



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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th/17th November 2019

Thank You on behalf of the Parish! Another year of Sacramental Programmes has finished and I thank Susan Sullivan, Teresa Rotolone, Angela Fleming, Julianne Esler, and Richard Valentine (and their families who supported them) for being part of our Team this year. Their importance to the parish as members of this team stems from their own lived experience as parents fostering and nurturing the faith of their own children. With this lived experience and all its ups and downs, they supported and encouraged the parents of children preparing to celebrate their Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance as the "first and best educators" of their children in the ways of faith (from the Baptism ceremony). Thanks Team!!



Ten facts you may not know about euthanasia and assisted suicide around the world

1. 107 of the World Medical Association's 109 constituent National Medical Associations oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide,
2. In the past two years, in Belgium:
 - children;
 - 77 people suffering from mental health issues; and
 - 173 people with no physical suffering but afflicted by conditions such as addiction, loneliness and despair were euthanised. ³
3. Since the legalisation of assisted suicide in Oregon 20 years ago, the top five reasons given by those who request (and are given) assisted suicide drugs have been:
 - Losing autonomy
 - Less ability to engage in activities making life enjoyable
 - Loss of dignity
 - Losing control of bodily functions
 - Burden on family, friends and caregivers,

These are the same top five reasons given by those in Washington State who request assisted suicide.⁴ Notably, pain or fear of it does not appear in the top reasons.⁵

4. In 2017 in Oregon, the median length of the relationship between the patient and the doctor who prescribed the lethal drugs was 10 weeks, and the median length of time between the first request for assisted suicide and patient death was 52 days.⁶ This means that the median time between the first encounter between a drug-prescribing doctor and a request for death is less

than three weeks, indicating that the doctors signing off on a patient's death do not have an existing relationship with the patient.

5. Only 4.9% of those who have been given assisted suicide drugs in Oregon were sent for a psychiatric evaluation beforehand? and only 6% of psychiatrists in Oregon reported being very confident that they could adequately determine whether a psychiatric disorder was impairing the judgment of a patient requesting assisted suicide in a single evaluation.⁸
6. The legalisation of assisted suicide has a contagion effect, increasing the rate of suicide in the community? The suicide rate in Oregon, where assisted suicide was legalised in 1997, has been increasing. In 2012, Oregon's suicide rate was 42% higher than the national average.¹⁰ This does not include deaths by assisted suicide, as they are recorded as being deaths due to the underlying condition.
7. Despite only being legal for three years in Canada, the practice of euthanasia is widespread. At least 2614 people were euthanised in the ten months between 1 January and 31 October 2018, equating to about one person dying by lethal injection every three hours.¹¹
8. In the first two years of legalised euthanasia in Quebec, 62 deaths (5.6% of all euthanasia deaths) were deemed by the Commission on End of Life Care to have been of abuse by the doctor who prescribed and administered the lethal injection, but the Commission did not recommend any for prosecution!
9. On her visit to Canada, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reported concerns about the implication of legalised euthanasia from a disability perspective, after receiving "worrisome claims about persons with disabilities in institutions being pressured to seek medical assistance in dying."¹¹¹³
10. In the United States, in states where assisted suicide is legal, insurance companies have refused to cover chemotherapy treatment for cancer patients, instead offering the insured assisted suicide drugs.¹⁴

https://organesdeconcertation.sante.belgique.be/sites/default/files/documents/8_rapport-euthanasie_2016-2017-fr.pdf

The 33rd week in Ord Time (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

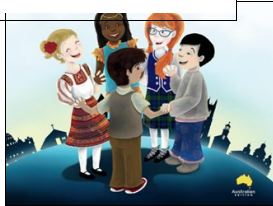
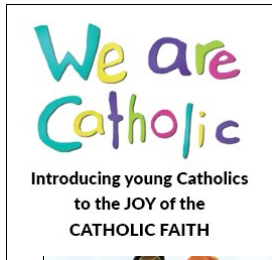
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

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.



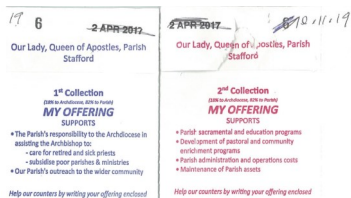
Break Open The Word for 2020 is available now. If you haven't made payment yet, please do so to ensure you have a copy before the new liturgical year begins. If you have made payment and haven't received your copy, please let me know. Debra

Vinnie's Gifting Tree 2019

Vinnie's will provide gift tags re food items to be placed under the Christmas tree.

