



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."

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A 9th/10th May 2020

HOW GOOD IS OUR SCHOOL!! -- I notice that in all the commentary about whether schools should restart as per normal, there are no Principals or Teachers who, surely are the experts when it comes to the practicality and efficacy of doing so. Maybe it's a symptom of how our society regards teachers (and nurses and all service people in our country). The teachers and other school staff have spent countless hours organising, preparing and supporting parents and children for teaching the children at home until the end of May which was the original date set by the Government. Our school in particular has unique challenges in that we two campuses! We thank God for the staff and parents of our school who are doing a great job in the cir-

cumstances in ensuring good education of our children.

The following will give you an idea of how great our school, Queen of Apostles has been in handling this crisis. How come they and their peers are not consulted?

Here's a note in the last School Newsletter from **Nigel Bird, our Principal:**

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROVISIONS (AEP)

Thank you to those families who have provided feedback regarding the AEP. I attach a summary of the responses received in each year level for parent information. As you can see, although we are in changing times, the AEP is working well for the vast majority of our families. Next week we will be seeking parent feedback regarding a year level specific question to further fine tune the AEP. Once again we appreciate the extremely high level of parent support and your inputs to improve the AEPs. The graph here represents the Parent Responses (around 90% of the total parent body responded):

(The Graphs are the work of **Ben Campbell - our Assistant Principal Religious Education**)

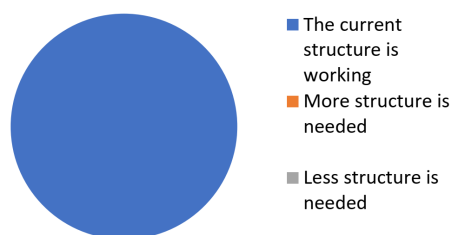
Here is some more information from **Leanne Murray (Assistant Principal Administration)** - It may demonstrate the extent to which the Teaching Staff will go to ensure a good education and support for the children and their parents:

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROVISIONS

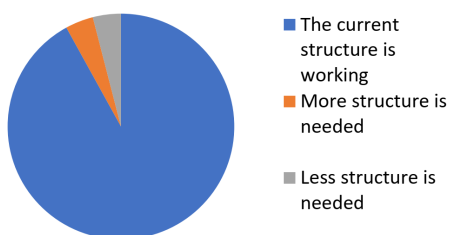
- We are grateful for the feedback we received this week to help get the balance right and best support you at home. A couple of good points were raised which has prompted me to provide you with some clarity around the video meeting times.

- Teachers won't be using the live meeting times to 'teach' work. Knowing the majority of

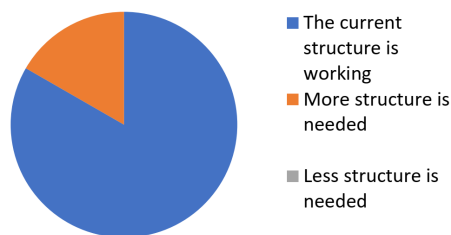
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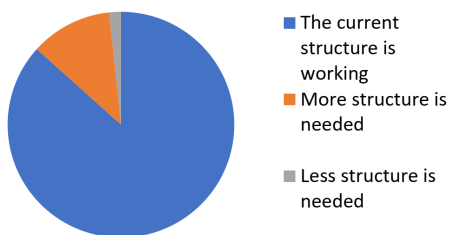
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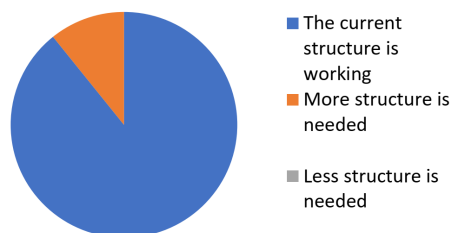
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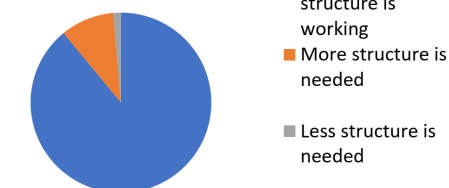
Year 3 Parent Feedback



Year 4 Parent Feedback



Year 5/6 Parent Feedback



■ The current structure is working

■ More structure is needed

■ Less structure is needed

**So – Good on you
Q of A Staff and
Parents!!!**

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21



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

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

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.

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- of you are still working from home and supporting your children's learning, we want the learning we provide to have some flexibility. We know each family's situation is different but feel this is the right approach. Live meetings are an opportunity for students to check in with their teacher and get clarification around the learning they are doing. These are not compulsory and will always be recorded in case your child wants to watch them later and see if there was a question asked that he/she hadn't considered.
- Each grade has either 3 or 5 live video check ins per week. This has been determined based on the needs of each year level. There is scope for this to change as the weeks continue and will be dependent on the learning demands. Your child's teacher will let you know if the current number will change.
- Teachers will continue to use different mediums to support the students learning from home with one example being a pre-recorded video where the teacher demonstrates how to complete a task such as multiplication or a spelling activity. These videos will be there as a resource to support student learning at school and at home.
- Due to the practicalities of live recording of lessons, teachers are unable to video the lessons they are doing at school with the students present, and upload these onto TEAMS for those at home to watch. Please note, the students at school are doing the same learning as the students at home and are working off the same IT platform.

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the
office Monday to Thursday



"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Stewardship *a way of life*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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.

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


Thank you to everyone who has continued to give towards our Planned Giving Campaign for this year. If you usually give by envelope and are unable to visit the parish, contributions can be made through direct deposit into our bank account. For more information about this, phone or email Debra in the office. There are forms on the parish website to begin contributions through your bank account or credit card. Forms may be completed and emailed to the office for processing.

Project compassion envelopes and boxes need to be finalised, so that all monies can be sent to Caritas. I will extend the last date for receiving monies for Caritas to Monday 11th May.

Soon in cooperation with other local churches and community groups, I'll be asking you to volunteer to do some "Letterbox drops". WHAT for?? The "social isolation" time has reminded us of the importance of neighbourhoods.

The "letterbox drop" will be a first step in breaking down anonymity in our area. I'll be asking that you (and the kids or a next-door neighbour) volunteer to drop a leaflet in peoples' letterboxes in your street or even your block. It'll be good exercise and will help to break down walls and make our world a better place. Have a think about it, overcome any initial shyness, reluctance, and be prepared to have a go.

Imagine what a difference we could make if all of the parishioners get involved!


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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

Barbara Jones
Carmel Remphrey
Sr Elizabeth
Chris Stevens
Jack Charalambous
Maria Rosa Arreguci Zuzarte
Fr Ron Mollison
Bushfire Victims
Brian Becker
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
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 OBrien, 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.

A prayer for Mothers



All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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

