



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."

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A 7th/8th March 2020

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.



In Lent, we ponder what it means to enter a period of fasting by reflecting on words from Pope Francis' 2019 Lenten Message: 'Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.'

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.)



PROJECT COMPASSION IS HERE!! 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.

After Mass each Weekend, there will be a short Video to show how much good comes from the donations we give to Caritas. Learn how others live! (This week—CAMBODIA)

ries 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 Laudi-to Si 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 devitt@qldcommunityalliance.org. (phone 0467563796).

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!

Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further information or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED, Thank you Father Denis for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity in placing a handrail in the Car Park, to help us on our way.



QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE. The final months of 2019 were taken up with collecting sto-

3rd Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

1st Reading: Exodus 17;3-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4;5-16, 19-26, 39-42



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.

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.

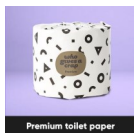


STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We sent another \$275.00 for the MM Bridge Program this week from stamp sales. Many of these stamps were from last year – it takes a while to sort and find buyers for them. Now we are just about cleaned out and need your help in saving your used (or mint unused) stamps, and placing them in the specially marked box to the left of the main Church entry. If you, or someone you know works in a large office/department, could you please have someone in your mailroom keep them for us. 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”.

Are you missing important news about our parish? We have an email distribution list of parishioners. We use this list to send an advice out each week with a link to the updated newsletter. We also use this list to advise the community of important news ie funerals. If you aren't in the loop and would like to be the first to know - send Debra an email asking to be added to the 'list'.

Toilet paper is in stock here at the parish. If you would like to purchase a box for yourself, please email Debra and she will send you a link and you will get \$10 off your first order!



Late News - The business has been swamped with orders and is now out of stock of all paper products.

The Anna's Group is now open to **ALL WIDOWS.**

They **meet** on the **2nd Friday** of the **month** at the **Coffee Club** in **Flockton Village** **at 12pm.** Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 13th March** for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!



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.

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.



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. Donations of sani-

ty items can be left in the basket at the rear of the church also. More information about this is on our noticeboard.

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.



Catholic Psychiatric pastoral Care

We are called to be disciples of Christ

Now in its thirty-fourth year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 6 May to 27 November 2020. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries.

Applications close Friday 17 April 2020.

Written applications can be sent to:

Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1)



Stewardship
a way of life

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

Second Sunday of Lent 8th March 2020

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the [Upholding Community Dignity Together program](#), where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

**PROJECT
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AUSTRALIA



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

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.

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.



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Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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	9th	8.30am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	10th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	11th	9.30am	
Thurs	12th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	13th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's group
Sat	14th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	15th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary

We pray for those recently deceased including:



Marjorie Moroney, John Blumke, Aunty Joan Hendricks, Jack Hamilton, Rita Butt, Patricia Trudgian, Vincent Jenner, Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi,

We pray for those who are unwell

Michael Donaldson
Jack Charalambous
Maurice Drake
Maria Rosa Arreguci Zuzarte
Fr Ron Mollison
Bushfire Victims
Brian Becker
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
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

- Coronavirus had transmitted from human-to-human contact in Australia, marking the next stage of the outbreak, as federal health authorities braced for an influx of cases and switched from a mindset of "containment" to "minimisation".
- Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said he felt fine as he returned from high-level talks in Rome last week amid Italian coronavirus outbreak.
- Active Refugee and Migrant Integration in Australia, an initiative of Sunnybank parishioner Protais Muhirwa, celebrated its fifth anniversary.
- Josephite Sister Moya Campbell is packing her bags for the land of the long white cloud after nearly six years as Brisbane archdiocese's Vicar for Religious.
- Queensland police, politicians and community leaders are searching for solutions to the fatal scourge of domestic violence as "coercive control" highlighted as key indicator.
- The Catholic Leader looks at practical strategies for reducing carbon emissions and caring for creation.
- Town of St George in western Queensland welcomes the rain, and parish priest Fr Salvador Fernandes said more was needed.
- Inspired by memories from a childhood play in Herberton, Beverley Cains has written a play of her own about Our Lady of Fatima.

Still only \$2

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

Michael Donaldson, 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.