These gift tags will be placed near each of the doors of the church on the 30/11/19 & 1/12/19. These food items will be made up into food hampers by Vinnie's, for all our families in need for Christmas. Please be generous and feel free to take as many tags as you want. Remember!! These people struggle every day of their lives. So bring some happiness to these families and give, give, give. Many thanks from your Stafford Vinnie's Conference.

Planned giving Envelope numbers may change each year. Can the holder of these envelopes please contact the parish office. **If you hold envelopes that are dated prior to October 2019 — Discard them now.** If you don't have envelopes for the current dates please contact the parish office to arrange a box of envelopes. **I am unable to process this envelope as my system doesn't allow me to view historical data based on an envelope number. Debra**



Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, 2018 Death With Dignity Act Report, <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/422-109-DeathWithDignityAct2018.pdf>

Oregon Public Health Division, Oregon Death With Dignity Act: Data Summary 2017 <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PROVIDERPARTNERRESOURCES/EVALUATIONRESEARCH/DEATHWITHDIGNITYACT/Documents/year20.pdf> 6 Ibid

Oregon Health Authority. Oregon Death with Dignity Act: 2017 data summary. 2018. [May 7, 2018]. <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/providerpartnerresources/evaluationresearch/deathwithdignityact/pages/ar-index.aspx>

Ganzini L. et al., "Attitudes of Oregon psychiatrists towards physician-assisted suicide": American Journal of Psychiatry 1996; 153:1469-75. Retrieved: <http://ajp.psychiatryonline.org/doi/abs/10.1176/ajp.153.11.1469>

Jones and Paton, "How Does Legalisation of Physician-Assisted Suicide Affect Rates of Suicide?" Southern Medical Journal Volume 108, No. 10 October 2015, accessed here: <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/6df3/55333ceec41b361da6dc996d90a17b96e9c.pdf>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/INJURYFATALITYDATA/Documents/NVDRS/Suicide%20in%20Oregon%202015%20report.pdf>

Health Canada. (2019). Fourth Interim Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/hc-sc/documents/services/publications/health-system-services/medical-assistance-dying-interim-report-april-2019/medical-assistance-dying-interim-report-april-2019-eng.pdf>

<https://www.mercatornet.com/careful/view/two-years-of-euthanasia-in-quebec-the-facts/20831>

End of Mission Statement by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Ms. Catalina

Devandas-Aguilar, on her visit to Canada, https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID:24481_XM_44cVyh03C20-4zpFpQNg!XE7PsOj-MJbCC042Wl_gqY0dc

Stephanie Packer in California was denied chemotherapy treatment by her health insurance company but offered to pay for assisted suicide <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/20/assisted-suicidelaw-prompts-insurance-company-den/>. See also case of Barbara Wagner in Oregon - denied health cover but offered assisted dying <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/>

Facts you may not know about palliative care

The Australian and New Zealand Society for Palliative Medicine and the Australian Medical Association oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Evidence provided to a Queensland Parliamentary Committee back in 2013 indicated there was significant unmet need for palliative care in Queensland and this gap was continuing to grow,

In 2013 the Health Department's own reports admitted Queensland palliative care services were already stretched, with referrals to services increasing annually by 20 per cent while funding was only expected to increase by an annual 12.9 percent. More recent reports reveal only a 5.6% funding increase between 2013/4 and 2019.

A 2016 review of the National Palliative Care Strategy found that there are significant barriers to access to palliative care services for a number of people within the population, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

As at 2017 Queensland had approximately 46 FTE palliative care specialists for the state. To meet Pal-

WE CAN AND MUST REJECT THE TENDENCY TO USE MEDICINE TO SUPPORT A PATIENT'S WILLINGNESS TO DIE OF THE PAIN OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SUICIDE OR DIRECTLY CAUSING DEATH BY EUTHANASIA.

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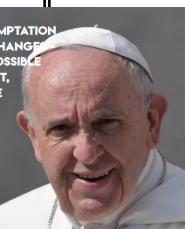
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liative Care Queensland's recommendation of 2 FTE specialist palliative medicine physicians per 100,000 population, Queensland would need 101 FTE palliative care doctors.

A 2019 QUT report estimated that between 51,000 to 71,000 of the total population in Queensland require palliative care services. For people over 65 years old, between 52,000 and 57,000 would require palliative care services.

