



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."

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A 2nd/3rd May 2020

Are 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.

While 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.



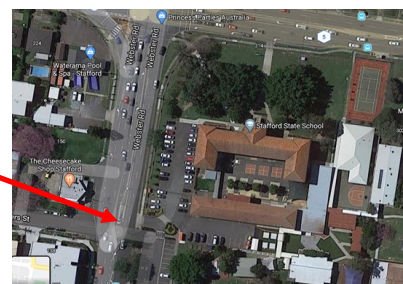
It is worthwhile looking at these links to better understand the new products which help us to make healthy changes for our world. <https://sugarwrap.com.au/> or <https://www.multix.com.au/>.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE (AN EASY WAY!!)

Log on to containersforchange.com.au 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.



Update on Containers for Change

We have received a few deposits from Container for Change for bags of bottles donated at a collection point in the last few weeks. **Big thank you**



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

The Small Blessings campaign

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has developed a campaign aimed at encouraging people to take care of one another, especially the vulnerable, during this challenging time, in line with the principles of solidarity and stewardship of the community.

As Catholics we are all called, especially during difficult times, to make a difference for others and to give thanks for the small things. We have coined these small blessings, and we are asking the community to share, create and as often as possible be small blessings for others.

Through parishes we can take care of one another and be or create small blessings by:

- supporting people to continue to practice their faith
- making sure people can embody their faith, by supporting others in the broader community
- keeping people connected.

Parishes can also play a role in sharing small blessings with the broader community to inspire and remind people of what they could be doing for others.

Be or create small blessings – Faith

Here are some ways you can practise your faith from home

Live stream Mass

Mass is 'Live streamed' from the Cathedral

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>
Mass on TV Sun 6am Channel 10.

Prayer in the home

Set up a prayer table in a quiet area of your home where you can gather together to watch Mass, celebrate a Liturgy of the Word (using the resources circulated by Liturgy Brisbane each week) or for your own prayers.

Involve the children in decorating it with things from the garden.



Regular reflections

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.

Evangelisation Brisbane are writing daily reflections which are published on the Evangelisation Brisbane website

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

The **two minute homilies** continue to be published each week and we have provided step-by-step instructions for accessing these

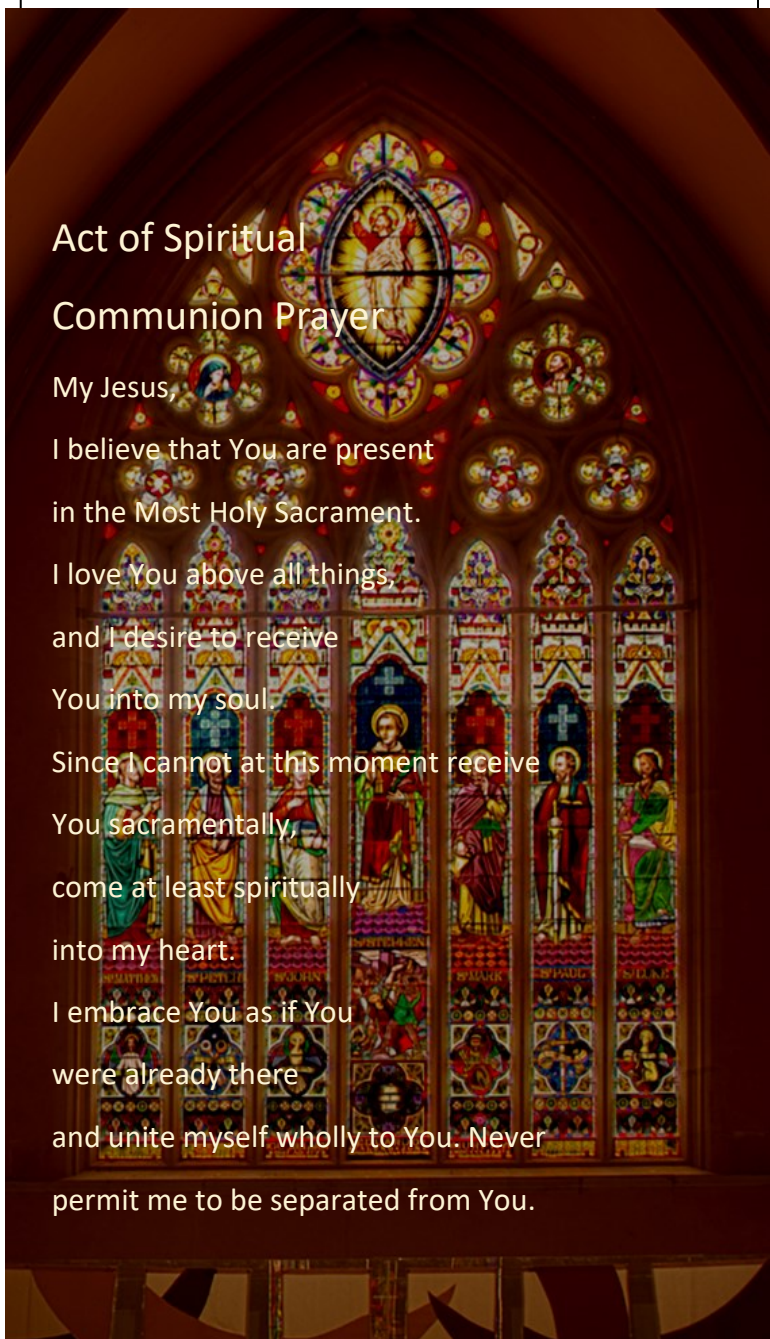
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Online Groups and Programs

Parish groups who gather regularly and provide important spiritual and social support to one another can continue

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.



using an online format. Don't stop social distancing from connecting with your regular gatherings. The Latte Ladies have used Zoom to continue their social interactions. If you belong to a group that needs support in use technology to connect, connect the parish office for assistance.

