



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

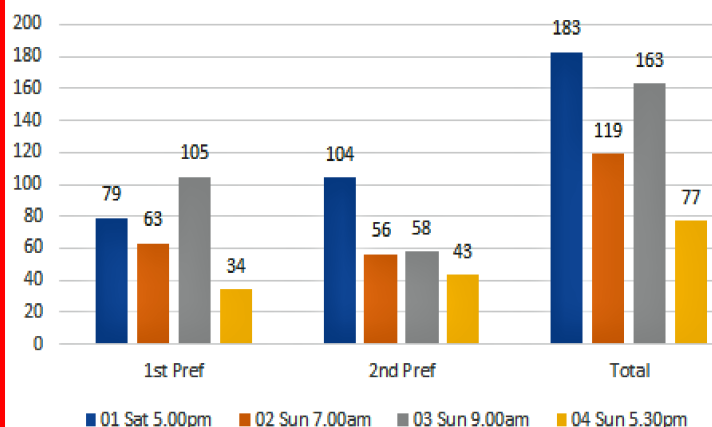
Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 15th/16th February 2020

Voting results for Mass-Time Preferences:

Thank you to the almost **300** people who indicated their preferences last weekend and also to **Len Cavanagh** and **Debra Visser** for counting and sorting all those votes. The preferences indicated were pretty clear: **1st Preferences:** Saturday 5pm: 70; Sunday 7am: 63; 9am: 105; 5.30pm: 34. **Second Preferences:** Sat 5pm: 104; Sunday 7am: 56; 9am: 58; 5.30pm: 43. **Totals:** Saturday 5.30pm: 183; Sunday 7am: 119; 9am: 163; 5.30pm: 77. (see Chart).

Mass Time Preferences 8th/9th Feb 2020



Sadly, especially for the **Sunday 5.30pm** congregation, the **last 5.30pm Mass will be Sunday 23rd February**. I am sad for those who tried to encourage others to come, who served as ministers and who "volunteered" others to take up collections and the gifts etc. I am also very sorry that we may lose some of you to other parishes as this was the only Mass time you could worship with us. On behalf of the parish and your fellow 5.30pm people, I thank you for your dedication and generosity. For those who are Readers and Special Ministers at this Mass, Debra will be in contact this week inviting you to join the roster of another Mass time if you can. I hope you do as you all do a great job! - Denis



Preparation 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 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 3rd March 7pm, Tuesday 17th March 7pm; Tuesday 31st March 7pm. Here's the link: <http://bit.ly/2NX4Opz>

OUR Bushfire appeal. (THIS 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



Would you like to donate using a CREDIT CARD?? Go to the Shop or to the back of the church for 5.30pm.

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.

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)

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)



1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd Reading: Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Counters Roster Team Bank – Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove and John Dalton.

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 26th February!



The books have arrived! No need to order, just purchase a copy from the 'shop'. Books are \$7.

Traditionally the Lenten program was designed to

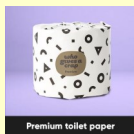
be done in a group setting. If you are gathering as a group, **can you please let me know** as I usually have a couple of enquiries about groups that are available for others to join.

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.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 26th February, so don't delay - purchase your copy from the 'shop' and form a group to journey through Lent!

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**.



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.

Kitchen Table set—THANK YOU! A kind family donated a set for us.



Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.
Best Wishes
Martin L. King Jr.

Focus 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>

Plenary Council 2020—The parish discernment for the last two themes are **Renewal and Reform and Joyful and Hope-filled and Servant Community**. These will be held on **Sunday 16th at 10am, following the 9am mass. A second opportunity to gather will be Wednesday 26th February at 7pm in the Parish meeting Room. Come along and share your thoughts and ideas about these important topics.**

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 23rd February.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross is a devotion popular amongst many.

Even though the **most important ceremony on Good Friday is the 3pm Veneration of the Cross** which is the second part of the "Triduum" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday Veneration, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday), it is still good to have the Stations. If you would like to help coordinate and lead this devotion at **10am on Good Friday**, please let Fr Denis know by Sunday 23rd February. (We may even use the same wording as Pope Francis used last year for the Stations led by him).



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THANK YOU TRISH (VLUG). Trisha has just finished a three-year term on the School Board. The School Board is the most important formal link between the Parish and the School. It



Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



is where school policies are formulated and reviewed. The Parish Representative brings a "Parish Perspective" to the discussions. Thanks a lot to Trish for her time, dedication and expertise!. We are currently looking for a replacement for her.

PARISH COUNCIL 2020: Here is our new Parish Council who share responsibility for Pastoring our Parish with Fr Denis. They are (L to R, Top to Bottom):



Anne Thomas



Zara Savellon
Secretary



Nicholas Forster
Chair



Saju Mathew
Deputy Chair



Grace Cortes

OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
PARISH STAFFORD

YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEMBERS 2020



Fr. Denis Scanlan
Parish ADM



Yaw Han



Christine Lindsay



Barbara Winkle



Jules Tisdall



Ben Campbell

Anne Thomas, Zara Savellon, Nick Forster, Saju Mathew, Grace Cortes, Denis Scanlan, Yawhan, Christine Lindsay, Barbara Winkle, Jules Tisdall, Ben Campbell—School Rep). Talk to them about any ways you think we can be a better "Light to the World" or "Salt o the Earth" as Jesus calls us to be.

The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any seniors in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 21st February**, at The **Three Little Pigs, Stafford City 10.30am**. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)



Stewardship
a way of life

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

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 STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or
 AOB@stopline.com.au or
 www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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 Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
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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	17th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	18th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	19th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	20th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	21st	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's Group
Sat	22nd	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	23rd	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including:



Rita Butt, Patricia Trudgian, Vincent Jenner,
 Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi, Leon Morel,
 Jozef Drewniak and John Morahan

We pray for those who are unwell

Maurice Drake
 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 unexpectedly** 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

- Western regions rejoice as rain falls on drought-hit lands, bringing hope to farming communities and filling dams.
- Maronite Catholic siblings Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah killed in Oatlands tragedy remembered for their devout faith at funeral.
- Faithful flock to pray with the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her saintly parents Sts Louis and Zelig Martin visiting Brisbane archdiocese.
- Former royal commissioner Susan Pascoe will lead the Church's new Catholic Emergency Relief Australia advisory council, which will help manage disaster response in the future.
- Australian Catholic Bishop Conference says there is no need to change liturgical practices in the wake of a few "tightly-controlled" cases of novel coronavirus in Australia.
- A leading Australian ethicist believes the Church has a long way to go in resolving the child sexual abuse crisis, and is hoping a high-level workshop in Rome will help pave a theological approach to the issue.
- Brisbane Catholic nurse Jess Davis has served aboard Mercy Ships in Cameroon and Guinea, and she is sharing her stories of hope and heartbreak..

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.