



# 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."*

**3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A 14th/15th March 2020**

**I**n Lent, we ponder "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets." — **Matthew 7:12** — As we ponder the "golden rule", we remember that food waste is a clear sign of the inequality that exists in the world today. Enough food is grown globally to feed every person, but more than 821 million people remain undernourished due to a lack of equitable food distribution and waste. — According to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, we could feed 2 billion people, more than twice the number of undernourished people across the globe, by reversing this trend.

**D**o 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.)



**C**ORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: - (these precautions are based on the latest information from the Qld Health Department)

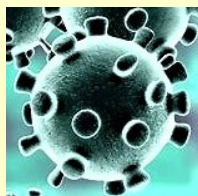
Parishes should **refrain** from distributing Holy Communion from the **chalice** until further notice.

**All** ministers of Holy Communion should **wash** their hands before and after distributing

When exchanging the **Sign of Peace**, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact and perhaps an appropriate gesture *e.g. the Asian practice of joining hands and bowing toward the other in respect.*

Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make **alcohol based** gels or rubs (or like products) available near the entrances.

It is wise for people to **receive** Holy Communion **in the hand** rather than on the tongue.



**P**ROJECT COMPASSION: 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—AUSTRALIA)

**O**ur LENTEN preparation for EASTER: Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

**Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy?**

On **MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance. ***How to do that??*** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on "***why*** do I do these things") and **write them and your answer down on a piece of paper** BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.



*"... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.....But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. – Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:5, 8*

**Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners!** (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)

**We must** bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good. -- St. Francis of Assisi

**Whoever is willing** to serenely bear the trial of being displeasing to herself, that person is a pleasant place of shelter for Jesus.— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**F**or 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".

**J**esus is back from long-service leave :). A big "Thank You" to Judy and John Minos for their excellent restoration work on this statue.



## 4th Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

1st Reading: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:11-41



**Counters Roster Team ATM-** Terry Silk, Len Cavanagh, Rosemary Stafford & Kemsley Kelly.

**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.

**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'.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped organise, cater and participate when we hosted the **World Day of Prayer** on Friday 6th.



**Update on our recent Bushfire Appeal**

During the recent very successful Appeal for Narooma St. Vincent de Paul Conference, the students of our Parish School wrote a letter to the students or families and fellow students in the area with the basic message of "We are thinking of you".

**A message of thanks received this week....**

*"Hi Alison, I picked up the parcel of letters today. I have only looked at half a dozen and..... oh my goodness they are just so beautiful and heartfelt!*

*Please pass on how happy we were to receive this huge bundle of precious messages. I*

*hope to personally thank everyone and relay just where the money was spent and where the letters went, sometime further down the track. cheers, Christine"*



**Vinnies**  
good works

Homelessness  
Poverty  
Unemployment  
Domestic Violence

These are just a few of the reasons why women are forced to choose between buying food or sanitary items. This is not okay.

ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS  
**is a Right,**  
**NOT A PRIVILEGE**

**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 sanitary 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 has been cancelled due to low numbers.** Perhaps this is a casualty of the corona virus!



**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](mailto:cppc@bne.catholic.net.au)

Website: [www.cppc.net.au](http://www.cppc.net.au)

**Here's a thought-provoking article: Sunday masses cancelled** because of the Corona-virus?? It's happening in Japan and parts of Italy. That may even be a good thing for us and the whole church?? See this link: <http://bit.ly/38vGuTm>

**Taking extra precautions** - Archdiocese of Brisbane recommends changes for parishes in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) effective 5th March, 2020. These changes are on flyers at each entry point to our church. Please be aware of the changes particularly with receiving communion, holy water and greetings.



**The retired Archbishop of Brisbane, John Bath-ersby**, died on Monday March 9, following a recent stroke. Archbishop John led the Archdiocese from 1991 until 2011, retiring upon reaching 75 years of age. With his passing we recall with gratitude the episcopal ministry of our sixth bishop, which was characterised by a deep desire to know and love Jesus and to share this with all. It is also a time of thanksgiving as now he is released from the debilitating illness that has been with him in these latter years. The liturgies that will usher Archbishop John into eternal life are being held at the Cathedral with a Funeral Vigil Liturgy at 5.00pm on Sunday March 15, Morning Prayer for the Dead in the



Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral at 8 am on Monday morning, and a Solemn Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal at 11.00am on Monday (n.b no public parking available on this business weekday). A number of tributes will be offered at the Sunday night Vigil. Webcasts of the Vigil and the Mass can be watched live at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

### Parish Leadership Development Day

An invitation is extended to all for the Parish Leadership Development Day 2020 - with this years theme "The Intentional Parish".

The day will be of benefit to Lay Ministry Leaders, Clergy, Pastoral Council members and Finance Council members.

**Date:** Saturday 28th March 2020

**Where:** Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina

**Time:** 8:30am - 3:00pm (morning tea & lunch included)

The full program and registration details are available at [ebab.weebly.com](http://ebab.weebly.com)

**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**  
invites you to the annual

**Chrism Mass**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020  
@ 7.00pm

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN  
249 ELIZABETH STREET, BRISBANE  
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese  
ALL WELCOME

**Tennis Courts for Hire**  
with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the  
office Monday to Thursday



"Everyone who drinks this water will  
be thirsty again." (John 4:13)



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only come when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

## Third Sunday of Lent 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia

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

**The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group** meets on the



third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 19th July** at Café 63, **Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome.

**Phone Gary McLean (ph**

**Holy Cross**  
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## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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 Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan  
 Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
 Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)  
 Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
 Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
 Office Telephone: 3356 7155

## Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:

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

## Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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 School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
 School Principal: Nigel Bird  
 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	16th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	17th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Sacramental prep meeting
Wed	18th	7.30am	Seniors Bus Trip <b>Cancelled</b>
Thurs	19th	8.30am	Mass
Fri	20th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's group
Sat	21st	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	22nd	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary

## We pray for those recently deceased including:



Archbishop John Bathersby, Marjorie Moroney, John Blumke, Aunt Joan Hendricks, Jack Hamilton, Rita Butt, Patricia Trudgian, Vincent Jenner and Athol Henderson.

We pray for those who are unwell. Information contact Debra

Jack Charalambous  
 Maurice Drake  
 Maria Rosa Arreguci Zuzarte  
 Fr Ron Mollison  
 Bushfire Victims  
 Brian Becker  
 Pam & Norm Ward  
 Irene Johnson  
 Ado Padayhag  
 Mary Law



**Announcement of the Sick**  
 IS FREE but bookings are essential. **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

- \* Brisbane Emeritus Archbishop John Bathersby dies aged 83, remembered as a dedicated servant of the Church in Queensland.
- \* Brisbane archdiocese rolls out extra precautionary measures at Masses and in parishes in light of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- \* Female students at St James College were inspired to become the next generation of strong, talented women at an International Women's Day event.
- \* Breast cancer survivor Jane Anderson throws her support behind a new research biobank at Brisbane's Mater Hospital that could fight the disease.
- \* Perth bioethics director Fr Joseph Parkinson argues against treating children with puberty blockers and calls for excellent pastoral care.
- \* Stafford parishioners raised \$20,000 and sent 220 cards to Narooma St Vincent de Paul Conference, which has been on the frontline of bushfire response.
- \* Hannah Clarke and children, who were killed in a domestic violence incident, were mourned at an emotional funeral.

Still only \$2

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

Eddie Nicholson, 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.