



# 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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 26th/27th 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.

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**T**WENTY-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



**T**he 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



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## Be blessed and bless others with your gift

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.

## The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



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?

### **The Season of Creation REFLECTION “Lens on Creation: Healing the Earth one cup at a time”**

I met Carmen Elvira Taywho on a farm in San Martin Jilotepeque, Guatemala. The 9-year-old Kaqchikel Maya girl was picking coffee that would be exported and end up in a mug like the one I desperately caress every morning.



Coffee has long been a major export crop in Central America, but the climate crisis is steadily ruining small coffee farmers, leading many to emigrate northward in order to survive.

An increase in temperatures in recent decades has allowed a fungus known as coffee rust to spread through plantations in the region. Mottled yellow and brown leaves signal the arrival of the disease, which was formerly kept at bay by lower nighttime temperatures. Large farmers can often dig up the infected plants and replace them with disease-resistant hybrids, but small farmers seldom have the necessary capital. So they watch their farms fail.

Along with changing patterns of precipitation, also a product of climate change, agriculture has become a risky business in Central America. Political leaders in the region seem more interested in enriching themselves, often by supporting drug traffickers, than in supporting sustainable agriculture.

As stewards of creation, we're concerned about environmental troubles everywhere. As consumers, we're linked in very direct ways to Carmen and others who live from producing coffee around the world. How can we use that leverage to heal the planet, so that she and others like her may truly live?

### **For reflection and action**

How much attention do we pay to the food chain that stretches from farms to our table? What items on our shopping list can be sourced from ethical or organic suppliers, lessening our impact on the planet and assuring that the workers who produce our food get a fair share of the profit? Does the coffee and tea we drink after Mass carry a fair trade label or come from justice-promoting organizations like [Equal Exchange](#)? Are we supporting local farmers who sell at local markets or through Community Supported Agriculture programs?



**N**EW Planned giving envelopes are available now. The envelopes begin next weekend 3rd/4th October. Available for collection before Mass or from Office Foyer (**when Office is open AND after Mass—door is unlocked.**) If you are needing assistance

to collect your envelopes, please call Debra to make alternate arrangements.

**I**n 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!!)

**I**s 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.

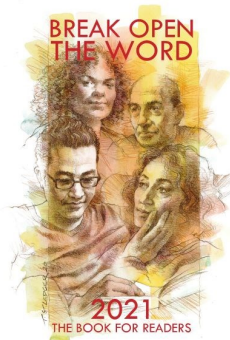
*“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” (Philippians 2:3)*



*Pride and ego are hard things to control.*

*We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put into our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.*



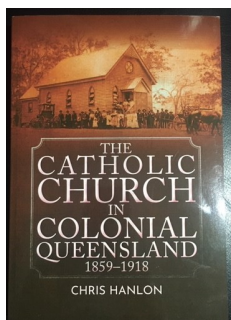


**A**s we are creeping closer to the end of the year, some of the 'normal' things we do in parish life are coming around again. The liturgical year finishes on 22nd Nov with the feast of Christ the King. For those on our reading roster, you will need to order a copy of Break Open the Word. I would like to place an order by 3rd

November for delivery to you before the end of November. The cost is \$18. Please phone or email the parish office to place an order for your copy. The cost is discounted if we place one order. If you do miss the cut off date (3rd Nov), you may pay \$22 plus postage for your copy. Thanks Debra

**BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2021 Year B, the Book for Readers**, gives the readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary designed to provide not only background to the text but assistance on how to read it. A pronunciation guide is included.

**F**r Chris Hanlon is the Chaplain at St Vincent's and is also the historian for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. He has written this book on the early history of the Catholic Church in Queensland. While in lockdown this may be an interesting read—it could also make a great gift. Cost is \$40 and the monies raised go towards further church archiving. To place an order, phone Dianne Hoiberg 0407 616 637 or the parish office.



