



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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 19th/20th September, 2020



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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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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



The Bishops' statement highlights a number of key issues that Catholics may wish to consider as they prepare to participate in the State Election.

These include:

- combatting homelessness
- support for survivors of child sexual abuse
- dignity of employment, a just living wage and combating poverty
- healthcare, especially in regional and remote areas
- funding for Catholic schooling
- Closing the Gap between Indigenous Queenslanders and the rest of the population
- euthanasia, assisted suicide and the need for increased access to palliative care
- providing for sustainable, quality aged care services which provide older people and their families with choice and control
- an increase in the incidence of mental health issues, especially amongst young people



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Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift THIS 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, IF YOU MISSED IT LAST WEEK take an envelope home with you and return it next week.

19 – 20 September 2020

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The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



- support for women and families, including the great challenge many women face when confronted an unexpected or difficult pregnancy



- responses to rising levels of family and domestic violence



- the need for a 'new universal solidarity' to combat climate change.

As Catholics we look to the city of God. This obliges us to take our place firmly and faithfully in the human city that we are called to join others in building. That's why we take elections and our participation in them as seriously as we do. Politics is by no means everything, but the political process is very much part of building a truly human city that looks to the city of God.

– A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Queensland for the 2020 State Election

The Season of Creation REFLECTION “*Lens on Creation: Bad Prognosis for disease amid changing climate:*”

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

Nurse Adele Kavira Saasita puts on protective clothing in Beni, a city in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. I met her last year while covering the Ebola outbreak that hit



the country beginning in 2018. Beni was the epicenter of the outbreak, and Saasita worked in a church-supported clinic on the frontline of the battle against the deadly disease.

Climate change is bad news for Saasita and others fighting diseases like malaria, dengue, Zika and Ebola. Along with deforestation, wetter and warmer weather will encourage the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. And the risk of outbreaks of Ebola, which likely emerged because of human contact with fruit

bats, will increase as the bats extend their range and farmers, facing declining crop yields, reach deeper into the forest in search of food.

Followers of Jesus have long felt called to be healers. Around the world, churches run clinics and hospitals and reach out with healing love to people who suffer illness and disease. Healing the planet is the same Gospel vocation. As we combat the climate crisis, we are literally saving lives.

For reflection and action: As tragic as it is, the current coronavirus pandemic offers us a chance to reset — to make different decisions about how we use the Earth's resources as a step toward addressing the climate crisis. Choose a key area, such as energy, transportation or food production. What proposals for change exist in your locality? How can you get involved in promoting solutions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

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Yulimara Machin da Silva, an 8-year-old girl, holds a giant leaf over her body as she runs through the rain in the Esperança Sustainable Development Project in northern Brazil. It's a community that incarnated the vision of Notre Dame de Namur Sr. Dorothy Stang that



the people who live in the Amazon are its best defenders. Rather than a wilderness without human inhabitants, the jungle for Stang was an interconnected web in which humans could live in a sustainable manner.

When I first traveled to the region where Stang was martyred, on assignment for NCR, I was welcomed by Yulimara's family and the other poor folks with whom Stang had worked. As they showed me around their simple homes and farm plots, it was obvious that they saw themselves as an integral part of creation. They were the jungle, and thus were prepared to defend it with their lives.

Those who see the Amazon and other great forest lands as merely a commodity to be exploited for quick gain were threatened by Stang and the poor farmers she accompanied. So they arranged for her murder in 2005. Yet her killing wasn't an anomaly. In 2019, according to Global Witness, 212 land and environmental defenders were murdered — an average of four people a week.

For many of us in the global north, the word “nature” conjures images of Gore-Tex jackets and the latest in portable water purifiers. Yet for many of the world's poor, nature is their home. Stewardship is what they do to defend their livelihoods. Healing the Earth is not a slogan, it is survival, for them and for all of us who share a common planet.

For reflection and action:

Where is the place with which you identify most closely, where you feel most "at home"? What would you feel if it were threatened with destruction? How would you respond? How can you and your faith community stand in solidarity with people whose lives are in danger because they defend the places where

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 **THIS Saturday (26th) 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 AND after Mass—door is unlocked.)

Is God's will in your Will? Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.



