



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."

All Saints Feast - Year A 31st Oct/1st Nov 2020



Tradition Connection

The Beatitudes form the foundation of the teaching of Jesus and are proclaimed as the way of redemption for all people. Matthew presents this early on in his Gospel in order to build on the significance of the Beatitudes: At the core of the Beatitudes is Jesus's response to

Weekly Reflection

In the Gospel, we have the account of Jesus's teaching the crowd the Beatitudes. Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes to the crowd, who represents everyone. Matthew wants us to know that Jesus's message is intended for more than just his small band of disciples. This passage is often referred to as the Sermon on the Mount, because Jesus takes a position on the mountain: "[Jesus] went up the mountain" (5:1). Use of the word *mountain* presents us with a key piece of information. In the Scriptures, the mountain is a privileged place for God's revelation. Matthew wants his readers to recognise that Jesus is the new Moses. Just as Moses brought the Ten Commandments down with him from the mountain of God, Jesus proclaims from the mountain the cornerstone commands of the New Testament. God's word comes directly to us from Jesus and not through a mediator as with Moses. Jesus sits down with the crowd gathered around him on the ground; sitting was the position of all great teachers in Jesus's time.

The literary structure of the Beatitudes is familiar to Jesus and can be found in the Book of Psalms (see 1:1, 32:1–2, 41:1, 65:4, 84:4–5, 106:3, 112:1, and 128:1). Notice that the author of the Psalms uses the word *happy* rather than *blessed*. Sometimes these words are used interchangeably in the Bible. Matthew adds to this literary form by referring to a future time for its fulfillment—at the coming of the Kingdom of heaven. Also present in Matthew's Beatitudes is a spiritual dimension that is expressed through the phrases "poor in spirit" (5:3) and "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (5:6).

A reference for each of the Beatitudes can be found in the Old Testament; therefore, the Beatitudes become a fulfillment of the Old Testament. "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (5:3) and "Blessed are those who mourn" (5:4) can be found in Isaiah 61:1–3. "Blessed are the meek" (5:5) connects with Psalm 37:11. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" (5:6) has a corollary to Psalm 107:5,8–9. "Blessed are the merciful" (5:7) has its background in Proverbs 14:21 and 17:5. "Blessed are the pure in heart" (5:8) is grounded in Psalm 24:3–4. "Blessed are the peacemakers" (5:9) is rooted in the whole Old Testament concept of shalom. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake" (5:10) relates back to Psalm 107:5,8–9.

the deep human desire for happiness. God alone is the one who can fulfill the human desire for happiness. Jesus, in his teaching, continuously provides for us the understanding of true happiness that is gained only when one depends completely on God. As our Creator, God has always wanted us to be happy. Jesus understands that what humans seek is true happiness. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us advice on how to reach that goal in our lives. The Beatitudes are a way of life, or a vocation, that brings those who live in this way into the Kingdom of heaven.

Wisdom Connection

We tend to expect that happiness belongs to those who are successful in life. The Beatitudes declare that this is not necessarily true. Happiness, or blessedness, comes from being totally dependent on God. Matthew tells us that when God is at the centre of our lives, then happiness can come to anyone—even to the marginalised, the poor, and the oppressed. In the Kingdom of God, the characteristics that are held up as blessed are meekness, mourning, righteousness, showing mercy, and suffering in pursuit of justice.

The second reading for this Sunday, from Zephaniah (2:3; 3:12–13), summarizes what Jesus is asking of his followers, then and now: to seek righteousness and humility. In the Beatitudes, Jesus explains concretely what it means to be righteous and humble. As Christians today, we often look for security in economic and social status, seeking our security in a comfortable bank account and in having the "right" friends. The Beatitudes are countercultural, for it is from what is weak and despised that redemption comes forth.

From Youth Reflections - Liturgia - All Saints - Year A

This weekend we welcome back Fr Harry. Fr Harry celebrated mass with us a few weeks ago. He will be celebrating mass again on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Our own parishioners will be presiding at the 7am ZOOM liturgies while Fr Denis is away. Fr Denis returns from his break next weekend.



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



RETREAT HOSTED BY LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Latin American Catholic Community is organising an **online** retreat called New Life. The purpose of this retreat is to experience God's salvation through a personal encounter with the risen Jesus and a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to give birth to our renewed selves as children of God.

