



# 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."**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 8th/9th February 2020**

## 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



**The Parish Council discussed the issue of reducing the number of Weekend Masses.** The issues considered have been well publicised and based very much on one of our Liturgical Principles, namely: the statement from 'Music in Catholic Worship' (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 THIS WEEKEND!! Remember...

- **It is 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.
- **The Votes** will be **counted** this week (1 point for every "Most Preferred" and then 1 point is added for every "Second Most Preferred")
- **Note:** If votes for a Mass are within 10% of the total 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.**

- **Next Weekend:** The Results will be posted and the Mass time to be discontinued will be announced.
- **Weekend Feb 22nd/23rd:** The last weekend for the Mass time which will be discontinued.

**Congratulations to JACOB SULLIVAN and JULIAN GREEN** who, at 9.00am Mass this become fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their first Communion! We the church thank their parents, Susan and Robert (& big sister Mikayla) and Evelyn and Tim for their example and commitment to Jacob and Julian's faith.



**OUR Bushfire appeal. 15/16th Feb. (NEXT WEEKEND!)** 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. **(See the letter from the Narooma Vinnies on p3)**



**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.



**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.



## Care for Our Common World • Living Laudato Si - Think Globally, Act Locally



*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](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 07 3356 7155

**NEXT WEEKEND!!!**

**Have YOU signed in yet?? - LAST CHANCE!!**

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)



1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

2nd Reading: Corinthians 26-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

**C**ounters Roster Team ATM – Terry Silk, Len Cavanagh, Rosemary Stafford and Kemsley Kelly.

**R**eligious 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.

**B**e 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'.

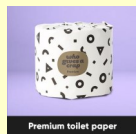
Traditionally the Lenten program was designed to be done in a group setting. If you are gathering as a group, can you please let me know as I usually have a couple of enquiries about groups that are available for others to join.

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.

**T**oilet 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**.



**C**OMING EVENT: We at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles are hosting **World Day of Prayer** this year. It is on 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



**I**nfo about Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV): Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to move severe diseases such as (MERS) and (SARS).

### Signs and Symptoms:

The virus can cause a range of symptoms, ranging from mild illness to pneumonia. People **may** experience: 1) fever; 2) flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or headaches; or 3) difficulty breathing in some cases.



### Exclusion from Worship or Parish Activities:

**A)** If public health authorities have **informed an individual** that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), even if they don't have symptoms **must self-isolate for 14 days**. **B)** If an individual has **recently travelled to visited Hubei Province of China** they need to **self-isolate for 14 days** after leaving Hubei Province.

### How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

**1)Cleaning hands** with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs; **2) Covering your nose and mouth** with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing; **3) Avoiding contact** with anyone who has **flu-like symptoms**; **4) Avoiding unprotected** contact with live wild or farm animals.



### Kitchen Table set—

Anyone got one table (1.2m long at most) and 4 chairs they can donate to the Convent?? Please let Denis know at the office or via his email.

**F**ocus on Human Rights — Human Rights Watch, an International Non-Governmental Organization conducts research and advocacy on human rights and publishes reviews on human rights practices in nearly 100 countries. The report notes Australia has a strong record of protecting civil and political rights, but serious human rights issues remain including:





increasing threats to freedom of speech, and targeting of public servant whistle blowers and journalists; is critical of Australia's asylum-seeker and refugee policies, including the repeal of the Medevac Law in December; also condemns the high rate of Indigenous Australians in the criminal justice system, especially Indigenous children.

From the positive point of view, the report commends: Australia's more vocal stance on key human rights issues including China's detention of one million Muslims in the Xinjiang region; the announcement of the royal commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disabilities; the Queensland government's introduction of a human rights act in October, becoming the third jurisdiction in Australia to do so behind the ACT and Victoria. See <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019>

**P**reparation for the Sacrament of Penance (for Children): Parents of children who turn TEN in 2020 are welcome to enrol their child for this preparation which will begin in March (see below). Please go to the link below to **complete the enrolment form on or before Tuesday 25th February**. (You may find it easier to email Fr Denis at [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) and he will send this link to you.) If you cannot enrol via the internet, please ring/email the Parish Office and other arrangements will be made.

