



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 Most Holy Trinity - Year A 6th/7th June 2020

The children of our parish school, Queen of Apostles have been busy recently, penning letters to the children that were affected by the bushfires during summer. These letters will be sent to **Narooma/ Bermagui/Cobargo** districts where the Vinnies donations from Stafford were sent earlier this year. I had the privilege of reading a few of them and had to share a few with you. The children's letters are filled with messages of hope and humour, prayers and pictures. They made me laugh and made me emotional while reading through the large pile of letters. I've shared a few here for you to enjoy. Deb

from Max

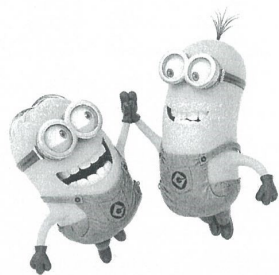
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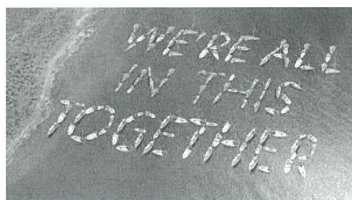
Stafford, 4053

28th May 2020

Dear friend I hope our last letter helped you out. I hope you loved it without a doubt. I know these times are really rough. But I think your tough enough. To get through this stuff. So just remember when you are feeling down you are the toughest people around. And even for us this is bad. But make sure you don't get to sad. Just think of the good things and try to be glad. Because we're all in this together yes even you and me. And when it's all over well all shout yippee.



YIPPEE



We are selling rolls of Toilet paper for \$1.20, Tissues for \$2 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.

29.5.20

Hello I am Georgia
I have written to you
before. You maybe thinking
I've fogoten you but I am
still praying and hoping your
okay. You may not have a roof
over you head but people
are carring for you and I'm
going to keep on writeing. So
dont think no one cares
because we do. I hope your
going to be strong.



from Georgia



Share your small blessings

**We would
love to share
your stories
of blessings in
our local
community!**

We have been

blessed here at the parish office with the kindness of a parishioner who regularly drops off treats for morning tea. It is lovely to feel so appreciated and spoilt. Please tell us what you have been doing during this time of isolation. Have you received a blessing too?



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year A)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading: Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



GATHERING FOR MASS SOMETIME OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS:

THE CELEBRATION OF WORD AND EUCHARIST (Mass) in our Parish church will restart sometime in the next few weeks (when the COVID-19 "social distancing" rules allow). Please don't get your hopes up that all returns to how it was in February.

(REMEMBER that we are doing this for the sake of our sick and vulnerable members of our Parish and our country. It's together that we will save people from experiencing the virus and their families from unnecessary grief.)

The following are some of the things we **must** consider **BEFORE WE CAN CELEBRATE MASS:**

The maximum number of people who will be able to be present is determined by dividing the inside area of the church by four to give 4 sq m per person.

- Then we have to **arrange seating** so that there is a **space of 1.5m between people** (from different households) including the distance people are in an aisle from those sitting in the seats - we think the **maximum will be up to around 75 to 85**. We're still working it out.
- **Just in case you were thinking of it** (and I'm sure you weren't!!), there's no point in "parish shopping" as we are all in the same boat with the same regulations.
- **Registration of celebrators** - we **must record** the names, addresses and contact details of everyone who is at a particular Mass - just in case someone proves to have the Virus and others need to be contacted.
- **Opportunities for sanitizing hands** has to be provided at least before and after people arrive and depart.
- There will be **no holy water at the doorways** and the **shop will not be opened**.
- We have been advised not to have Collections and so your **Donations** (cash and envelopes) will need to be **deposited in the container** at the doorway.
- **Depending** on whether we have enough volunteers to help with registration, there will be **entry by one doorway only** (the Main doors).

All surfaces that are touched have to be **cleansed** after each mass. (Seats, light switches, computers, microphones, plates for Communion etc.)

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:

1. I'm sure you'll appreciate that the **workload will go through the roof here in the office**, trying to **be fair for all** of you, trying to **follow the**

many, many regulations involved to keep the health of all, and importantly trying to **ensure that the end result is as much a Celebration of our Liturgy as possible** (rather than being a rule-keeping exercise).

