



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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 24th/25th 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 Fr Joe McKay. Fr Joe is also from neighbouring Kedron parish.

He 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.



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World Mission Sunday

Last week, the Universal Church, including this parish, celebrated World Mission Sunday. It was a time in the liturgical calendar when Catholics acknowledge, and give thanks for, the selfless sacrifice made by priests, brothers and religious sisters around the world, as they look to serve people in need by bringing hope, faith and love. It is these people that model the compassion of Christ and the grace of God and who you were invited to support, by contributing to the Catholic Mission appeal campaign.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can still do so, in any of the following three ways: Text the word GIVE to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts; donate online (catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or give via the traditional appeal envelope that are still available from your church.

To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you. May the Lord bless all of you and sustain your community at this challenging social time, just as you have sustained other communities around the world. *David McGovern*

An excerpt from last week's story...

It was while searching for bamboo shoots that, at the age of 16, everything changed for Chen. He stepped on a landmine as he was walking through the undergrowth on the hill beside his home.

Ten years on from the accident, Chen has completed his secondary education and with the help of the Arrupe centre, he has gone on to study information technology processing at university, and gain employment at the La Paloma Textiles Centre, a Church-run social enterprise in Battambang.

"For me to complete my studies to the end and continue on to enter college, and in addition now I have a job to earn some income ... **it is like I have a new life.**"

For the Joy of the
Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10



**Learn how you
can make a
difference today**

catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

All Saints Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: St John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



The theme of this year's Social Justice Statement is "To Live Life to the Full – Mental Health in Australia Today".

At our meeting, members of the Parish Social Justice group reflected on some aspects of this fine and comprehensive Statement of the Australian Bishops. The section highlighted in this extract is not easy for us to face, but we offer it for your reflection.

Refugees and asylum seekers The human dignity of people does not depend on their location in time or space. As the COVID-19 pandemic has made painfully clear, we are one human family. We are called to loving relationships with all people regardless of nationality or visa status. A commitment to the good of all, especially the most vulnerable, must include those people who have been locked in Australia's offshore immigration detention centres. At the end of 2012, Australia resumed its offshore processing of asylum seekers, transferring people who arrived by boat to Nauru and Manus Island in Papua New Guinea. Over 4,000 men, women and children have passed through these centres since that time. In September 2019, there were around 600 people still detained in Nauru and Papua New Guinea. It is estimated around 70-75 per cent have been determined to be refugees. Some have been in detention for up to seven years. How is it that we as a nation have spent around \$1 billion a year to establish and run offshore detention centres that we know breach key international human rights obligations?

The marginalisation and incarceration experienced by the First Australians and also the latest people to come to Australia raise real questions about our commitment to the common good. We are called to reach out to these people at the fringes who have been ignored and harmed by our society. They too must share in the good of all of us.

Another update on how Vinnies are making a difference in Cobargo NSW

Dear Alison,



I thought you, your fellow Conference members and Father Dennis might like to see a further and particularly good example of what you and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Apostles Parish have achieved through your amazing generosity and see the gratitude of one of a number of families whom you've helped.

The Montagner family lost everything in the fires that swept through Cobargo and have

even given a name to their latest 'helper', 'genie', who now provides them with essential power.

As you can see, the environment is turning green again. The Cobargo and Nerrigundah communities, two of the worst hit in our Conference area, are now showing signs of great positivity in their recovery efforts though, of course, the scars will take a long time to heal. But they're starting despite the additional inconveniences and stresses brought about by Covid restrictions. New starts have been enabled by the generosity of many groups and organisations such as yours! May God bless you all - you have given us all a great gift.



Yours sincerely,

Marea Clarke

President

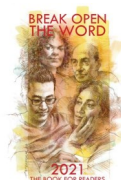


Vinnies
good works

St Vincent de Paul Conference, Narooma

NEW Planned giving envelopes are available now. The new envelopes began on 4th October. 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.