Prayer intentions

While our community can't physically gather together you might consider writing prayer intentions. You can email your intentions or call the parish office to share them.

Share
your prayer
intentions
with us.

Give the Gift of Faith. The dedication you have for Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office

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!

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 Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!
Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday

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



"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38)

Stewardship *a way of life*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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.

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

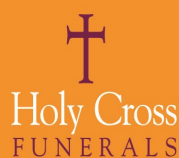
Mary MacKillop was a big hearted woman full of compassion and love. She felt and experienced the abundance of God's love for her. In times of trials and tribulations she found refuge in the hospitable heart of God's love. 'When storms rage, when persecutions or dangers threaten, I quietly creep into 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**



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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**



We pray for those who are unwell

Carmel Remphrey
Sr Elizabeth
Chris Stevens
Jack Charalambous
Maria Rosa Arregu-
ci 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-**
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Denis know and we
can celebrate this Sac-
rament beforehand

You may add a **sick person's name to the list by phoning** the Parish Office (3356 7155).



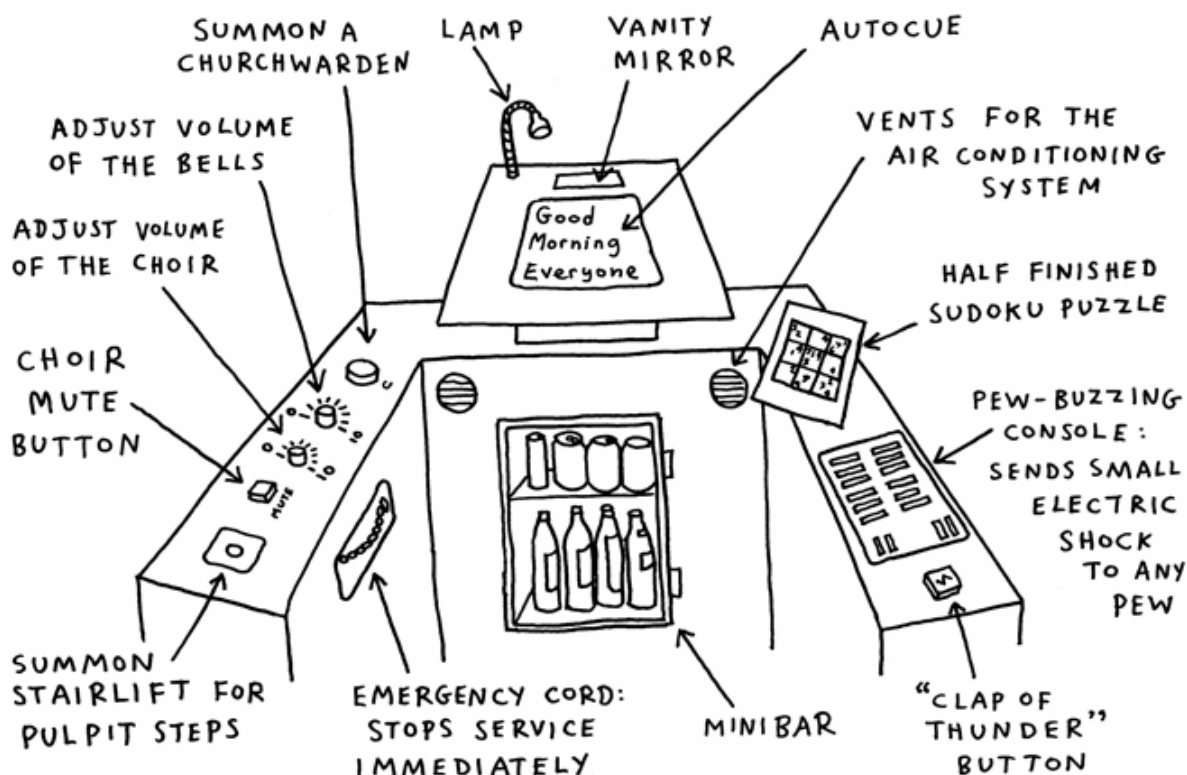
To keep the list 'fresh' the last names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list.

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 Parish-ioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

THE PULPIT

THESE ARE THE TYPICAL CONTROLS



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We pray for those recently deceased including:

Jack Jones
Patrick McKewin
Alex Pipe
Fr Peter Conroy
Archbishop John Bathersby
Marjorie Moroney
John Blumke
Aunty Joan Hendricks
Jack Hamilton
Rita Butt

