



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."

Second Sunday in Lent – Year B 27th/28th Feb 2021

I 'pinched' the following two articles from Albany Creek's Newsletter because I thought they were bettering than what I could do :) - Denis

Lent: a new liturgical season, and an opportunity to start again. We can give thanks to God for giving us this season of grace to journey with God. Lent opens with readings that call us to lend an ear and lend a hand. Listening to the voice of the Lord and to the cry of the people demands the silence of the desert. The word '**listen**' contains the same letters as the word '**silent**'. Yes, we need to be silent to listen and we need to be listening to be silent.

- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that Lent is a favourable time for opening the doors to all those in need recognizing in them the face of Christ.
- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. (Pope Francis).
- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that there is no limit to the amount of good a person can do.
- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that Lent is a time to mend the broken relationships within our families and communities.
- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that fasting from present day temptations and feasting on the Word of God and good books will give us a new direction and momentum.
- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that to truly enter a FEAST there must first be a FAST (Ron Rolheiser).
- When we **listen** and become **silent**, we realise that we need to fast our **EGO** to feed the **GOD** in us.....Otherwise our **EGO** will **Edge God Out** in us.

As we begin this season of Lent, let's pray for the grace to be silent to listen and to be listening to be silent. Let us journey with God.

Fr Josekutty Vadakkal cm

Godparents, make a commitment on behalf of the whole church—they're not just 'ornaments' at the Baptism. See this article:

Can we change my child's godparents after the baptism? This issue has come up a few times. The answer is NO. We are not allowed to change a child's godparents. They are the ones who served as official witnesses to the child's baptism and the ones who, at the time, along with the parents, asked to have the child baptized into the church. Their names are inscribed on the child's baptismal certificate and in the parish's baptismal registry.

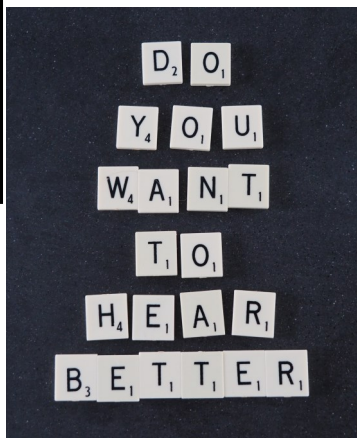
Since the godparent is an official witness to the baptism of the child, it is not possible to go back and "redo" the sacrament of baptism, substituting in new and improved godparents. We don't quite realize that a godparent is more than a ceremonial role. It comes with responsibilities and expectations. Best advice to people picking godparents for their children: choose wisely and carefully. Make it someone who can model the Catholic faith and someone who will take it seriously and live it faithfully.



To help parishioners with hearing difficulties the "Listen Everywhere" Wi-Fi audio streaming service has been installed in our church. Parishioners will access the assistive listening audio via a smart phone connected to their hearing aid or headsets.

James Flaherty is preparing to launch the service and would appreciate some volunteers to help our parishioners connect to the assistive listening audio. If you know how to download an app to a phone via the iOS or android app store and are prepared to help our hearing-impaired parishioners, please email James or Michael at the below addresses. Contact James Flaherty at jwbf@bigpond.com or Michael Good at ctgood@bigpond.com.

If at all possible, to give those interested plenty of time to learn how to help their fellow parishioners, it'd be very helpful if you could come to the church around 4.30pm OR 8.30am (depending on your Mass time) and James will step you through the set up process.



Those who are hard of hearing, or just want to hear better, should bring their smart phone and some headphones to either mass, and the team will set them up. We can have people 'on hand' over the next few weeks to help people set up or just remind them of how to connect. again There are small number of phones that link to the system available at the church if

people don't have a smart phone.

World Day of Prayer is at St Clement's Anglican Church, Eudunda Street, Stafford this year on **5 March** with morning tea at 9.45am and Service starting at 10.30am. Bookings need to be received by 26th Feb-

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading: St Paul 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



February due to COVID-19 requirements. Their email address is office@stclements.org.au and include your name, address, and phone number. Please ring Toni 0431 705 or Cynthia 0404 923 930 or Debra in our church office for registration or transport.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

