



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."

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 1st/2nd February 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**.

OUR VOTE IS NEXT WEEKEND!! (8th/9th Feb)

- **For those AT MASS ONLY:** If you are a regular but CANNOT attend this weekend, please contact Fr Denis/Parish with your preferences.
- **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.

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)

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



What are our Parish children

learning from us adult and teenage parishioners about how to worship and give praise to God? About the importance of singing? Listening? Responding? Being part of a Community? How do they see YOU?

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James A. Baldwin



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.



On Channel 7 this TUESDAY 9PM, there is a news show called **"Hellfire—the Battle of Cobargo"**. Cobargo is the site of one of the SVDP conferences our Bushfire appeal it going to. The show may be worth a look??

The **Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped** annual church appeal falls **THIS weekend** (1st/2nd February) as you leave Mass. 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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
2nd Reading: Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



Counters Roster Team Eftpos – Terry Gesch, Gary McLean and Fay Barrett.

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.

Be Opened, A journey to new life - Lenten Program for 2020 - begins in a few weeks! The books have arrived! The cost of the program this year is \$7.



For those who have reserved a copy, you can collect and pay for the books at the 'Shop'. For anyone else, you can pick up a copy from the 'shop'.

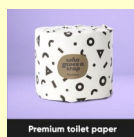
Traditionally the Lenten program was designed to be done in a group setting. If you are gathering as a group, can you please let me know as I usually have a couple of enquiries about groups that are available for others to join.

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.

Toilet Rolls and Paper Towels (WE HAVE AN EXTRA SUPPLY AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP—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) and Paper Towels (\$3ea 120 sheets 2ply)** are available from the shop for a **limited time 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 fund-raising 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.





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

Expressions of Interest: Contact Parish Office stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call 07 3356 7155

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)



Stewardship
a way of life

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is

"being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

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.

Safeguarding News from the archdiocese --

Many of you have hold Blue cards for your volunteer roles in the parish. Blue cards have an expiry date and you are contacted for renewal of your Blue-card as they near their expiry dates. The police check also needs to be reviewed each three years. I will be contacting parishioners about redoing the police checks as they come up for renewal. For most of you, this can be completed online and without bringing in any paperwork to the parish office for signing! If you have any questions about this please give me a call in the office. Debra

Leave Your Legacy. Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

Things to do this week

- * Purchase a copy of the Lenten program
- * Create a meeting group for the Lenten Program
- * Register for the Living Laudato Si Forum
- * Buy some 'paper' from www.whogivesacrap.org
- * Bring in unwanted toiletries for Vinnies
- * Put some \$\$ aside for The Little Kings Movement
- * Mark your calendars for World Day of Prayer
- * Consider your vote for 'preferred masses'
- * Get your friends together for a game of tennis, you must be inspired after all the tennis recently!
- * Tell someone you are Catholic
- * Thank a volunteer for turning up for roster

Morning Tea after 9am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sunday relies on volunteers. Please consider helping to keep this fellowship alive and well. Leave your name with Fr Denis or Debra.

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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	3rd	8.30am	Mass
Tues	4th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	5th	9.30am	Social Club begins for 2020
Thurs	6th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	7th	9.00am	Mass with morning tea
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:



Vincent Jenner, Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi,
Leon Morel, Jozef Drewniak, John Morahan, Nora
Stevens and Peggy Ellaway

We pray for those who are unwell

Maria Rosa Arreguci
Zuzarte
Fr Ron Mollison
Bushfire Victims
Brian Becker
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
John Blumke
Bernadeen Hodby
Ado Padayhag
Miguela Savellon
Mary Law
Nerida Versace
Eadie Curry



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

- Aboriginal elder and educator Aunty Joan Hendriks died and is being remembered for her commitment to her culture and as a guiding light for Aboriginal Creation spirituality and Christian faith.
- Queensland Catholics were named to the Australia Day honours list including Orange Sky founders Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett.
- Queensland Catholic Kerri Brennan has been busy helping women from the country sell their crafts online to supplement falling farming incomes.
- North Queensland bishops unite for care for creation, issuing a joint statement to criticise extreme political narratives on climate change and calling for a moderate, facts-based approach.
- Charities like St Vincent de Paul Society and the Red Cross give assurances that money raised for bushfire appeals go to those in need.
- Papua New Guinea Cardinal John Ribat speaks of the gift and challenges of sexuality as a priest.
- As three saintly relics make their way to Queensland, Carmelite Sister Catherine Ann reflects on the role the relics of St Therese of Lisieux played in her vocational journey to religious 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.