



# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

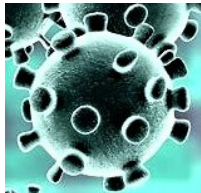
*Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."*

4th Sunday of Lent - Year A 21st/22nd March 2020

## CARONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: - LATEST NEWS:

We just received the following notice from Archbishop Coleridge:

"The **celebration of Mass on Sundays** (including the Saturday vigil) **suspended with immediate effect and until further notice**, and all the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation .



For the time being, **weekday Masses may be celebrated** as scheduled, with the **current restrictions and precautions** to be observed. " (max of 100 people, separated by 1.5m etc)

**Alcohol based** gels or rubs (or like products) should be available near the entrances. (Sorry we cannot access supplies—hopefully you can BYO)

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

This will be **an OPPORTUNITY** (Life always follows death) to **be Church** in other ways. I hope to help all families and individuals **live their faith at home**. Many Catholic Families (e.g. in China, or the Amazon or under ISIS rule do this all the time) It would be **a big help** to me and a **huge advantage** to **YOU**, if we have your **email address** via which we can keep in touch and send you prayers and other resources. If you **DO NOT** receive the newsletter via email, could you **please** send an email to the parish (we'll keep it private) so that we can keep in touch.—Denis.

**I**n the meantime, here are a couple of resources to help you remain in prayer with the whole church while being at home:

- A **great App** (for phones, tablets or computers—Apple or Android). It has the daily readings, the "Prayer of the Church" - a participation in the prayer of Christ with the whole community etc. Do a search for "**Catholic Calendar: Universalis**".
- Liturgy Brisbane** has made available this resource which is **the Sunday Readings** and a brief commentary about them. <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

**Other Resources:** Sunday Mass is 'Live streamed' from the Cathedral: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> **Mass on TV** Sun 6am Ch 10; Two Minute Homilies: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

[multimedia/two-minute-homilies/](#)

**F**unerals, Weddings, Baptisms—all will be limited to 100 people or less if the Government lowers the allowed number to gather in an enclosed space.

**P**arish Income: Our Parish will continue to function during this crisis and, as you know, the **Bills will still come in**. (Regardless of anything the **costs** of keeping your parish running works out at **about \$12 per man woman and child per week**.) We will endeavour to **try new things to help you** live as "church" (a people gathered in response to Jesus' call). The two resources above are an example of that. **If you use the Envelopes**, maybe you can drop them in once a month. (Until further notice there is the basket in the **Office Foyer during Office hours**) Or maybe you can **send a cheque once a month** with your donation (include a first or second collection envelope or indicate your number in some other way, **or** maybe

you can **Deposit your giving directly** into our Parish Bank Account. Details are:

**BSB: 064-786**

**Acc Name: Stafford Parish Acc**

**Acc Number: No 007291100**

**Bank: CBA**

**Reference: Your Name or Env No.**

If you **normally** contribute **using cash**, maybe you can do the same.

**O**ther ways to be "church" and live out your Faith (Remember Mass is the "summit and source" of your life, it's not the "be all and end all" as if nothing else matters.)

- Print out this newsletter** and leave it in the letter box of an elderly or sick parishioner who does not have a computer (the same with other resources we send you).
- Be considerate of others**—do not 'panic buy' and hoard more than you need from the shops.
- Offer to shop/telephone / look out for** elderly or sick neighbours who find it difficult/dangerous to leave home. **Etc etc**.
- If you think of other ways** we can be church together, **email me** and we can pass on the ideas to others or try to implement them as Parish.

**O**ur Fast from the Eucharist is a challenge that, if we embrace it, will make us grow. **We've encountered worse** and many of our **fellow Catholics** have faced this for many years.

## 5th Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



**Counters Roster Team Bank**— Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove and John Dalton (Ring first—you may not be needed).

**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. **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



**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'.

**Here's a thought-provoking article: Sunday masses cancelled** because of the Coronavirus?? 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>

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.

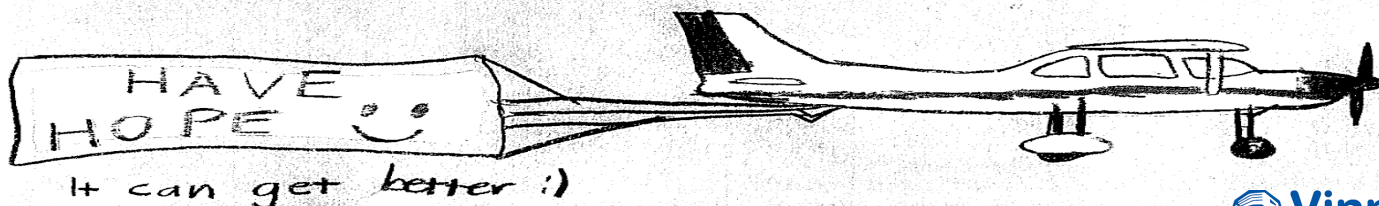
ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS  
**is a Right,  
NOT A PRIVILEGE**

information about this is on our noticeboard.

