



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."

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A 29th Feb/ 1st March 2020

OUR Bushfire appeal. Once again our parish has shown they can "walk the talk" with regard to looking out for those who have suffered or are in need. The amount you have given to the Bushfire Appeal is **\$19975**. Our local Vinnies will transfer the money to the local **Narooma/Bermagui/Cobargo** Conference to distribute according to needs.



A cheque for \$20,000 has been sent to Narooma Conference. The members of the Conference are soooo impressed. On Monday, they did calls to **26 families**, Tuesday was **18**. An average for our Conference on any one day is about 4. This gives us an idea of how well our Appeal funds will be used.— **from Stafford Vinnies with thanks.**

Thank you to Louise Scott, Robert Lennox and Helen Royan for the brilliant effort in organizing our Forum on caring for the earth in the vision of Laudato Si last Saturday. We had about 60 people attend from all over. The input was really interesting with



practical suggestions and insightful ideas. Thanks also to Di Hoiberg, Anne Gallagher, Espi Shuttleton and James Fitzsimon for their service of food and drinks!

Do you contribute to the Parish using DIRECT DEBIT or CREDIT CARD? Thank you. Do you know that at the doorways there is a **laminated card that looks like our usual "envelope"**. Please take one and place it on the plate. Why?? A couple of reasons: 1) the symbol in our liturgy of putting this on the plate represents your life proclaiming the Gospel given back to God in thanksgiving represented by the bread and wine brought forth; 2) Little ones eyes are watching and it's a great example to them. While they may not understand that you already give via DD/CC, they will still see you put "something" on the plate (Otherwise, they may get the impression that adults around them put nothing there and so they don't need to either.)



Be Opened, A journey to new life - Lenten Program for 2020. Would you like to do some Lenten Reflection by yourself? You can buy one of our few remaining books from



the shop today \$7. Hurry!! Don't miss out—they're really good.

It is NEXT FRIDAY!!: We at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles are hosting **World Day of Prayer** this year. It starts 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.



PROJECT COMPASSION IS COMING!! Envelopes are available on the tables near the doors. Our (indirect) action for the good of the world: Did you know that last year we gave **\$7498.45** via Project Compassion to help people throughout our world enjoy a more dignified and self-sufficient life. – this is not bragging but a statement of fact about one way we as a community are fulfilling Jesus' command to proclaim the Gospel.

The Liturgy Team and I will help you!! 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 NEXT Sunday (1st March). (We may even use the same wording as Pope Francis used last year for the Stations led by him). **SO FAR, we have no takers. Do you go to the Good Friday Stations?? Why not ensure they happen by volunteering??**



Stations of the Cross is a devotion and therefore open to all sorts of adaptations. Maybe you'd like to do your own reflection using this Scriptural version introduced by John Paul II and approved by Benedict XV: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scriptural_Way_of_the_Cross

2nd Sunday of Lent

(Year A)



1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Counters Roster Team Dollars– 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.

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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HINT

A compost bin can halve your rubbish and improve your garden soil



STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We sent \$250.00 for the MM Bridge Program this week from stamp sales. Please help us by saving your used (or mint unused) stamps, and placing them in the specially marked box to the left of the main Church entry. ALL stamps are most welcome. Thank you and God Bless all our stamp savers.

For your Calendar... "Christmas in July" this year is on Thursday 16th July at 7pm. The topic: "Nativity: Fact or Fiction – a historical analysis of the nativity narratives in Luke and Matthew".

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Kedron Brook Catholic Community, Enoggera/Wilston parishes. A person with experience in youth ministry is required for a part time position of Youth Ministry Coordinator for a 12 month contract position for 10 hours per week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/102262/youth-ministry-coordinator>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

HOW SACRAMENTS WORK - THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Fr Paul Turner from the United States, renowned teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author, will speak to us about how sacraments work. We can see, taste, feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. But how do these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God? Join us for this rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace. **Brisbane:** Friday 6 March 5:30pm-7:30pm. **Maroochydore:** Saturday 7 March 9:30am-12:00pm. Individual \$10. Group \$40.

<https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/paul-turner.html>

The Queensland Irish Choir presents Annual St Patrick's Day concert - **SUNDAY 15 MARCH - 2.00 pm - \$20.00 (includes Afternoon Tea).** At the German Club, 416 Vulture St. East Brisbane. Choir will sing lots of Irish Favourites, and some new ballads. The QIA Pipers and Dancers are joining us.