It is basic concepts paired with powerful testimonies of people who have experienced a personal encounter with Jesus that has resulted in a transformation of our lives.

They have managed to invite some good deacon brothers (see attached flyer) and Sister Samuel who will be preaching along key members of the Latin American community.

Registrations are open via Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020>

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.

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>

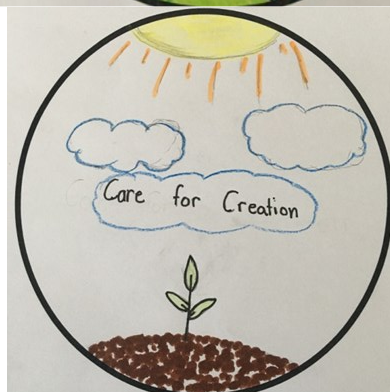
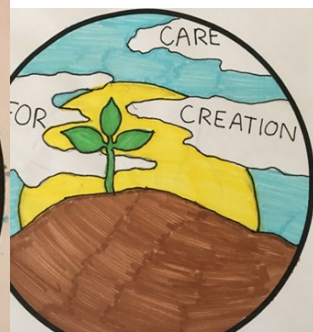
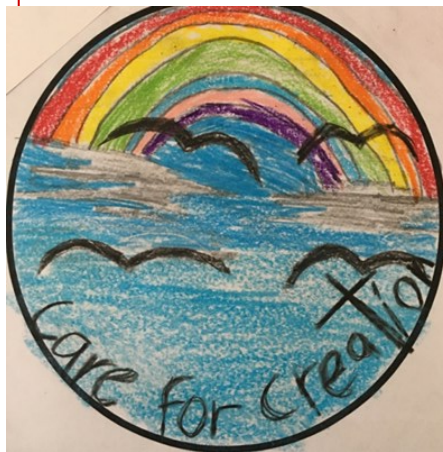
The Queensland State Election is coming up on October 31. This is an important opportunity for us to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community. Find out more about the issues you might reflect on when casting

your vote at <https://bit.ly/35xXSZL>

Parish 'Care for Creation Group' Logo

The senior class of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Primary School were invited to design a logo that reflected our mission. Go to the Education page on our website to see the children's impressive work. Here's a 'taste' of what you will find!

<https://queenofapostlescareforcreationgroup.weebly.com/education.html>



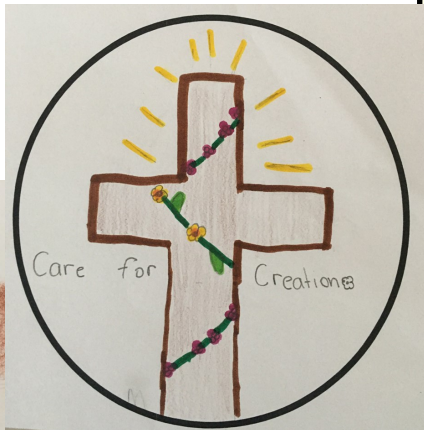


NEW Planned giving envelopes are available now. The new envelopes began on 4th October. They can be collected before Mass or from the Office Foyer **(when Office is open during the week.)** If you are needing assistance to collect your envelopes, please call Debra to make alternate arrangements. Please discard any unused envelopes from last campaign.



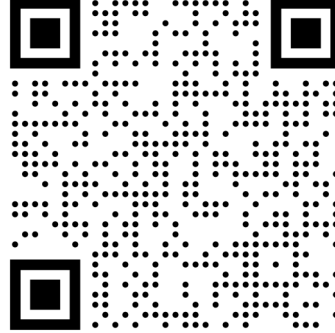
Strengthen the Household of Faith
Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40) Please consider a gift in any amount given through your Will to strengthen our Parish. For more information about how you can leave a legacy to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

Well done to all the budding artists at our parish school.



They have really captured the essence of what our Care for Creation group are working towards.
Beautiful artwork!

SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING



Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> or simply scan the QR code.

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11



We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favourite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

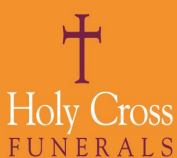
What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 2nd	8.30am	All Souls Day with Communion
Tues 3rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 4th		
Thurs 5th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 6th	8.30am	Mass
Sat 7th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 8th	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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We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including Collette Horn, Katter, Matthews and Rowbotham families, 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.

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81399425582>

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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.



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.

We pray for those who are unwell

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



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



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