Queensland ranks low among the other states for the number of publicly funded in-patient palliative care beds per capita, and access to specialist palliative care in regional and remote areas is almost non-existent. For example, the town of Mackay with a population of 125,000 has no specialist palliative care physician.

Of the 49 recommendations made in Victoria's inquiry into end of life choices, 30 related to the improvement of palliative care funding and access, and only a single recommendation related to the introduction of assisted suicide. Palliative Care Victoria requested an additional \$65 million per annum to implement the recommendations, but it received only half this amount. The Victorian state government only committed an extra \$71.9 million, over a 4 year period, and only after the euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation had been passed.



105 of Australia's 148 palliative medicine specialists (70% of the profession) wrote an open letter in 2017 to Victorian and NSW MPs, saying that euthanasia advocates "actively and deliberately undermine" public confidence in palliative care.

Current Australian data indicates that no more than 2 in every 100 Palliative Care patients would be in moderate or severe pain at the end of life. In these unusual cases where when all other methods of palliation for pain and other symptoms is inadequate, and if the patient agrees, palliative sedation therapy is available to provide adequate relief of suffering.

Australian palliative care services are ranked second-best in the world. The United Kingdom comes in first, and they rejected euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation in 2006.

AMA Queensland's Health Vision Part Five: Care at the End of Life Health and Community Services Committee, Palliative and Community Care in Queensland: towards person-centred care, Queensland Parliament, May 2013

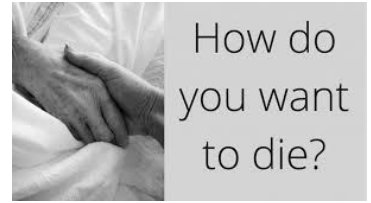
Queensland Health Palliative Care Services Review - Key Findings

March 2019; page 21. Increase of 5.6% cited is for Hospital and Health Services (HHS) Activity Based Funding for palliative care 'Vhttp://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/EF57056BDB047E2FCA257BF000206168/\$File/Evaluation%200f%20

National Health-Workforce Data Set 2017

QUT (2019) Palliative care services review: Commissioned external literature review

Palliative Care Queensland Submission to the Parliamentary Health Committee Inquiry 2019



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!

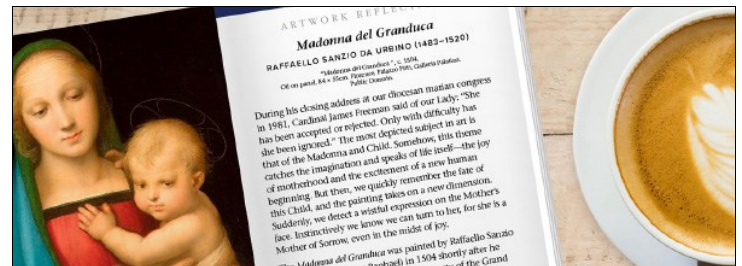
Date: Saturday 14th December

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.



THE WAY
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS 2019

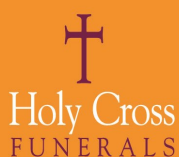
Advent reflections The Way is an 84 page pocket size book containing short, spiritually rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Cost is \$4. Please reserve your copy with Debra in the office. Email or phone orders are welcome. **I will be ordering the books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



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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	18th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	19th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Laudato Si Discussion Group
Wed	20th	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	21st	8.30am	Mass
Fri	22nd	9.00am 9.45am	Mass Laudato Si Discussion Group
Sat	23rd	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: Peggy Ellaway, Dennis Dower, Trevor Jewell, 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
 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

- * Catastrophic fires have spread across New South Wales and Queensland with a total fire ban in place and a state of emergency declared in NSW.
- * We say 'No' to euthanasia on Dying Peacefully – No Euthanasia Sunday this weekend, where educational materials are being distributed across parishes.
- * Retired Lieutenant Colonel Kel Ryan has said a royal commission into veteran suicide was unwarranted, just needed action.
- * Brisbane priest urges more help for West Papuans in exile as he hears shocking stories on Papua New Guinea visit.
- * Christian voters in Queensland contributed to Labor's electoral loss at last federal election, political pundits urge Labor to seek Christian vote.
- * Brisbane students join the Plenary Council discussions at an assembly held at Brigidine College, Indooroopilly.
- * Palliative medicine specialist Dr Judith McEniery said palliative care needed greater investment and people needed a deeper understanding of the dying process.
- * Southern Cross Catholic College, Scarborough, graduating senior Shaunah Downton shares her story about being named Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

Still only \$2

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

Matthews, 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.