



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."

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 25th/26th January 2020

The Parish Council discussed the issue of **reducing the number of Weekend Masses**. The issues considered are in previous newsletters including the one of 25th December.

Some Positive Consequences mentioned were:

- A. Our limited roster of Instrumentalists and Vocalists will not have to "double-up" on extra Masses so often — we have few volunteers joining these.
- B. More people at any one of the remaining masses, hopefully will foster a better spirit and encourage better singing and responding (some thing essential to make Mass more "attractive" to Adults and especially children—and help faith grow.)

If the statement from 'Music in Catholic Worship' is true, we cannot NOT try to improve our celebrations— (para 6: *Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy faith.*) This is the responsibility of **EVERYONE**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT??

- **Weekend Feb 8/9th:** Voting Forms available for all WHO ARE AT MASS this weekend. (If you are a regular but CANNOT attend this weekend, please contact Fr Denis).
- **People vote for** 1) Their **MOST PREFERRED** Mass Time AND 2) Their **SECOND MOST PREFERRED** Mass Time.
- **10th-12th Feb: Votes are counted** (1 point for every "Most Preferred" and then 1 point is added for every "Second Most Preferred")
- **Weekend 15th/16th Feb:** Results are posted in the Newsletter including notice of which Mass time is least preferred and will be discontinued.
- **Note:** If two or more Mass times are within 10% of the number of points for each other, then **issues such as** the quality of congregational singing and responding, the number of Readers, Special Ministers etc who are available for rostering, participation in post-mass cuppas, the sense of "belonging" etc **will determine the result**.
- **Weekend Feb 22nd/23rd:** The last weekend for the Mass time which will be discontinued.

New Parishioner?? (or have begun to join us regularly for Weekend Masses??) **WELCOME!!**

At Stafford we recognise that the example and support we need in our faith is **the responsibility of EVERYBODY**. I'm sure you have noticed the warmth and the involvement of many in our Masses. Please don't be

boring—you know: just sitting there with your mouth closed, mumbling responses, turning up just in time and leaving immediately after (even before the final hymn finishes—now *that* is a desperate act !)

— We need you to be singing, responding and part of our community. We need you to be giving a great example to our kids of how to give God worship

that is fitting and how to pray as a member of Christ's Body. This is not a fad, it is not a soap box issue of Fr Denis' but essential — not only for your faith but ours!! The Catholic Church teaches (and you are Catholic, aren't you??) "*Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that **full, conscious, and active** participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, ... have a **right and obligation** by reason of their baptism....(it) is **the aim to be considered before all else**, for it is the **primary and indispensable source** from which the faithful are to derive the **true Christian spirit.**" - Constitution on the Liturgy para 14*



We have over **34 cultures** in our parish— I would **LOVE** each of our parish groups and ministries at Mass to **reflect** this. If you are from the **Pacific Islands**, the **Philippines**, other South-East **Asian** Countries, **India**, or **Africa**, I **especially** invite you, as a member of our Parish, not to be shy—you are a **gift** to us, **please** share that gift. - (Ring the office or **talk to, or email Fr Denis*** (*pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) TODAY or SOON)



Thank you

Looking after our Church's "colours and candles": — **THANK-YOU**—after one weekend's request we have a couple of generous volunteers!

Australian Catholic Church response to the **Bushfires:** (From the Australian Bishops' statement): "...this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally. From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- The facilitation of a na-



The presentation of the Lord

(Year A)

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Counters Roster Team Dollars –Kev & 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.

Lenten Program for 2020 - 'Be Opened, A journey to new life', is ready for early ordering!



There are some new features in the latest Lenten Program including an extra week - it now covers six weeks of Lent and Easter Sunday! There is also an app for those unable to join a group.

This can be used on various devices and will be available from January 2020 through Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

In 2020, there is a strong link between *Be Opened* and the Plenary Council journey – providing parishes and communities a great focus/reflection opportunity during the period after the Discernment phase.

Be Opened...a journey to new life in many respects reflects the plenary council journey and process.

To reserve a copy, add your details to the Lenten Program 2020 sheet at the rear of the church or send me an email or phone me in the office. Debra

Toilet Rolls and Paper Towels that are made from 100% recycled paper, or Bamboo—all environmentally friendly and as you buy them (cost is average for what you pay at Woolies) **50% of any profit supports the building of toilets in impoverished countries** thus providing protection and dignity for women, avoiding diseases such as cholera. Go on line to “who gives a crap” at <https://au.whogivesacrap.org/> and investigate for yourself. **Sample Toilet Rolls (\$1.20ea—370 3ply sheets @ 45c per 100) are available this weekend only.**



Want to know more about the Catholic Church in Australia? - Good website looking at history, sacraments, practices, FAQ's etc : <https://catholicaustralia.com.au/>

COMING EVENT: We at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles are hosting **World Day of Prayer** this year. It is on 6th March with a cup of tea first at 9.45am and Prayer Service at 10.30am finishing about an hour later. It would be great to see lots of us, women and men, attend. For more info contact Toni Evans 0431 705 456 or Cynthia Oxenham 33502742.