**T**riduum Roster sheets are at the rear of the church. **OR PLEASE RING OR EMAIL YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE. (WHETHER the ceremonies will happen, we don't know yet)** We are needing readers, Eucharistic ministers, mass coordinators, AV, and altar servers would be good for some of the liturgies too. Please leave your name and tick the 'jobs' and liturgies where you are available to assist during the Triduum. There is also a column on the sheet for volunteers to participate in the feet washing on Holy Thursday. Many thanks, Debra.

## Cancellations due to coronavirus

- **Delamore Retirement Community Open Day**
- **Parish Development Day.**
- **All other gatherings**, e.g. Second Rite of Penance, Christmas in July, International Food Fest etc are likely to be cancelled as well. We will let you know.



Hello, ☺

I am a student in Year 6, I have heard of the fires in your region recently, and I truly do not know how you have endured this struggle & must feel very distressing in your situation. I hope that you and your family can eventually recover and Narooma/Bermagui/Corbango can rebuild with a sense of newness and recovery. You really have gone through a lot, and may still yet have more ordeals. But we all hope you can get through this — and that our aid can assist.

☺ From a fellow Year 6 student, in Brisbane





## \* Interested in learning more about composting?

Council has partnered with community gardens around Brisbane to help residents reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill and create rich compost for use in the community gardens. Registered participants can donate their food scraps at their local community composting hub. The Raven Street Bushland Centre is one of our local Community Composting Hubs. During our recent Living Laudato Si Forum, the Raven Street Reserve Staff presented information on the many initiatives householders can undertake to better reduce waste. On the day, there was a keen response to the concept of Community Composting. As a result, we have been offered an opportunity to further investigate composting. Parishioners who are interested in learning more about composting and the Community Composting Program are asked to register an expression of interest through the Parish Office or via the registration sheet at the back of the church.



Louise from the Care for Creation Group will contact you

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)*



How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

**The Church is still going strong.** Here's a quote from an email I have received over the last couple of days: It's from a **mum of teens and Primary kids:** *I was talking with my kids this afternoon and we were chatting of course about the virus and the impact on people. We are worried about the elderly, not only their health but the social isolation. It will be very hard for people, not being able to attend Mass, not receiving visits from family, stuck in the house and not having social contact. This may not be possible but wondering if we can try and coordinate parishioners to contact the elderly? Particularly if Mass stops? If everyone is working from home and no school or sport, there's not much excuse for not being able to pick up the phone for 20 minutes ..*



**Tennis Courts for Hire**  
with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**  
Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. Until now Sakun, an indigenous Gond woman, has been isolated in her community, unable to earn a livelihood and without knowledge of government schemes that could help her. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. Through their strategic guidance and support, Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family's basic needs. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.**

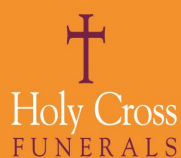
**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS—Archbishop Mark

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



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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](http://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	23rd	8.30am 6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting</b>
Tues	24th	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer and Communion</b>
Wed	25th		
Thurs	26th	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>
Fri	27th	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
Sat	28th	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b> (until no one is waiting)
Sun	29th		<b>Your reflection on the Readings, prayer and maybe Mass on TV or live streamed (see front)</b>

**NOTE: The church will be open during Office Hours for prayer.**

### We pray for those recently deceased including:



Fr Peter Conroy, Archbishop John Bathersby, Marjorie Moroney, John Blumke, Aunt Joan Hendricks, Jack Hamilton, Rita Butt, Patricia Trudgian, Vincent Jenner.

### We pray for those who are unwell

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

- \* Brisbane Emeritus Archbishop John Bathersby was laid to rest at St Stephen's Cathedral, remembered as a good and faithful servant of Jesus Christ .
- \* Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to worsen and Prime Minister Scott Morrison announces wide-scale bans on mass gatherings.
- \* Catholic network says government must support charity sector in coronavirus pandemic plans.
- \* Caritas Australia community engagement manager Father George Sigamony is visiting Brisbane's Catholic schools and parishes, sharing his stories of Project Compassion.
- \* Emmanuel City Mission is now opening its doors seven days a week, serving Brisbane's homeless and vulnerable from their South Brisbane centre.
- \* Brisbane archdiocese is showing Masses online every week day for those who are in isolation or unable to venture out. .
- \* Australia's High Court reserves its decision on the fate of Cardinal George Pell in his last bid at appeal over historical sexual abuse.

Still only \$2

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

Eddie Nicholson, Michael O'Donnell, 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.