Stevens
Eadie Curry
Molly Rampa
Sonia Officer
Rita Butt
Abbie Sweeper
Pam Ward



ANOINTING OF THE SICK



immediately after Mass on the 3rd Sun of the month (ex Oct). IF you are **going to hospital unex-**

pectedly 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

- * Newly ordained Townsville priest Fr Emene Kemetete is ready to serve the People of God.
- * Ram raid at West End Vinnies' store sees thief pilfer \$20-\$30 worth of costume jewellery while causing hundreds of dollars in damages.
- * Logan deanery renewal event Kingdom Now gathers 400 people for an evening of prayer, panels and workshops.
- * A plan to strip South Brisbane parishioners of much-needed parking spaces around St Francis' church and hall sparks public outcry at community meeting.
- * Much-needed rains lift spirits on farms in Queensland and New South Wales, but there is still a long way to go to combat drought.
- * Josephite Sister Susan Connelly speaks out for Witness K and lawyer Bernard Collaery at public forum at Brisbane City Hall.
- * Gen Z Prayer Book is out and ready to help young people find their faith, courtesy of two staff from St Thomas More College, Sunnybank.
- * Teresita Wilson learned to pray the Rosary before she knew how to read or write, and it has never failed her.

Still only \$2



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

Matthew Ketter and Rowbotham families and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.