Call Jennifer 3399 3129 to book, or pay on entry.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

First Sunday of Lent
1st March 2020

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

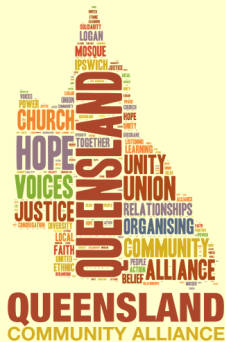
QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE. The final months of 2019 were taken up with **collecting stories** for the next focus for QCA.

There were **more than 2000** replies from South East Queensland, including **some from Queen of Apostles parishioners**. The next step is the discernment process. The "Issues Discernment Assembly" will happen on **11th March, 6-8pm at Coorparoo Secondary College** to set the Common Agenda for the next 2-3 years. This agenda comes out of those more than 2000 stories.

Will we, from Q of A help set that Agenda?

The Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, a partner in QCA, is **asking Catholics**, in their latest *Laudis* e-bulletin, to get involved in this Assembly and are keen to have a **preparatory chat** prior to the March 11th Assembly. If this appeals to you **call Peter Arndt 3324 3441 or 0409 265 476**.

Will we be among those who are already committed to come and see where "Real Jobs for a Real Future" can assist Queenslanders? Call parish office for more details. OR RSVP - please register online at de-vitt@qldcommunityalliance.org. (phone 0467563796).



"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)



Stewardship
a way of life

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

Seniors Social Club Bus Trip 18th March a to Highfields near Toowoomba. Highfields is a short drive north of Toowoomba. We will visit the Pioneer Village, Spring Bluff Railway Station and other attractions as time permits. We have chosen this town as a way of giving back to the community, because of the fires and drought.



The bus will leave at 7.30am from the car park of the Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Appleby Road, Stafford. Cost is \$55 which includes morning tea, lunch and tour. For bookings and enquires contact

Julia 33556560 or mobile 0467680551 or Carolyn on 33568223.

Share the Dignity Drive is being held during the month of March. There will be a box in the foyer of the parish office for donations. More information about this is on our notice-board.

From the Environment/Sustainability Committee

Instead of giving up something for Lent this year what would you think about trying something different?

Working with the Ignatian Solidarity Network, EarthBeat will present 40 reflections on food, faith and climate delivered each day by email. [Brenna Davis](#), ISN's director of education for justice and environmental initiatives, has written the reflections and has teamed up with EarthBeat's Jesse Remedios to produce them in a format we hope you'll find inspirational -- and not too time-consuming. (The reading times for the first couple of these reflections are 60 and 40 seconds, respectively. You can [add your name here](#) (and unsubscribe easily at any point along the way).

I also encourage you to join ISN's [Lenten Food Waste Fast](#). You'll get a weekly update with pointers on reducing food waste along with an invitation to post a photo and short reflection to Instagram on each week's challenge.

Have you ever wanted to experience the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus up close?



The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). **General Rehearsals are currently being held on**


Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Come and join us!

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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	2nd	8.30am	Mass
Tues	3rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	4th	9.30am	Social club
Thurs	5th	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	6th	9.45am 10.30am	World Day of Prayer Cuppa World Day of Prayer Service
Sat	7th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	8th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary

We pray for those who are unwell

Michael Donaldson
Aunty Joan Hendricks
Jack Charalambous
Maurice Drake
Maria Rosa Arreguci Zuzarte
Fr Ron Mollison
Bushfire Victims
Brian Becker
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
John Blumke
Ado Padayhag
Mary Law



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

- * Police officers and first responders grapple with difficult situations regularly and faith has a part to play in dealing with the impact of tragedies like the Dreamworld fatalities or the Camp Hill murders.
- * Toowoomba mother Toni Mitchel fronted the Disability Royal Commission gripping the hand of her son Joshy and explained how she had to justify her son's life even before he was born.
- * Victorian authorities counted 52 deaths in the first six months since euthanasia became available in the state.
- * Report highlights nation's 'persistent, deepening poverty' and outlines about 750,000 children who are living poor.
- * L'Arche community in shock over findings of leader's sexual abuse of six women between 1970 and 2005.
- * Brisbane Catholic students clear out the pantries before Lent with pancake racing on the lawn of St Stephen's Cathedral and spread the word about Project Compassion.
- * Christian Fuschini's best friend died when they were teenagers and that's when he decided what he wanted to do with his life – become a doctor.

Still only \$2



We pray for those recently deceased including:



Jack Hamilton, Rita Butt, Patricia Trudgian,
Vincent Jenner, Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi,
Leon Morel and Jozef Drewniak.

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

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