



# 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."**

**Third Sunday of Easter - Year A 25th/26th April 2020**

**A**re you reading a "hard copy" of this newsletter? Do you **have email**?—If so could you **please email me (pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)** so that I can keep in contact with you.

If you **do not have email**, and no one has rung you, or in any other way, contacted you, could you **please ring the Office (3356 7155)** and leave your name and phone number? I don't want anyone in our parish "falling through the cracks" and not sharing in all that is going on even though there is no Sunday Mass.

**W**hile we are distracted by Covid-19 and most of the News is about the effects of the virus, our Environment is still being damaged, Climate Change is still happening. Parts of the Reef have had their third Coral Bleaching event in three years, Victorian native forests are being logged before they even have a chance to recover from last summer's devastating bushfires, new coal projects are being approved under Sydney's drinking water reservoir, and so on. While we are still in partial "lockdown" we can still do things to protect God's Creation, Mother Earth. Email polities etc. **Here's a couple of things from our parish "Care for Creation Group" that are worth looking at:**

**ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE FOOD STORAGE:** Safely storing fresh and cooked food is an everyday occurrence. As I have grown in my understanding of the environmental damage caused by single use plastics, I have made a commitment to seeking a healthy change in my habits; one which is healthy for our world.

Many foods can be safely stored in boxes and bowls with lids. Wax material wraps are also a great alternative to plastic cling film. They are easily cleaned with a disinfectant spray and either air dried or wiped with a fresh tea towel. There are times though, when cling film presents the most convenient way to



present/preserve the food.

Bio plastic technology has now addressed the requirement for environmentally sustainable cling film. Now, when I reach for the cling film, I know that it is made from 100% sugar cane which has been sustainably and ethically sourced. I still use it sparingly, but when I do I know that my small change is helping to care for creation.



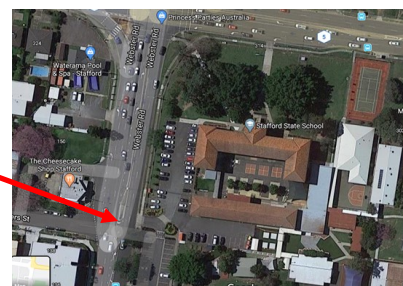
It is worthwhile looking at these links to better understand the new products which help us to make healthy changes for our world. <https://sugarwrap.com.au/> or <https://www.multix.com.au/>.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE (AN EASY WAY!!)

Log on to [containersforchange.com.au](https://containersforchange.com.au) to register your personal code or **use the Parish Code: C10195625** and donate the funds to Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish. **HERE'S THE EASIEST WAY TO DO IT LOCALLY:** Use the **STAFFORD STATE SCHOOL COLLECTION POINT** (Avoid before and after school pickup times—around 8.30am and 3pm!)

**Here's how:**

1. **Enter** from Webster Road, via the **'Pick Up Zone'**



2. **Bottles must have the lids removed.**

3. **Label THE bag with the registration number ( Q of A code C10195625) Labels are provided for you if you**



**have not taped your own onto the bag**

4. **Deposit** your bags into the bin.

## A couple of 'Dad' jokes:

Why did the Jelly-bean go to school? — *It wanted to be a Smartie!!*

How did the Penguin build its house? — *'I GLOO"d it!*



### Sugarcane

The sugarcane crop metabolizes the CO2 to produce sucrose (sugar).



### Ethanol→Ethylene→Bio-PE

The sugar juice is fermented and distilled to produce ethanol and through the dehydration process, ethanol is transformed into ethylene. The ethylene is polymerized into poly-ethylene Bio-PE.



### Carbon (CO2)

The carbon footprint comparison of Bio-PE to Petro-PE is even more compelling, as every ton of Petro-PE produces 2.1 ton of CO2, compared with every ton of Bio-PE absorbing 2.5 ton of CO2.



### Recycling

All Bio-PE products are 100% recyclable in the same recycling facilities as all other recyclable plastics.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

**The buddy system is working!** I have heard that the Latte Ladies were gathering this week using Zoom. Thanks goes to Louise Scott for arranging that for the ladies. Now more than ever before, it is so important to make a connection with someone. If you have received a phone call from some one in our community, perhaps pay it forward and phone someone too. Our lives and relationships will be richer through our interactions with one another.



