



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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 12th/13th September, 2020



This is a shortcut to our mass booking links.

I hope this makes things a little easier for you. This is also on our home page of our website. You no

longer need to open the newsletter online to book a seat at mass. This should work for all devices including phone and tablets. Of course nothing is foolproof. If you do experience problems, please contact the office.

Join Zoom LITURGY 7am Sunday

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The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land is this WEEKEND AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AFTER MASS to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

TWENTY-FIVE printed copies of the Queensland Bishops' statement "The Common Good in a Covid World" are available in the church for those not on-line



OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH is a **FOUNDING MEMBER** OF THE QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – 38 civil society organisations including unions, faith, environment and multicultural groups working together to build a thriving Queensland.

Representing almost two million Queenslanders, the Alliance has created a courageous, community-led vision for Queensland – and our leaders are taking notice. (continued over page)



2020 ANNUAL

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Be blessed and bless others with your gift

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift NEXT WEEKEND will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.

PLEASE take an envelope home with you and return it next week.

19 – 20 September 2020

www.catholiccampaign.com.au

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



On Monday 14 September, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Opposition Leader Deb Frecklington are joining us for a huge online forum.



Register at [https://](https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/assembly_2020)

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They will respond directly to our vision for protecting our climate, creating future-proof jobs, and making our communities stronger and more united. (See next notice for a summary).

This agenda is deeply connected to Pope Francis call for us to respond to connected social, economic and environmental crises.

This is our opportunity to turn out en masse and show them just how many of us want a Queensland with a thriving future for all, powered by clean energy.

Will you join us and be part of this huge moment?

What: Queensland Community Alliance 'Maroonprint' election assembly, with Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Opposition Leader Deb Frecklington

As we recover from the ongoing Covid19 crisis there has never been a more important **time for building a fairer, more sustainable and thriving Queensland full of opportunity for everyone.**

We need to capitalise on the strengths that have underpinned our response to the health crisis, while responding to the problems this crisis has revealed.

When: Monday 14 September, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Online via Zoom –

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HERE IS A SUMMARY OF OUR PROPOSALS:

Safe and Connected Communities

1. Increase investment in Community Neighbourhood Centres as the backbone of our community infrastructure for the 21st Century:
2. Immediately increase emergency response capacity through funding a full time "Brief Intervention Social Support Worker" for each community neighbourhood centre to respond to the Covid pandemic: \$14.5 million per year.
3. Queensland Community Neighbourhood Centre Enhancement Strategy - including co-design, pilot and rollout:
 - ♦ 18 month Co-design/co-creation phase - \$1.5m
 - ♦ 12-18 month Pilot phase - \$2.05m
 - ♦ Rollout phase - \$14.5million per year.
4. Provide a Community Organising Capacity Fund



to train 600 community workers and leaders over 4 years: \$1.5 million over 4 years.

5. Develop a new strategy for addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness with a whole-of-person, whole-of-community and whole-of-government approach.
6. Commit to developing and implementing a new strategy for addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness.
7. Undertake a Parliamentary Inquiry into Social Isolation and Loneliness, within the first 12 months on new parliament, to form the basis of this strategy:
8. Secure funding for Ways to Wellness pilot in Mt Gravatt for 3 years (\$300,000).
9. A Welcoming New Queenslanders package that addresses specific issues raised by CALD communities for people seeking asylum, digital divide in education, the reporting of workplace mistreatment, and addressing Domestic and Family Violence (D&FV).
10. Provide income support and other social safety nets for Finally Determined cohort facing destitution during COVID crisis i.e. approx. \$4 million over 6 months.
11. Grants via application processes for schools to enable CALD families to access digital equipment and data in anticipation of home-schooling due to further COVID waves. Fund community grants programs for digital education for CALD families.
12. Fund community organisations to provide work rights education to new Queenslanders and assistance to vulnerable migrant workers about issues. This will complement the commitment of Alliance organisations to provide workplace rights information in relevant languages and develop training for community champions.
13. Long term investment to build capacity in CALD communities to be partners in the prevention of Domestic & Family Violence.

Real Jobs for a Real Future

1. Create direct public employment through State Government and Local Government, specifically targeting those who have lost jobs and hours through the pandemic.
2. Use direct public employment to stimulate private demand by creating 3000 new jobs in state and local governments, specifically targeting those who have lost jobs & hours through the pandemic. \$100 Million.

Renewable Energy Superpower Package

1. Fast-track 3 Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) in Darling Downs, Fitzroy and North Queensland with a \$300m package, and explore connected renewable industry precincts.
2. Mandate increased investment by Qld's Government Owned Companies in renewable generation:
3. Increase the budget of CleanCo to ensure it reaches its 1GW mandate by 2025.
4. Change in mandates of CS Energy and Stanwell Corporation:
5. Allow them to investment in renewables.
6. Set a level of renewable investment in their mandate at 1 GW.

7. Enhance grid stability through a Virtual Power Plant based on the South Australian model. While ensuring that this operates on a fully integrated and coordinated basis to ensure functioning of the system across generation, transmission and distribution.
 8. Cutting electricity costs through renewable energy
 9. A package of measures to permanently reduce energy costs and stimulate economic demand. The total package would cost \$200M and include:
 10. Expand solar on social housing to cover one-third of Queensland's social housing units. Approximately \$100m, creating 500 direct installation jobs.
 11. Significantly expanded Interest-Free Loans for Solar and Storage for households to install solar and batteries in priority areas for energy demand.
 12. Time-limited expansion of rebates for energy-efficient appliances, including heat-pump hot water and Peaksmart air conditioning, refrigerators and washing-machines.
 13. Energy efficiency grants and loans to manufacturing companies and tourism/accommodation providers.
7. Living Wage Foundation
- Fund the establishment of a Living Wage Foundation to enable civil society and consumers to lead a movement that makes Queensland jobs secure and appropriately paid. \$300,000 per year for 3 years.