**S**ocial Tennis players are invited to join a Sunday afternoon group currently playing on our courts. They have lost a few players to illness and injury and are looking to find a few like new players for a social hit of tennis. They are a mature age, mixed group of players that enjoy the social hit of tennis. For more information call Debra at the Office or Ruth on 0409 621 012.

**R**osters for the next six weeks have been prepared for both Zoom liturgy and weekend Mass. You should have them in your inbox on Wednesday. If you don't have email, there will be a copy in Mary's room for you. Thank you to all that have continued to support our liturgies in any capacity. Our community give life to 'good liturgy'. Thank you to our readers, ministers of communion, musicians, AV, coordinators,

marshals and ushers, cleaners and zoom hosts.

**I'm back and feeling recharged! The big party begins on 6th**

**October!** Mark and I have one more week before the boss heads off for a month! We have big plans for while he is away. You'll have to pop into the office to see what we are up to... thank you for all the well wishes I received before I took a break and the warm welcome I received on my return. If there is anything that you need assistance with, please get in touch with me. Debra



#### Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2020



In the day-to-day reality of our lives, especially during the busyness of end-of-year activities, it is easy for us to lose sight of what we are truly preparing for during Advent and celebrating at Christmas—the Incarnation. The magnitude of this event was not lost on the shepherds and the Magi who came to *adore* the Child who is truly Emmanuel: God-with-us.

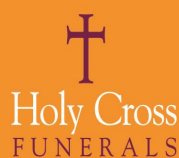
Inspired by the shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, **Adore**, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son. Orders can be placed with Debra. Cost is \$4.

#### What's on this week at Stafford

<b>Mon 28th</b>	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
<b>Tues 29th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
<b>Wed 30th</b>		
<b>Thurs 1st</b>	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
<b>Sun 4th</b>	7.00am	Zoom Liturgy
	9.00am	Mass (Booking required)

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### Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:

Cath D'Hage  
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[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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

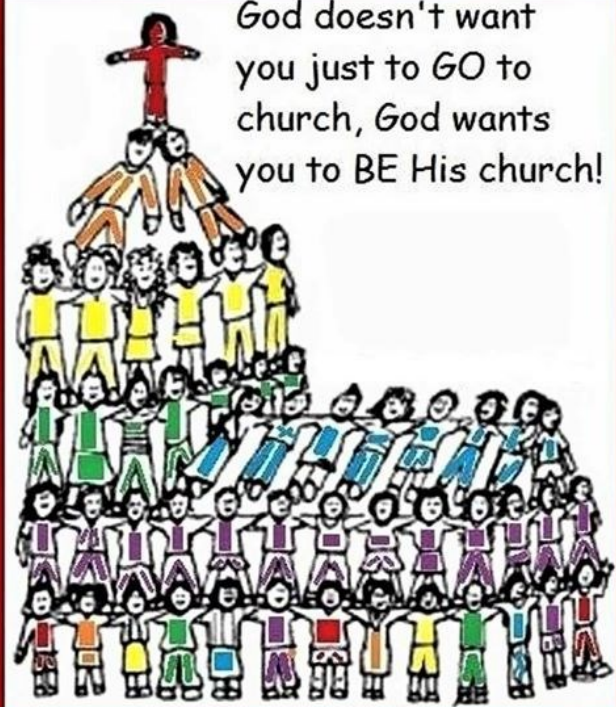
Sonia Officer	Madonna Power
Noel Hall	Dianne Stevens
Pam Ward	Glenn Stevens
Norm Ward	Irene Johnson
Kate Sigtenhorst	
Barbara Flynn	
Ron Kerr	



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

Alben Tolentino, Max Labid 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:

Ronald Harriss  
Terry McGlone  
Pauline Clayton  
Helen Maria Eluwa  
Carmel Remphrey  
Fr Joe McGeehan  
Marie Daley  
David Watson  
Salvador Pineda  
Mary Law



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