Don't miss the cut off for orders for 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



Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2020

Orders for Adore will be placed on 3rd November also. It is an 88 page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Orders can be placed with Debra. Cost is \$4.



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37



Stewardship
a way of life

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Jesus called the children to him and said "let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (luke18:17)

YET WE LOCK UP CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS TEN!

Australia currently has one of the lowest ages of criminal responsibility in the world where children as young as 10 years of age can be arrested by police, taken to the watch house and locked up! (Most countries minimum age is 14 years, only India, Myanmar and Thailand with age 7 and the USA with zero age limit are worse than us! Surprisingly, Brazil, Uruguay and Peru have the best with minimum age being 18)

Last year in Australia 600 children between 10 and 13 were locked up and thousands more faced the trauma of our justice system. A great number of them were First Nations children

How can a child understand what is happening to them! They are children and cannot fully comprehend what is happening or understand the system.. **Locking children up is not only cruel it is also not the answer.** More than likely they'll be caught in the system and re-offend.

The best way to help these kids and to prevent them from falling into crime is to provide better community support services, including mental health care, mentoring, education and employment opportunities .Family support is needful.

A new report released from Jesuit Social Services which tracks the outcome of children held in remand in Victoria in 2017-18, highlights the urgent need for stronger community support to stop children being stuck in the youth justice system. "Instead of remand being used where a young person is in trouble we should be ensuring all children have access to specialised diversion programmes that keep them in the community and help them take responsibility for and make amends for their actions"

The report also "identifies children under 14 as a key group risk. Raising the legal age from 10 to 14 years, to ensure primary school children stay in school and not in detention is an immediate way we can keep children safe and supported"

Our faith is more than a private matter. It shapes our lives in public as well as how we relate to God personally.

The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have released a State Election Statement, calling on Catholics to consider Catholic Social

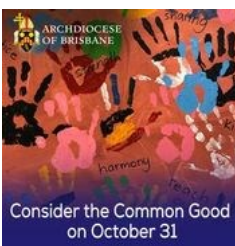


Teachings as they go to the polls on October 31. To read the statement visit <https://bit.ly/2FDLtlH>

The Queensland State Election is coming up on October 31. This is an important opportunity for us to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community.

Find out more about the issues you might reflect on when casting your vote at <https://bit.ly/35xXSZL>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



continue to suffer grave disadvantage and should not have to keep waiting for justice. Now is the time to act. How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of the whole community? Consider the Common Good on October 31. You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at

<https://bit.ly/2Zz2tai>

Queensland is seeing an alarming increase in people experiencing **mental health problems**, especially among the young. Resourcing



for mental health services is just one important issue to consider when casting our vote in the Queensland State Election on October 31. Our democracy needs the active, thoughtful, respectful participation of all citizens. You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3bXbvTw>

Pope Francis appeals to us all to start 'a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet'. Climate change is a complex social and environmental problem that the Pope says demands 'an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.'



Will you use your Queensland State Election vote to benefit our planet and all people? You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3bXbb7q>

What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 26th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Tues 27th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 28th	10.30am	
Thurs 29th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Fri 30th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Sat 31st	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 1st	7.00am	Zoom Liturgy
Nov	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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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

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



November is Remembrance month.

To place your loved one to in our Book of Remembrance, please contact me in the office by phone or email. I will need their date of death and full name. Debra

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

Gloria Patalinghug, Aludia Tolentino, Francesca and Domenico Antonaglia, Angelo Di Mauro, 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.

THE WATTLE

God of every breath,
We love to see the wattle in bloom,
The harbinger of spring.
Its arrival brightens up our winter gloom.
It can be uncomfortable too
Often indicating that hayfever is in the air.
Nothing reminds us of the gift of breath so much
as when breathing is difficult.
Wearing masks during the pandemic reminded
many of us
Of the beauty of air, the grace of every easy
breath.
Jesus breathed on his friends to receive the Holy
Spirit.
May our every breath draw the Spirit deeper into
our being
And free us from all fear.
Amen.



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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