(Contact details are on the back of the Parish newsletter.) The Parish Team will help Parents prepare their children over three meetings. For PARENTS AND CHILDREN: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7pm; Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7pm. Here's the link: <http://bit.ly/2NX4Opz>

### **S**afeguarding 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



## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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

**The Anna's Group** is open to all widows. They meet again on **14th February** at The Coffee Club at Flockton Village at 12pm. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!! Contact Dianne 0407 616 637.

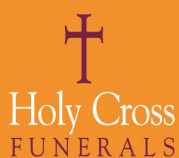


**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Over many years, Trev and Ursula have been leading the Stations and finally the time has come for them to hang up their boots (or cross and candles if you like!). If they are to continue (5pm Fridays during Lent), we need someone to take on the responsibility of organizing and running them. If you are interested, let Fr Denis or the Office know on or before Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



### **EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM NAROOMA VINNIES:**

... I waited until we had our fortnightly meeting...to email you. I relayed your entire conversation to our Conference members and they were gobsmacked by the thoughtfulness of ... Stafford .... Added to this they couldn't believe you were so far geographically from us and had picked us out! They also loved the idea of the message of support on a card to be handed out. This last week has been incredibly hectic and we have had so many people affected by the fires coming in. Particularly those from Cobargo and the surrounding areas which were in the midst of a forest of trees. I think it has suddenly become a reality to those affected and they are more aware of what they have lost and how much they now need. They are also extremely tired, emotionally and physically. Some have had to be evacuated a second time which adds to their trauma. There have now been new warnings for tomorrow and Sat, so we have a lot of campers who have come into Narooma and set up on an oval near the evacuation centre which at this stage is not needing to function as one. Please pass on to your parish and Conference members how grateful we are here in Narooma, that you have thought of those we are supporting. Our very best wishes ... President—Narooma (Vinnies)



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AOB@stopline.com.au or  
[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APA: Leanne Murray  
APRE: Ben Campbell  
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)  
Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200  
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

**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	10th	8.30am 6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting</b>
Tues	11th	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer and Communion</b>
Wed	12th	9.30am	<b>Indoor Bowls</b>
Thurs	13th	8.30am 7.00pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Parish Finance Council Meeting</b>
Fri	14th	9.00am 12.00pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Anna's group</b>
Sat	15th	4.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> ( <i>until no one is waiting</i> ) <b>Mass</b>
Sun	16th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Mass</b>

### We pray for those recently deceased including:



Rita Butt, Patricia Trudgian, Vincent Jenner,  
Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi, Leon Morel,

### 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

- Prayers flow for four Maronite Catholic children killed by an alleged drunk driver in Sydney, father pleads for drivers to "be careful".
- Aboriginal educator Cynthia Rowan is Brisbane archdiocese's new reconciliation action plan officer and says the RAP was not just "an Aboriginal thing, it's for all Australians".
- Papua New Guinea Carmelite Father Paul Sireh hopes Blessed Peter To Rot's first chapel outside PNG could speed up his canonisation process.
- Albany Creek parishioners are praying for their parish priest of 34 years, Fr Ron Mollison, who had a stroke.
- Families are focusing on the lives of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Sts Zelig and Louis Martin whose relics are in Brisbane archdiocese for the next week.
- Georgina Edwards' grandchildren are filling up every year level at Clairvaux MacKillop College and are hooked on Catholic education.
- Peter and Ellyn Gasparin are approaching their first Valentine's Day as a married couple and reflect on the sanctity and centrality of the vocation of marriage.

*Still only \$2*

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

Geraldine Garcia, Greg Curry and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.