



# 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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 3rd/4th October, 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.

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**Congratulations to ALI BOYLE** who, at 5.00pm Mass this weekend will be fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank her parents, Lisa and Lou for their example and commitment to Ali's faith.



**The Season of Creation REFLECTION "Lens on Creation: Planting trees to heal the earth:"**

**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



I've never seen people get so excited about finding E. coli bacteria in their water as the women of Marpak,

Nepal. Like many poor women around the world, they and their daughters spend an inordinate amount of time fetching water for their families. Yet the water in their village was obviously contaminated, and they wanted to know why.

I went to Marpak with a missionary who helps women take control of their water supply. Using simple technology, she helped them collect and analyze water from local springs and household storage systems. Together they identified problems, which the women then organized to solve.

The women of Marpak are healing the planet so that they and their neighbours can enjoy the abundant life promised to them in the Gospels. No longer passive consumers of contaminated water, they have become relentless advocates for water that is clean and safe.

Our planet has a limited amount of potable water, yet in many places we've been bad stewards, contaminating it with misuse of agricultural chemicals, unchecked industrial pollution, dangerous mining waste or careless hygiene. By cutting down forests, we've diminished the Earth's capacity to store fresh water. Too often, we simply haven't appreciated safe water until it ran out. Or until corporations started selling it to us at a huge profit. This becomes even more critical as the climate crisis shifts weather patterns, leaving entire regions of poor people with less access to life-giving water.

In "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home," Pope Francis reminds us that "access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights."

We cannot live without water, nor can our siblings around the planet. Our stewardship of God's creation must protect and expand the availability of safe water for all.

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?

## The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10  
 2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



### For reflection and action

Where do we get our water? Is the water that comes from our faucets safe to drink? What goes on behind the scenes to make that happen? Does everyone in our community have good drinking water? How have corporations taken over parts of our water supply? How can we be better stewards of water?

**V**isiting Priests: While I'm away over October, our neighbours, the Franciscans are going to help out. Fr Harry Chan and Fr Joe McKay will be presiding at Eucharist with you. Our own parishioners will be presiding at the 7am ZOOM liturgies.

### Parish Finance Council Report

The role of the Parish Finance Council is to assist Fr Denis with the following areas in the parish:

- Financial Management
- Financial reporting
- Legal matters
- Employee management
- General administration
- Oversight of the parish school and
- Oversight of other parish operations.

Parish accounts are audited annually and are available for inspection at the Parish Office upon request. A brief overview is contained in the attached copy of the latest Audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2019. While a small operating surplus of \$10,991.12 was realised, it is important to note that the reporting period was pre-Covid and much has changed in that time.

Each year, a budget is prepared to assist the Parish in measuring estimates of income and expenditure. The Statement of Income and Expenditure for the month ended 30 August 2020 reveals that income from Collections and Giving was \$10,199 less than forecast in the year to date budget which can be attributed to both the financial stresses of families during these difficult times as well as the closure of the Church for a period of time and the subsequent loss of the 7:00am and 5:30pm masses.

Our Parish is indeed fortunate to have such generous parishioners over many years which has enabled the Parish to plan for the future with funds held in reserve to meet forthcoming significant expenses such as the resurfacing of the carpark and on-going maintenance of Parish facilities.

Archdiocesan approval has been obtained for the re-surfacing of the car park but it has unfortunately been delayed with the successful tenderer unable to fully commit to the project and other arrangements are being made to advance this work. The tenders received range from \$43,000 to \$57,000.

Another matter being progressed is replacement of the Audio Visual system being the projector and fold down screen in the Church. This system has become part of "Family Life" within the Church environment but is showing signs of failure as



it was installed in 2011 and is quite outdated technology. Several schools and parishes are moving to newer technology which use LED screens with much better resolution and brightness. In addition, it is proposed to install two USB cameras in the Church to broadcast masses from our parish via Zoom to vulnerable members of our Parish community who are no longer able to attend in person. The total cost of this work is estimated at \$38,151.

Thank you for your active contribution to the Parish in so many ways and please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office or members of the Parish Finance Council namely Joe Camilleri, Kev McGrory, Aaron Minos, Wayne Roggero and Matt Wessel should you require any further information.

### Our Lady Queen Of Apostles Parish INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
<b>INCOME</b>		
Collections & Giving	240,920.10	244,595.73
Liturgy Offerings	9,670.00	8,121.55
Rent	12,777.30	14,927.55
Ministry and Evangelisation	10,394.40	26,156.72
Operating Activities	17,825.83	47,624.82
Other Income	2,593.98	1,529.49
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>294,181.61</b>	<b>342,955.86</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Office	13,412.67	14,705.10
Property & Occupancy	87,011.56	80,374.23
Liturgy	7,213.02	5,630.17
Ministry and Evangelisation	3,632.76	9,561.18
Clergy	40,801.27	40,876.84
Motor Vehicle	8,215.17	8,210.26
Staff	77,094.80	72,460.81
Diocesan Levies	44,027.28	43,625.50
Other Expenses	1,781.96	(0.01)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>283,190.49</b>	<b>275,444.08</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (I</b>	<b>10,991.12</b>	<b>67,511.78</b>



**N**EW Planned giving envelopes are available now. The envelopes begin this weekend. They can be collected before Mass or from the 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.



Please discard any unused envelopes from last campaign.

**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.

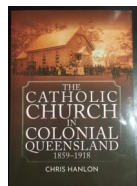
*"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

**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

**B**REAK 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.



**R**osters for the next six weeks have been prepared for both Zoom liturgy and weekend Mass. 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 sup-

port 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.

## 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.



**T**he Anna's Group is open to **ALL WIDOWS.**

They **meet** on the **2nd Friday** of the **month** at the **Coffee Club in Flockton Village at 12pm**. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 8th October**, for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!



Contact Dianne 0407616637 for further information.

### What's on this week at Stafford


<b>Mon 5th</b>	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
<b>Tues 6th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
<b>Wed 7th</b>		
<b>Thurs 8th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
<b>Fri 8th</b>	8.30am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer with Communion Anna's group
<b>Sat 9th</b>	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
<b>Sun 10th</b>	7.00am 9.00am	Zoom Liturgy Mass (Booking required)

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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
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Office Telephone: 3356 7155

### Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:

Cath D'Hage  
STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or  
AOB@stopline.com.au or  
[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APA: Leanne Murray  
APRE: Ben Campbell  
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)  
Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200  
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

**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	



### 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.

The Boss is heading off for a well deserved break after the weekend.

He is away for four weeks.

Party begins Tuesday!



Enjoy your break Fr Denis!

### Catholic Leader is available online.

There is a link from our website. You can subscribe to a free digital copy on this link. Click on "Stay Connected" you will be able to read the current Catholic Leader online. You can also register to receive a digital copy each week until print copies are reintroduced.



### 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



Please ensure you allow plenty of time to be seated for Mass. Our marshals and ushers are volunteers. They are volunteering to assist with seating before they attend mass. Please show courtesy to them and to all worshippers by planning ahead and allowing time to be marked off the contact tracing sheet and for those not registered for mass, please register in advance next time. Manual registration does take extra time.