



# 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."*

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A 23rd/24th May 2020

**A**N IMPORTANT REFLECTION: "What would you like people to say 20 years from now about how we as Church and Society lived through this pandemic?" Please talk about this in your family (ask the teens and kids if you have them!), think about it and **EMAIL** or **WRITE** or **PHONE** the Office with the result of your reflection. I will collate them (or get the Parish Council to do so) and publish the ideas in a week or two. **RSVP: next Thursday (28th May)**

While you are reflecting, **you may find this video really helpful** -- it's the result of people in the Archdiocese of Regina (USA) reflecting and sending their answers to this question to their Bishop (Donald Bolen). See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-avdKBskDyl>

**I**gnite Youth Live - Join us on Friday nights when we gather online and connect with each other. Each week we hear from an inspirational speaker, experience dynamic worship from Ignite Conference followed up with our high schoolers online youth group.

**Download the Handout**

**Friday Nights from 7pm**

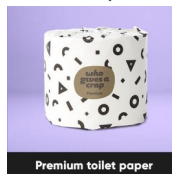
On [facebook](#) and [youtube](#).

**W**ho Gives A Crap delivered to us this week after a long break due to insufficient supply. We are selling rolls of Toilet paper for \$1.20 and rolls of Paper Towel for \$3 each. They are made from 100% recycled paper, or Bamboo—all environmentally friendly and as you buy them (cost is average for what you pay at Woolies) **50% of any profit supports the building of toilets in impoverished countries** thus providing protection and dignity for women,



avoiding diseases such as cholera. Go on line to "who gives a crap" at <https://au.whogivesacrap.org/>

and investigate for yourself. **We will have them for available sale in the parish office. (Cash or Eftpos)**



**C**atholic 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.



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## Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



### 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.

# Share your small blessings

Be or create small blessings – Community

Here are some ways you can reach out and offer assistance to the broader community.

### Support parish initiatives

Our parish is preparing for a letterbox drop. Put your hand up for a walk with the dog or kids and reach out to a neighbour.

### Offer to help. Ask for help.

Be aware of those that need help. Be aware that there are people willing to help you if you need it. Things we can do to support each other are simple tasks like collecting shopping and other essentials for those that are self-isolating due to health, risk, age or other reasons.

If you'd like a call please  
phone the parish office on  
3356 7155 or email  
[stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
and someone will call you for  
a chat! "

### Getting parish groups involved

Some of our groups have already reached out to the community. There have been many offers to make phone calls. Another way to connect is the old fashioned letter. This is a great time to start to get the youth involved. They could invite elderly or isolated parishioners to become pen pals.



"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in

bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

**Vinnies are still open for business.** If you or someone you know needs help for food or household goods or something else please ring 1800VINNIE (1800 846 643)

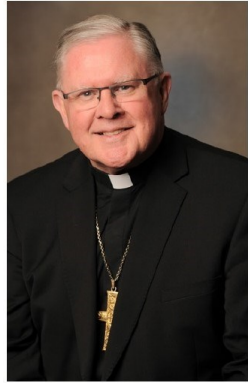




# NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020 VOLUNTEER WEEK

CHANGING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES.

**T**hank You letters have been received from Caritas and from Share the Dignity this week.



It's hard to know what the church and society are going to look like when we emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions.

The one constant throughout our pre and post-pandemic worlds, however, will be the volunteers who remain at the heart and soul of what we do.

As we prepare to celebrate a National Week in your honour, my thanks goes out to all the volunteers, wherever you may be offering witness — in parishes or prisons, hospitals, courts or respite and drop-in centres.

In spite of the many challenges posed by this medical crisis, you still stood ready, in ways both creative and courageous, to continue outreach on our behalf and for that the Archdiocese is indebted to you.

Without you we couldn't do or be what Jesus Christ calls us to do and be.

**Most Rev Mark Coleridge**  
ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

Although we have been in lockdown here at the parish, we have received donations to Caritas for their Project compassion Campaign for 2020 totalling almost \$5000.00. Although this figure is down on our collections for 2019, we still did well.

The Share the Dignity campaign also suffered through the lockdown with their March 2020 Dignity Drive. We did still manage to donate a large bag of goods to the organisation!

They will do holding another dignity Drive in August. So keep that in mind when you are shopping and perhaps put an extra something in your trolley ready for their next drive.

If you missed out on making a donation to Project compassion, they will still accept donations till 30th June. Go to their website for more details.

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



**PROTECT  
EDUCATE  
SAVE LIVES  
DONATE NOW**  
Give by June 30



## Restrictions easing COVID-19

Although we have had some easing of restrictions in the community, there has been no changes to access of the church buildings at this stage. The Archdiocese have prepared a COVID-19 Safe Plan, which we need to adhere to. There will be many checks and measures before we are able to open up again. I hope to give you some information next week about these plans. In the meantime, if you haven't made a prayer space in your home, and if you haven't joined a phone call group - do something this week. It could be some time before you can greet each other at the church doors. If you haven't tried a Zoom liturgy or Zoom chat session, try something new this week! You'll be surprised how much you will enjoy the interaction with your fellow parishioners.

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with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

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[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### **Queen of Apostles School Contacts**

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APA: Leanne Murray  
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School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)  
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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

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, Bienwinido Tolentino and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.*

Do you need a  
small blessing?

[smallblessings.com.au](http://smallblessings.com.au)

### **We pray for those recently deceased including:**

Noel Wood

Jack Jones

Patrick McKewin

Alex Pipe

Fr Peter Conroy

Archbishop John Bathersby

Marjorie Moroney

John Blumke

Aunty Joan Hendricks

Jack Hamilton