### Reflection from a parishioner:

On Pentecost Day Mary and the Apostles gathered waiting for the sign Jesus had promised, then they became aware they were led to be called Witnesses to His Word and Teachings as Jesus had called them to do.

Each one of us has received the Gift of The Holy Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation.

We too are led by the Spirit each day to whatever work we are called to do.

Since we have had Church closures and lock down procedures, we are led each Sunday for Community Prayer time, through Zoom.



We are welcomed, listen to the Word read by Parishioners, we sing Responses with an Opening hymn and Concluding Hymn, Father reflects on the Word for us, to enable us to go forth, reflect

on this ourselves and share it with others whoever or wherever we are. A prayerful experience for us.

After the Community Liturgy there is an opportunity to greet other Parishioners from house to house.

Many Parishioners are called to be connected with others, phone calls are numerous, Latte Ladies meet, Newsletters, Messages from the Parish Office, Catholic Leaders etc., are given to those without Internet connections, unexpected emails arrive, Sew-ers are asked to lend a hand making gowns for Nurses at Karuna, some shop for others so 'Stay at Home' can be practised.

Emails come from the Parish Office, to keep in touch, with messages to guide and assist us in our calling that day. A valuable connection.

A Mobile hairdresser was located in the Parish who could assist one in need, also finding work for herself. Some of this has been in place, but very evident right now, always a friendly Spirit led by some, following on the fine qualities shown from Father.

The assistance for others is remarkable, this then can be followed through, listening to the call we receive for any one not in touch.

So this would be a Community of Spirit led Parishioners who are witnesses to Jesus' Teachings.

Where do we go later on, I cannot even wonder....but this witness can never be lost, not only during the Pandemic but we remember we are called.

**With the main source of any communal prayer being within the family these days, this is more relevant than ever.....**

**Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.**

James A. Baldwin



**Catholic Leader**—Do you miss your weekly copy of the "Leader". Do you know that if you go to the Homepage of our website (<https://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/>), click on the "picture-button" called "[Stay Connected](#)" you will be able to read the current Catholic Leader online.

**Tennis court Hire Restrictions due to COVID-19**  
We are bound by the Queensland Government legislation and Chief Health Officer public health directions. Our tennis courts fall under the category of Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction (no.4). Tennis is considered a **Social sporting-based activity and is limited to two people**, with social distancing observed at all times. Failure to observe these directions can attract large fines for both the parish and for the players. Please do the right thing when using our courts. Social distancing at all times saves lives!

**Kinda feeling like the Earth just sent us all to our rooms to think about what we've done.**



**A Novena of Prayer** — We pray for humanity as we struggle to manage and overcome the effects of COVID 19 — Pray this Novena for nine consecutive days.

Instead of asking Mary to be our 'intercessor', **why don't we simply ask Mary to pray WITH us?** When we pray in community, we are a circle of friends who are united in intention and deed. Mary becomes one more friend in that circle who will pray with us, asking God to hear us and help us in our actions. As our friend, Mary supports us with confidence and encouragement. A tenacious Australian, who made a great difference to the people of our nation, she knew how to be successful in the face of adversity.

**By asking Mary to pray WITH us**, rather than FOR us, we claim our worthiness to approach God. We learn, from her belief in and experience of, God's creative, omnipotent presence. ....



**From the Pen of Mary:**

God's love is too deep for words to express. 1870 Abide in me as I abide in you. John 15:4

**Reflection: .We pause and read silently, we take a few moments to reflect**

Mary MacKillop was a big hearted woman full of compassion and love. She felt and experienced the abundance of God's love for her. In times of trials and tribulations she found refuge in the hospitable heart of God's love. 'When storms rage, when persecutions or dangers threaten, I quietly creep into the deep abyss of the Sacred Heart; and securely sheltered there, my soul is in peace' 1907. She was a woman whose heartbeat was in unison with the heartbeat of God. Through her actions, she became the gentle face of Christ in a wounded world.