2. Consequently, we'll be **relying on your cooperation** and your willingness to do things differently, such as
3. being allocated a seat that is not "your" usual seat.
4. understanding that you may not be able to be with us every weekend.
5. recognising that we'll use guidelines governed by pastoral needs for registration so that everybody has an equal opportunity to attend with us.
6. There could still be the usual three masses or possibly there will be only two masses (Sat 5pm & Sun 9am) and a **ZOOM Liturgy** each weekend. (Two masses because of cleaning requirements. ZOOM liturgy because of the restriction in numbers. The ZOOM liturgy will be an opportunity, if there are only two masses for those not 'registered' for a weekend to still worship with their community.)
7. Some sort of "registration" process that gives all (those online and those not) an **equal opportunity** to "book in" for a particular Mass time and weekend. (This notice will be repeated in this week's newsletter). It is envisaged that maybe people will be able to celebrate Mass once every two weeks.
8. Everybody will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass **once** before the opportunity is opened for people to celebrate a second time.
9. Possibly you will be **allocated certain seats** when you arrive e.g. If you are an individual, you may be allocated Row A No 2!! A family may be allocated Row M Nos 2-6. You may even be lucky enough to sit up on the sanctuary! Of course, those who have mobility issues will be catered for appropriately.
10. **ONLY those who have registered** and been informed of the date and time of "their" mass will be allowed to attend (This is to ensure that "social distancing" is observed. Not to observe it could lead to heavy fines for the individuals concerned and the Parish. We have been assured that there will be random checks by the civil authorities).



11. There will be **no after-Mass cuppas**.

12. We will need **new rosters** to cater for Mass/Zoom liturgies and recognising that some of our current readers etc may not have the health to attend.

We will need **people prepared to volunteer** at the mass they are at for various activities e.g. helping people "sign in" against their names when they arrive for Mass, helping with cleaning etc. If you aren't one of our usual volunteers (taking up collections etc) this will be an opportunity for you to put your hand up.

A few things from the desk of Debra...

I have prepared the **Tax Receipts for Project Compassion** donations this week. Those of you with an email address should have received your receipt as a soft copy. Some were posted out and some are here for collection. If you would prefer a hard copy receipt, I can print one for you.

I'm missing the **counters** that assist me on Monday's. Any collection monies that were counted by our volunteer counters are now counted by me. It appears that some of you have a habit of not recording the amount of giving on the outside of the envelope. This can lead to problems, as there is no amount for counters to reconcile to when counting and recording your planned giving. The envelopes are pre-printed with an area for you to write the amount enclosed.

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Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Parish Stafford		Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Parish Stafford	
1st Collection (18% to Archdiocese, 82% to Parish) MY OFFERING SUPPORTS		2nd Collection (18% to Archdiocese, 82% to Parish) MY OFFERING SUPPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Parish's responsibility to the Archdiocese in assisting the Archbishop to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- care for retired and sick priests- subsidise poor parishes & ministries• Our Parish's outreach to the wider community		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish sacramental and education programs• Development of pastoral and community enrichment programs• Parish administration and operations costs• Maintenance of Parish assets	
Help our counters by writing your offering enclosed		Help our counters by writing your offering enclosed	
AMOUNT \$.....		AMOUNT \$.....	

Many of you are bringing in multiple envelopes at a time. To save you some time, you can put all monies into one week's envelopes. For example, if you give \$5 per week to first and second collection and have four weeks you wish to give, place \$20 in one envelope for first and \$20 for second collection. I hope that makes sense. It also helps me when counting as I don't have multiples for one Planned Giving number to process.

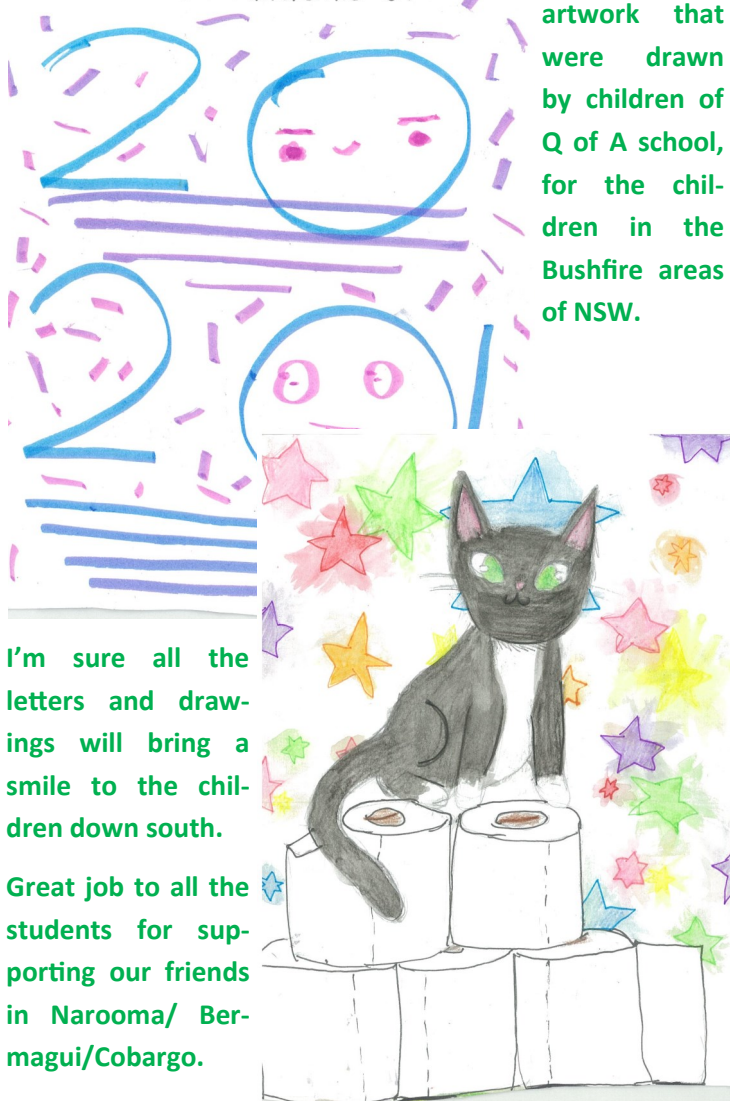
Again, **thank you** to all that have continued to make the effort to bring in their envelopes and to assist with the financial health of the parish.