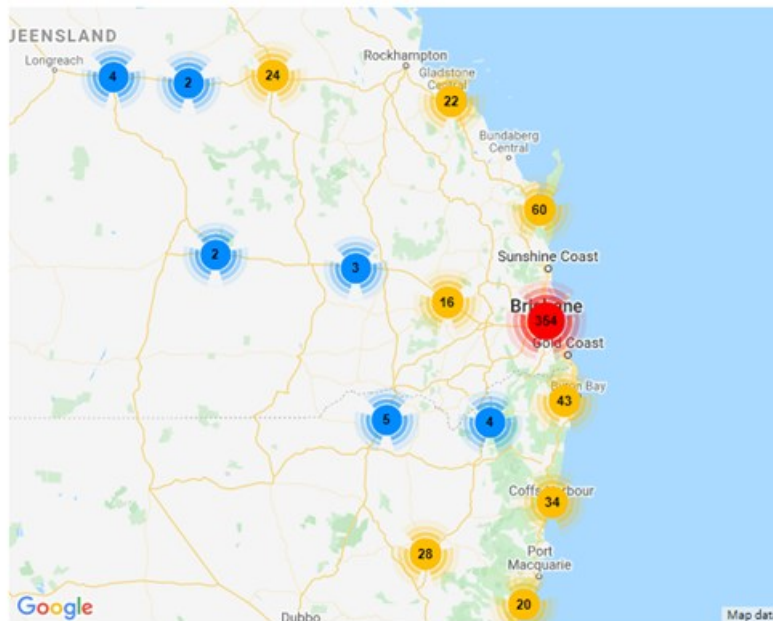
Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.



We are ready for Clean Up Australia Day, 2021! Join

us at 4.00pm, Sunday 7th March.

We will meet at Keong Park, Quandeine St, clean the park, then 'emu bob' progressing along Appleby and Shand



Streets to Roy Harvey Park where we will clean up, and conclude. The event will run for a maximum of 90 minutes. Gloves and bags will be provided. Be sun safe, COVID safe and remember to hydrate.

We encourage you to pre register, this will help us in our preparations. The process is simple; go to <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>

Click on Join a Clean Up and enter the postcode 4053. This will bring you to **Keong Park Appleby Rd Shand St Roy Harvey Park**. Click on Join This Site and enter your contact details.



At the park we will have a QR code for you to digitally input your contact details. For those who do not have digital access, there will be paper registration as well. All children under the age of 18 must be accom-

panied by an adult.




Call to all Catholics

Search for a Clean Up event near you by entering your postcode or suburb below

Please note that events that do not have a "Join" button are not able to be joined by the public.

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[Brisbane Bunya Lions Club 11 Cabrilla St, Everton Park](#)
[Keong Park Appleby Rd Shand St to Roy Harvey Park](#)
[Cabbage Tree Creek Reserve](#)
[Grange Forest Park Reach](#)
[Tim Mander MP](#)
[Playground adjacent with Lockrose Street Mitchelton Old](#)



The Care for Creation Group invite you to journey **The Way of the Cross** each Friday during Lent. The pilgrimage which you might better recognise as The Stations of the Cross, will offer a chance to reflect on Christ's pain and sacrifice for mankind, and parallels to the suffering of Mother Earth. As we consider our journey to the glory of Resurrection, we are challenged to take personal action towards healing a suffering Earth. Join us at 9.30 am or 5.30pm each Friday, commencing 19th February.



Would you like to share some pictures of your prayer chains? Send them in to Debra to be added to next week's newsletter.

One idea to help make prayer a part of Lent for kids is to make a prayer chain. Just cut up some purple paper strips and each day write down the name of someone you want to pray for. Attach each new strip to the chain and watch it get longer and longer every day. **Pick up some purple paper as you leave mass.**



Our bank account numbers are changing! If you deposit funds into our bank account please take note of our new details.

Planned giving deposits BSB 064-786 A/c 100012690

Other deposits BSB 064-786 A/c 100000072

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11



Stewardship
a way of life

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Divine Will Retreat with Fr Hugh Thomas

You are warmly invited to attend a two day Retreat on Luisa Piccarreta and the Gift of Living in the Divine Will

VENUE: Little Flower Church, 80 Turner Road, Kedron.

DATE: 13th and 14th March 2021

TIME: Sat 13th sign in at 8:30am for Mass at 9am.

To register please text or phone Sue on 0419731780 or email suefdaley@gmail.com by 26th February 2021 or Rosemary on 0418738551 or email rosemarydowling@hotmail.com

Please do not phone the Church Office. *Please note there will be a collection.* Morning and Afternoon tea/coffee will be provided.



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 Language Classes
Thurs 4th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 5th	9.00am 9.45am 9.30am 5.30pm	Mass World Day of Prayer St Clement's Stations of The Cross Stations of The Cross
Sat 6th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 7th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.

Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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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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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

Isaac and Brendan Camille, Bob Devine, Nicole Dyer, Pina Padayhag, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Rupert Officer Jnr, Brian Officer, Mary Axisa, Beryl Cowie nee Officer, Sonia & Fernando(snr) Palmer, Sick & Shut-in, Peter O'Donnell, Paul Glynn, Tom Tartan, Sonia Officer and Pam & Norm Ward



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

John Blumke, Michael O'Donnell, Mathews, Ketter, Horn & Rowbotham families, Angelo Di Mauro, Domenico & Francesca Antonaglia 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:

Barry Thompson
Michael Daley
Maria Vieira
Irene Johnson
Bruce Oxenham,
Jo T'Erheegde
Jose Elmer Torib
Colin Kenny



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