



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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 10th/11th 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.

This weekend please make welcome Bishop Brian Finnigan. Bishop Brian will be celebrating mass on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Our own parishioners will be presiding at the 7am ZOOM liturgies while Fr Denis is away.



Join Zoom Meeting

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Dying Peacefully—No Euthanasia Sunday

There are many misunderstandings about what dying entails and how the Catholic Church teaches one should respond to it. This Sunday October 11 is a day that might help clear up some of that confusion.

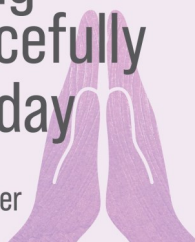
We need to tread lightly and carefully in making laws about end of life. We must be careful not to cause more suffering under the illusion that we are ending it. Legislation around euthanasia or voluntary assisted dying will be considered in Queensland early next year,

so this is an important issue to consider as we prepare for the state election on October 31.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>

Dying peacefully Sunday

11 October



When it comes to end of life, it's important for everyone to discuss their wishes in terms of care and their desire for interventions and to have this documented in an advanced care plan. Everyone should have access to quality palliative care.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life and the need for quality palliative care, rather than 'assisting dying' visit lovetotheend/archbne

There are flyers at the church doors with more information about Dying Peacefully. Please take a copy.

Love to the End

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We ask that You may grant them the grace to endure their trials and receive the reward of their faithfulness.

Show us how to care for those at the end of life with loving patience.

We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying.

May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the service of life.

We pray for our law and policy makers, may they always seek to serve the common good and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance with their conscience.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

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The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading: Thess 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



We received an update on Cobargo Parish in NSW recently. Terry Donnelly has shared it with us here.

Dear Terry,
I am now President of the Narooma Conference, the very grateful recipients of Our Lady of the Apostles Parish's most generous donation for our bushfire victims. After quite a terrible year with Covid following so soon after the bushfires and local floods (whose rain helped our local volunteer fires put out the fires), recovery slowly commences. Your donations helped our Conference provide much assistance. A generator, temporary accommodation, beds, bedding, clothing, tools, water pumps and a saddle just name a few of the items you have provided to our victims. And special thanks must also be given to the children, teachers and parents of your parish school for their letters, drawings, prayers and good wishes for the Cobargo community.

Yesterday the Archbishop of Canberra- Goulburn Archdiocese, the Most Reverend Christopher Prowse visited the Cobargo Parish to say Mass and bless the newly re-installed bell tower of the Church.

The ceremonies were followed by a Covid style picnic in the recovering grounds with BYO picnic and chairs the order of the day. I thought your members and parishioners might like to see some pictures of the day.

The Cobargo church and some of the early arrivers for our Mass. Covid prevails and some of us were also up in the choir area for 'social distancing'.

Archbishop Prowse blesses the bell tower, ably assisted by our Parish Priest, Father Joseph Tran who, we learned, was a very accomplished bell ringer in his youth.

Parishioners of St Mary's Cobargo and a few of us from Our Lady Star of the Sea, Narooma.

Archbishop Prowse with a bushfire affected couple. The couple lost everything and though a new house is being built, it's a 'bitter- sweet' for them. As with many of their affected neighbours, memories of the terror and the loss will be with them for a long time yet. Your Conference might like to remember them all in your prayers.

Thanks to your Parish, this beautiful metal (note it's not wood) fence replaces the one lost by the neighbours of the church who managed to save St Mary's from the approach-

ing fires. Here our Conference Treasurer is with just one of the victims who have been given temporary rescue accommodation by the same generous neighbours. You can see that the land is beginning to recover even if not as well treed! I think you can see why the folks of Cobargo chose this area to make their homes.

Terry, this is just a small sample of the good things our Conference has been able to do thanks to the generosity of your Conference and Parish. We still have a little left for the recovery effort which will be very valuable over the coming months.

Please pass on our immense gratitude to your members, parishioners, school community and Father Denis.