DEBRA'S BACK ON MONDAY!!! Mark and my two weeks of freedom, parties and loud music is coming to a sudden stop. Welcome back Deb—hope there's not too much of a mess!



In this "Season of Creation" don't forget to recycle your containers. If you wish, you can put them all in a plastic bag, put the Parish's Registration Number

(C10195625) on the outside, and take it to the nearest collection centre—(The parish gets 10 cents for every item!!)



ANointing OF THE SICK this weekend after both Masses—give about 7 minutes after mass for the "flat area" to be **cleaned** before you move to it (unless you are there already).

In observance of the
106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Theme: *Forced like Jesus Christ to flee*

Archdiocesan MULTICULTURAL MASS 2020

Sunday, 27 September 2:30 pm
Cathedral of St Stephen

Live web cast:
Please tune in to either archbno.org/bzw or <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> from approximately 10 minutes before the Mass start. Queries contact [Multicultural Pastoral Care](#) 3324 3451

Main Celebrant:
Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

Concelebrants:
Priests ministering to multicultural communities

National Migrant and Refugee Week - 20-27 September 2020

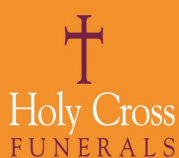
What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 21st	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Tues 22nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Wed 23rd		
Thurs 24th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Fri 25th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Sat 26th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 27th	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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Office Telephone: 3356 7155

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Cath D'Hage
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AOB@stopline.com.au or
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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)**. **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.

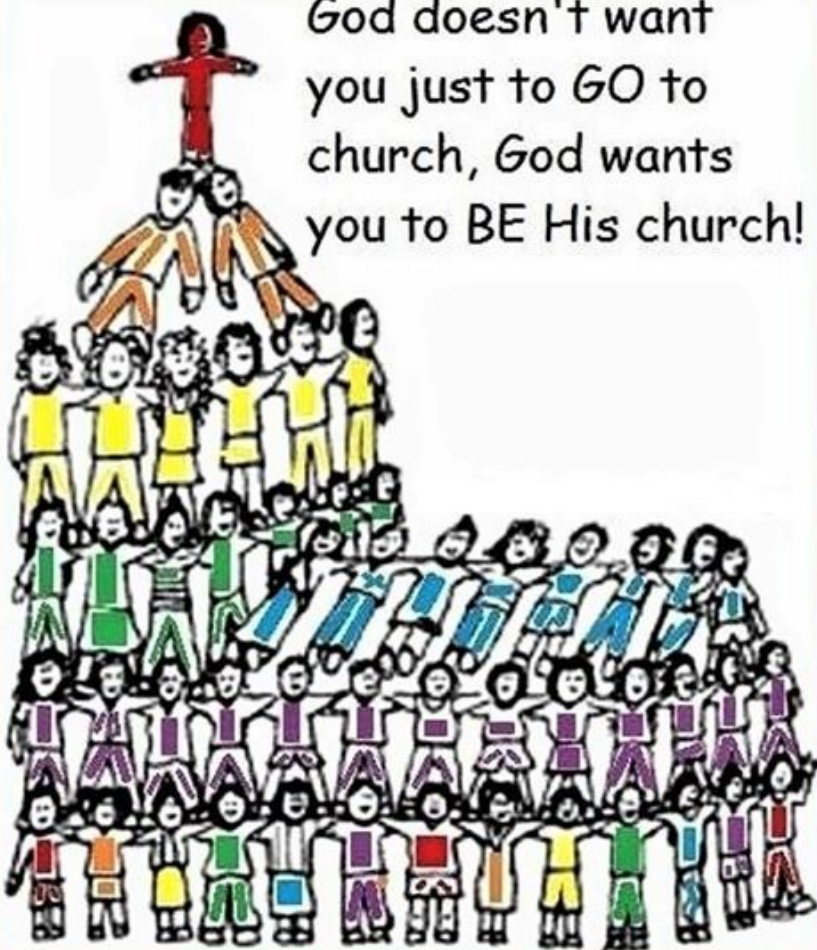
We pray for those who are unwell

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



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:

Helen Maria Eluwa
Carmel Remphrey
Fr Joe McGeehan
Marie Daley
David Watson
Salvador Pineda
Jack Charalambous
Mary Law
Brian Becker
Christopher Smyth

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