



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."

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 30th/31st Jan 2021

USING 'QR' CODES TO BOOK INTO MASS:

Below are QR Codes to help you **book tickets for various Masses**. You may find it more convenient to PRINT THIS EMAIL and keep the copy handy for when you wish to book in to a particular mass. (You can save the email and then scan the codes on the screen with your Mobile Phone if you like).

Note: If you have an **APPLE phone**, you can use your camera. Focus on the code and take the photo and follow on-screen instructions. If you have an **ANDROID phone**, you may need to download a QR Code Scanner from "GOOGLE PLAY" (I use an APP called "QR & Barcode Scanner" which works quite well).

HINT: WHEN SCANNING, COVER NEIGHBOURING CODES TO AVOID SCANNING THE WRONG CODE.

What happens? When you scan the relevant QR code for the Mass you require, it'll open the Registration pages in "Eventbrite" to book the tickets. The old way of connecting via the button on our Website still works and you may continue to use it if you wish.

NOTE: This is a **different QR Code to that at the front door of the church** which is a "sign in" for Contact tracing purposes for those who haven't booked in. AND both QR generators we use are Australian and so are subject to Australian Privacy Laws.



Saturday Night Masses - 5pm



Sunday Morning Masses - 9am



Monday Morning Masses - 8.30am



Thursday Morning Masses - 8.30am



Friday Morning Masses - 9.00am

The Good News

from the Archdiocese of Brisbane



George Washington is supposed to have said in his early life, "I cannot tell a lie". There's doubt that he ever said it, but he certainly set great store on truth in both personal and political life. At times in a culture lying can come to seem the norm; and when that happens the culture itself becomes a big lie. This was true of Fascism and Communism in the last century; and the mountains of corpses they left behind show how destructive lying is. The Bible stresses the need for truth in our speech, which is one of God's greatest gifts to us; animals can make noises but they can't speak. We can speak in the miracle of language, which is one of the points where we share most deeply in God's crea-

tivity. Because, in the beginning, God created the world with a word: such is the power of speech. But when our words are not truthful we share not in God's creativity but in the destructiveness of evil. We all lie from time to time, usually to cover our backs. But the protection is illusory. We end up damaging ourselves still more when we choose lying over truth. Again, this applies to both personal and political life. In a time of affliction and anxiety like this, it's more important than ever that we speak the truth. It's also important that we listen to each other, because only God has full possession of the truth. You and I may know part of the truth, but we don't possess it whole. We come closer to the whole when we listen to each other and share the part of truth that each of us can offer. Now is a time for leaders who know how to listen and who commit to speaking the truth. That may mean short-term pain, but it alone guarantees long-term gain for all. As Jesus says, "The truth will set you free".

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



This year we will be offering two options for your Lenten Journey.

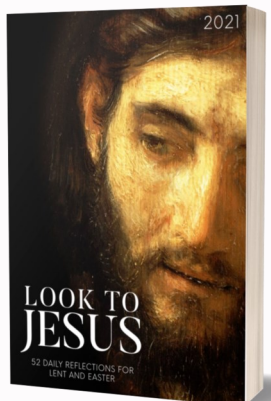
The first is one you may be familiar with—the Archdiocese produces a Lenten program each year. This year it is titled **‘Look to Jesus’**.

The other program has been produced by a Brisbane local titles **‘Overturn the Tables’**. This will be a unique, fresh approach to the Lenten journey. There will be more information given during mass this week-end. If you are zooming in for mass and are interested in either Lenten program, please contact me to register your interest and to order a copy of the book. If you have registered for the **‘Look to Jesus’ program** and would like to move across to the **‘Overturn the Tables’ Program**, please let me know and I will make the necessary changes for you. Debra

Lenten Program 2021 - 52 Daily Reflections for

Lent and Easter. Lent begins on 17th February, so start thinking about how you will journey through Lent and Easter Season in 2021.

Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture parishioner's prayer, spirituality and discipleship each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections, written by Shane Dwyer, will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a



quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require 5-10 minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper questioning and examination of their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

The resource:

- a small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home (Cost is \$4)
- daily reflections for Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, Easter Monday to the Second Sunday of Easter
- for each day there is a double page spread with: the date; the day (eg Thursday of 2nd Week of Lent); a Scripture verse; a short reflection written by Shane Dwyer; a quote from Pope Francis; and a short prayer
- introduction and 'how to use this book'
- at the back of the book there are suggestions for group use and questions for reflection and sharing

Ash Wednesday 17th Feb COVID-19

We have received advice from the Archdiocese about the safe distribution of ashes...



Your safety is always our first priority and in order to keep everyone COVID-safe, the distribution of ashes will be slightly changed today. As you process up to the front please remember to stay socially distanced. This year, you and fellow Catholics all around the world will receive a light sprinkling of ashes on the top of the head, rather than a cross on your forehead. This distribution of ashes will be done in prayerful silence."

Lenten Program



Overturn The Tables 2021

By Alice Carwardine

Program includes

- Guide to help you make a Lenten Promise
- Information on actions and small changes
- Contemplation Ignatian spirituality activities
- Weekly reflection activities
- Resources

Leave Your Legacy. Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32



Stewardship *a way of life*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

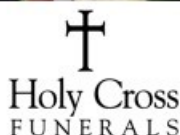
A big Vinnie's Thank You for your generosity for our Vinnie's Christmas Appeal despite the COVID Virus.

We managed to raise \$12,552. Thanks again.



Vinnies
good works

English Conversational language Classes begin again next week. We have a lovely group of ladies in our parish with a teaching background who come together to assist those with our crazy English language. They meet each Wednesday during school term in our meeting room at 10am for two hours. If you or someone you know would benefit from some small group language classes in a friendly environment, please come along next week. No need to book, nothing to bring. All supplies are provided. Morning tea is also provided. All welcome.



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Consider nominating yourself for our Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Council for 2021. It can be a very rewarding experience. I'm speaking from my own time spent on my Parish Pastoral Council. **Debra**

Why have a pastoral council?

Pastoral Councils are one of the structures which were strongly recommended by the Bishops of the Second Vatican Council.

They witness to the basic equality of dignity of all members, by reason of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, highlighting the role of all to share in the saving mission of Jesus.

Pastoral Councils are part of the Vatican II movement towards shared responsibility and shared ministry.

Work of pastoral councils

Pastoral Councils seek to:

- search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish
- encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish
- evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decision that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church
- set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish
- provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other to develop, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society

A group with a special role to play in Church life is the **Parish Finance Council**. Its purpose is to assist the Pastor in the administration of parish financial resources in order to carry out the mission of the parish. Members of the Parish Finance Council are appointed by the Pastor on the basis of their expertise in finance-related matters. The Parish Finance Council operates according to the guidelines set down by the diocese. It is a separate and distinct body from the Parish Pastoral Council as required by Canon 537.

What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 1st	8.30am	Mass
Tues 2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 3rd	10.00am	English Conversational Language Classes
Thurs 4th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 5th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 6th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 7th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.

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Cath D'Hage
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AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APRE: Ben Campbell
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Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808532313>

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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

Chloe Dunn, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Rupert Officer Jnr, Brian Officer, Mary Axisa, Beryl Cowie nee Officer, Sonia & Fernando(snr) Palmer, Peter O'Donnell, Paul Glynn, Tom Tartan, Sonia Officer and Pam & Norm Ward

Sick & Shut-in



We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



We pray for those recently deceased including:

Michael Daley

Maria Vieira

Irene Johnson

Bruce Oxenham,

Jo T'Erheegde

Jose Elmer Torib

Colin Kenny



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