Marea Clark, President Narooma Conference

NEW Planned giving envelopes are available now. The envelopes began last weekend. They can be collected before Mass or from the Office Foyer (**when Office is open during the week.**) If you are needing assistance to collect your envelopes, please call Debra to make alternate arrangements. Please discard any unused envelopes from last campaign.



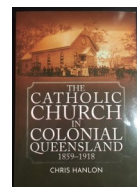
TWENTY-FIVE printed copies of the Queensland Bishops' statement "The Common Good in a Covid World" are available in the church for those not on-line.

As 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***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.

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.

G'day Denis --

I wanted you to know first: I'm voting against the mobile phone ban bill.

I was on the fence about it, because I thought there were some good points and bad points to the bill. I asked the public what they thought, and I got over 100,000 people write back to me.

96 per cent of them wanted me to vote no.

To be honest, the sheer numbers for and against aren't the only thing I took into consideration when I made this decision to oppose the phone ban bill. But it was an important one.

If you want to learn a little more about the results, the responses I got (from people both for and against), and what I thought about each of them, I've written up a big detailed document on my site [HERE](#).

Can I just say, I've found this exercise really useful. It's made me think much harder about where I sit on different things and it's given me a chance to actually engage with voters in a way you just don't get when everything is going through the filter of journos or politicians trying to look good in front of the cameras. I got to hear how people felt, read why they felt that way, do my research into the reasons given for and against, and get a sense of where I stand in a way I really couldn't have done without this. I hope you found this process useful too. I'm working really hard to find ways to give people like you a way right into

the heart of decisions made in Canberra. I'm not always going to get it right, but I'm trying. If you've got thoughts on how to make it work better next time, I'm all ears. Thanks for sharing your views with me. I really, honestly appreciate the way you've come on board with this.

Jacqui

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19



Stewardship
a way of life

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Sad news to share Our long term parishioner, Yvonne Graham passed away on Monday. She and her husband Jim (dec'd) were active members of our parish community for many years. Yvonne's funeral will be held here next Wednesday at 10.30am. Due to COVID restrictions the family are bound by law to keep the numbers in attendance to 100. If you would like to attend, please email Yvonne's son, Trevor at com-et@powerup.com.au or phone the parish office.



What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 12th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Tues 13th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 14th	10.30am	Funeral Mass
Thurs 15th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Fri 16th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Sat 17th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 18th	7.00am	Zoom Liturgy
	9.00am	Mass (Booking required)

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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 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

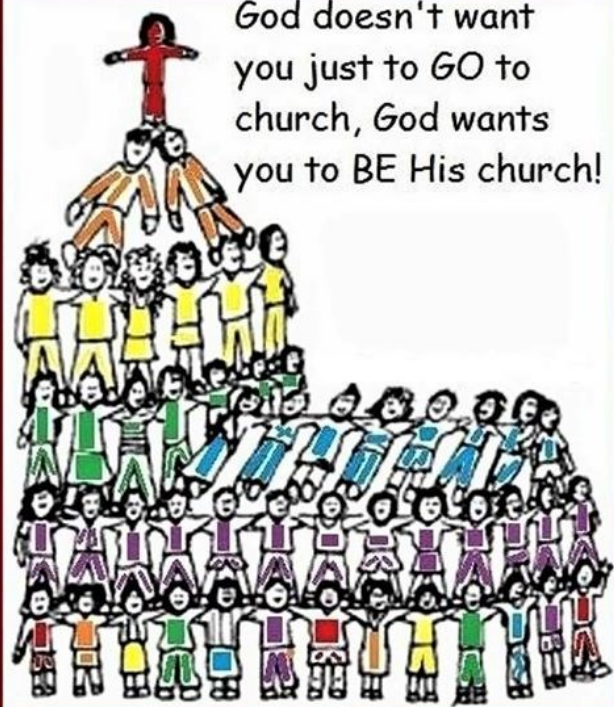
Sonia Officer	Madonna Power
Noel Hall	Dianne Stevens
Pam Ward	Glenn Stevens
Norm Ward	Irene Johnson
Kate Sigtenhorst	
Barbara Flynn	



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

Laurie Fischer
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:

Yvonne Graham
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.