**We Pray:**

**St Mary MacKillop** of the Cross, you said "Never see a need without doing something about it" Please join

with us and advocate for our ravaged world, in Jesus' name. **Amen**

**Creator God, open our hearts** to the abundance of your love. May we, like Mary MacKillop, share with you our troubles and trust in your loving care. We ask for your wisdom and guidance as humanity struggles to manage the ravages of COVID 19. Help us to be people of service; to show Your love in our wounded world. May our prayers for those in anguish sustain them in their helplessness and bring hope into their hearts. **Amen**

**Vinnies still operates** and is available. Ring 1800VINNIE (1800 846 643) if you are in need of food or other help.



**FUNERALS** — Although regulations limit us to 10 people (excluding the celebrant), we can still celebrate "Catholic" Funerals.

**Sunday ZOOM Liturgy will be at 8.30am** every Sunday morning until further notice. Join your fellow parishioners as we celebrate Communion and the Word. Help with ZOOM available—contact Denis.

**Mass is 'Live streamed' from the Cathedral:**  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

**Mass on TV** Sun 6am Ch 10. **There will be a Mass streamed from the Cathedral for Anzac Day on Saturday at 11.30am.**

**Fr Denis is also planning an Anzac Day liturgy on Zoom at 8.30am on Saturday 25th April.**



"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*


How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

**Tennis Courts for Hire**  
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. **SUSPENDED**



**A**n excerpt from the Catholic Leader this week.

BRISBANE Catholic Colleges have been putting resources to good use assisting in making face masks for health workers on the coronavirus frontline.

Iona College, Lindum and Padua College, Kedron, are among schools working around-the-clock to produce mask frames using 3D printers – an important contribution towards ending a shortage of personal protective equipment.

Both schools were alerted to a call out from Brisbane's Metro North Hospital and Health Service to support the Queensland University of Technology's Herston BioFabrication Institute.

At Padua, the Industrial Skills department has launched a similar effort to assist frontline health workers during the COVID-19 crisis. "We've delivered our first few today our machines will continue to work over the holidays," the college posted on its official Facebook page. The facemask project has sparked a huge social media response with offers to donate and help to boost production, and also inquiries about buying PPE's.

The facemask project is proudly supported by Iona's rector, Oblate Father Michael Twigg and principal Trevor Goodwin. "St Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate continues to challenge us to find new means to meet new needs," Fr Twigg said.

"Our school community is compelled to be involved, to participate and to make a difference. This project meets all of those factors and is our way of expressing thanks to the health care workers on the front line."

"Through the Gospels, Jesus also invites us into thinking and caring for others and we think that this is an initiative that celebrates HOPE. Hold On Pain Ends." Iona nurse Katie Smith said: "I am truly excited that Iona College is contributing to keeping the healthcare workers of Australia safe."

"Personal protective equipment is in short supply and it is comforting to know that Iona College have combined skills, knowledge and resources to be able to assist others in this unprecedented and challenging time." To find out more about 3D printing of PPE's

[visit the Metro North website.](#)

Sharing works: Padua rector Peter Elmore (left) and Neil Davissen from the schools Industrial Skills Department. Photo: Supplied.

### We pray for those who are unwell

Sr Elizabeth  
Chris Stevens  
Jack Charalambous  
Maria Rosa Arreguici Zuzarte  
Fr Ron Mollison  
Bushfire Victims  
Brian Becker  
Pam & Norm Ward  
Irene Johnson  
Ado Padayhag  
Mary Law



### ANointing of the Sick



If you are **going to hospital unexpected-ly** 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.

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

*John Winkle, Gloria Patalinghug, Bienvinido Tolentino, Des O'Brien, Sid Tynan, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.*

### We pray for those recently deceased including:

Alex Pipe

Fr Peter Conroy

Archbishop John Bathersby

Marjorie Moroney

John Blumke

Aunty Joan Hendricks

Jack Hamilton

Rita Butt

Patricia Trudgian

Vincent Jenner.