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." (John 3:16)

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

I Hope you survive the Great Toilet Paper Pandemic of



A few more great pieces of artwork that were drawn by children of Q of A school, for the children in the Bushfire areas of NSW.

I'm sure all the letters and drawings will bring a smile to the children down south.

Great job to all the students for supporting our friends in Narooma/ Bermagui/Cobargo.

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**



We pray for those who are unwell

Madonna Power
Barbara Jones
Carmel Remphrey
Sr Elizabeth
Chris Stevens
Jack
Charalambous
Maria Rosa
Arreguci Zuzarte
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
Mary Law



ANointing OF THE SICK

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.

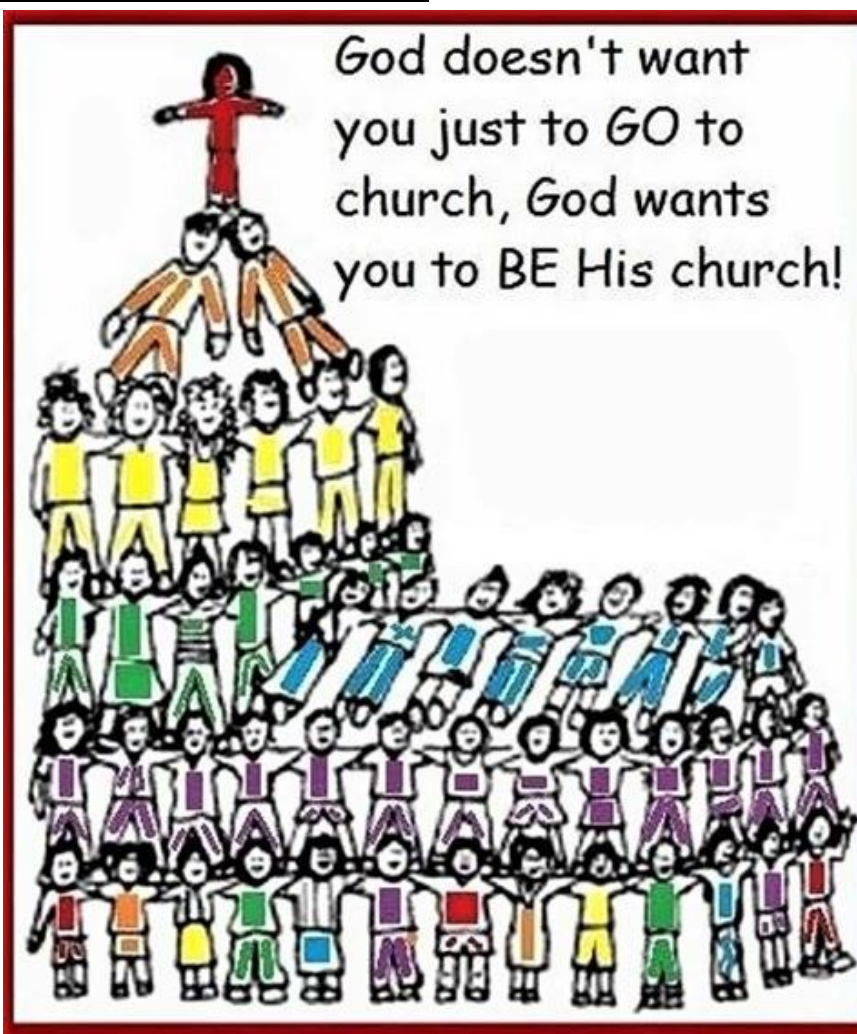
We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

Matthews, Ketter, Rowbotham, Horn and Sheehan families and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

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.

THE
**CATHOLIC
LEADER**



We pray for those recently deceased including:

Yvonne Dixon
Sr Virginia RSC
David Mather
Noel Wood
Jack Jones
Patrick McKewin
Alex Pipe
Fr Peter Conroy
Archbishop John Bathersby
John Blumke