The Season of Creation REFLECTION "Lens on Creation: Sewing Seeds in the midst of war:"

Editor's note: join award-winning photographer Paul Jeffrey for "Lens on Creation" as he examines the world through the lens of his camera and his faith. [Sign up here](#) to receive Jeffrey's reflections in your inbox every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Aug. 31 to Oct. 4

Adel Dut was chased from her home by fighting in Sudan's Darfur region, but a church agency gave her some sorghum seeds to plant outside the village of Ferdous, where she lives in a camp for displaced families.



The conflict in Darfur was dubbed by some as the first climate war. While conflicts had long existed between nomads and settled farmers in the region, long-term drought and the expansion south of the Sahel — brought on by climate change — pushed the two feuding groups into closer proximity. With the government providing guns to one side, the fight over land soon took an even deadlier toll.

Amid the violence, farmers like Dut did what Jeremiah counseled centuries before, when hope grew dim in his world. She planted seeds. Despite the drought and the fighting, she put seeds in the ground, and it transformed her. When I met her, she didn't act like a victim. She was proud that she could heal a little corner of her homeland by planting seeds.

When we become overwhelmed by violence in the world around us, we would do well to remember Dut.

For reflection and action: The coronavirus pandemic has upended our personal and community lives, changing the way we live, worship and interact with one another. Many people feel isolated, stressed and alone. What seeds can we plant to help transform this desert experience into a life-giving garden of hope?

The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 18th September** at Café 63, **Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the [Cathedral website](#):

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

means the most to us.

NEW Planned giving envelopes are available now. Available for collection before Mass or from Office Foyer (when Office is open.)

What's on this week at Stafford


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| Mon 14th | 8.30am | Mass (Booking required) |
| Tues 15th | 8.30am | Morning Prayer of the Church |
| Wed 16th | | |
| Thurs 17th | 8.30am | Mass (Booking required) |
| Fri 18th | 8.30am | Mass (Booking required) |
| | 10.30am | Men's group |
| Sat 19th | 5.00pm | Mass (Booking required) |
| Sun 20th | 7.00am | Zoom Liturgy |
| | 9.00am | Mass (Booking required) |

Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except during Lent and OCTOBER**). For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS** please contact the Parish Office.



AN OINTING 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)**. **We will celebrate this Sacrament after Mass 19/20 Sept.**

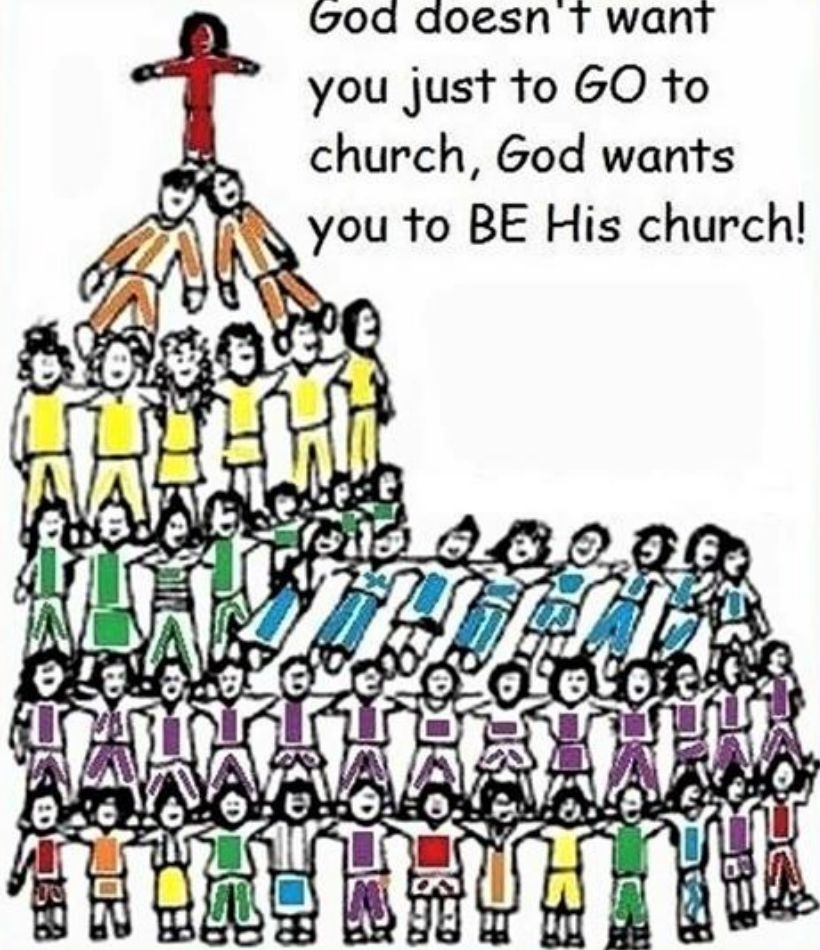
We pray for those who are unwell



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| Sonia Officer | Glenn Stevens |
| Noel Hall | Irene Johnson |
| Pam Ward | |
| Norm Ward | |
| Kate Sigtenhorst | |
| Barbara Flynn | |
| Ron Kerr | |
| Madonna Power | |
| Dianne Stevens | |

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including Kathleen Cronin, Michael O'Donnell, Adeline Lambert, Sr Maureen Shelvey, Michael and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

God doesn't want
you just to GO to
church, God wants
you to BE His church!



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We pray for those recently deceased including:

Carmel Remphrey
Fr Joe McGeehan
Marie Daley
David Watson
Salvador Pineda

Jack
Charalambous

Mary Law
Brian Becker
Christopher Smyth

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