Vinnies is part of the toolbox in fire response

National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society Claire Victory said today that the needs of people affected by the bushfire crisis are front of mind for the many volunteers and staff at Vinnies engaged in recovery efforts. Ms Victory said the Society is responding in all affected states and territories through local Vinnies conferences in many communities in affected areas. 'The Society is responding through its network of local conferences and support services as the crisis develops. 'We understand there are many, many organisations engaged in the immediate emergency response. 'The Society is doing what it can, working with these organisations to meet the needs in local communities. 'Once the smoke has literally settled, and the extent of the devastation dawns on individuals, families and whole communities, the Society will be there to help with the recovery process as people begin to rebuild their lives. 'We are present, at the service of those communities, providing personal and practical support and referral to professional services. 'Vinnies is part of an integrated, whole-of-community response the government can call upon now, and in the weeks and months ahead. 'We are working with other lead agencies to accompany people whose lives have been devastated by the fires. 'Right now, cash is needed. People can donate by visiting the Vinnies website or through our shops. 'Cash is the most useful contribution at this point in time. 'We do not have the capacity to sort and store additional furniture, clothing or other items in the affected areas right now, and we want to be able to support those people needing our help in the best way that meets their individual needs. 'We will be part of a major, targeted fundraising effort on the January long weekend and will provide further details closer to the date,' Ms Victory said. The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia consists of 60,000 members and volunteers who operate on the ground through over 1,000 conferences located in individual parishes across the country.

Australia Day gazetted holiday is Monday 27th January, the parish office will be closed.



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The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter 2). We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'.

You are invited to share in a community forum, to look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from government, non-government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

- Date: Saturday 15 February (9am-1.45pm)
- Venue: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford

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tional network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.

- The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
- Parishes across the country taking up a **special collection at Masses** on the Australia Day weekend (**At Stafford it'll be 15/16th Feb**), with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

OUR Bushfire appeal. 15/16th Feb. If you use the envelopes provided, tax deductible receipts can be issued. Our local Vinnies will transfer the money to the local **Narooma/Bermagui/Cobargo** Conference (one parish with three towns) to distribute according to needs. We are also considering some "personal" contacts to help bolster morale in these towns e.g. letters from parishioners, kids at our school or even some video messages. We'll keep you informed.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers: Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathe-

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



dral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 January 2020.



"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Vinnie's S.O.S !!! Did you receive any unwanted toiletries this Christmas? It can be for both men & women. Vinnies can solve your problem. Just donate to Vinnies so we can make up Pamper Packs for our people in need. A kind of belated gift for them. Many thanks for your support from your Stafford Vinnies Conference.



The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped annual church appeal falls next weekend 1st/2nd February. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There will be a leaving collection at all masses next weekend.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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	27th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	28th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	29th		
Thurs	30th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	31st	9.00am	Mass
Sat	1st	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	2nd	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including:



Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi, Leon Morel,
Jozef Drewniak, John Morahan, Nora Stevens,
Peggy Ellaway and Dennis Dower.

We pray for those who are unwell

Fr Ron Mollison
Bushfire Victims
Brian Becker
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
John Blumke
Bernadeen Hodby
Ado Padayhag
Miguela Savellon
Vincent Jenner
Mary Law
Nerida Versace
Eadie Curry
Sonia Officer



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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

- * Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge is standing up to protect Catholic confession rights against proposed mandatory reporting laws.
- * Brisbane Catholic Wilson Gavin is being remembered by friends as a young man who inspired them back to their faith.
- * Queensland Law Society has hit back against the proposed mandatory reporting laws around religious confession, warning it could easily spread to other confidentiality privileges like lawyer-client privilege.
- * Blessed Peter To Rot, a Tolai man who was killed in 1945 during the Japanese invasion of Papua New Guinea, has a new shrine blessed and opened at Marian Valley, Canungra.
- * Brisbane Catholic Kym Keady reflects on her experiences of motherhood, hard work and leadership in a heartfelt letter to her daughter Bethany.
- * St Margaret Mary's College, Townsville, unearths a time capsule from 1988 because of demolition work after the devastating floods in February last year.
- * Marjorie Williams is hanging up the apron at the Cathedral Coffee Lounge after 20 years, looking for volunteers to take over, and shares a few stories from her life.

Still only \$2



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

Domenico Antonaglia, Francesca Antonaglia and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.