



# 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."*

**Third Sunday in Lent – Year B 6th/7th March 2021**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25*

Mountains, though not specified, are again the locus for today's first reading (Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17) and gospel (John 2:13-25). This Exodus passage is the source of the classic list of commandments mis-named "the Ten" (the Decalogue); they are more than ten, they are never referred to in Scripture as the Ten, and the two stone tablets are first mentioned only at the end of the whole encounter (Ex 31:18) and all the commandments from the many chapters of the confusing account seem to be written on the both sides of the two tablets. The description is very much like other examples of steles containing laws found in the ancient Middle-East. It provides a good example of how readily people, including literate clerics, muddle related texts. The commandments of today's reading, the so-called priestly Decalogue, function as a prelude to the whole body of commandments given over several chapters; the variant form in Deuteronomy 5 is referred to as the Deuteronomic Decalogue. Soon after receiving them, Moses, enraged by the people's worshipping the molten calf, breaks the stone tablets (Ex 32:19). New tablets are prepared in Ex 34:1, and ten commandments given in 34:14-26 are said to be inscribed on them; these are called the Decalogue in Ex 34:28 and do not conform to the classic formulation since they are largely liturgical, including commands to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Sabbath, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, but ending "You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk." These Ten Commandments are the ones placed in the Ark of the Covenant. This confusion of identification and appellation has often led various to torturing the set in today's pericope to make them conform to the misappropriated number. However confused the history is, the summary is handy, even though it has resulted in Catholics and Protestants having variant forms.

The setting for the Exodus episode is the mountain theophany to which Moses and the Israelites were invited,

each to attend in their proper place, but the experience so startled the people that they immediately remove themselves some distance and tell Moses not to let God speak directly to them (v.18-19); they preferred the safety of distance and a go-between. It is not clear why this pericope was chosen for this Sunday, but we may guess it was considered helpful in Lent to remind us of the commandments. It has no obvious link to the gospel reading, except that both have mountain settings. This results in an apparent breach of the usual pattern of associating first and gospel readings.

John's account of the cleansing of the Temple (John 2:13-25) has particular relevance to Lenten preparation for the approaching crisis in Jerusalem and the crucifixion. A shorter form, less v.23-25, is read on the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (09 November). Mark's version (11:15-17) might have been considered better for year B, especially given the fact that, unlike Matthew and Luke, its citation from Isaiah 56:7, "My house will be called a house of prayer", includes the concluding phrase "for all nations", which would link back to last Sunday's mention of all nations blessing themselves by Abraham's descendants. However, John's version topically specifies that the incident took place shortly before the feast of Passover, and his extension with the discussion about destroying the Temple and rebuilding it in three days is appropriate for our Lenten journey. The addition also diverts attention from the laws that embody the Covenant, to the person of Christ, who manifests and embodies the New Covenant.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 3rd Sunday in Lent - Year B Image: Unsplash.com*

## Social Justice Group News

Following the recent release of the Brisbane Archdiocese Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), the Queen of Apostles Social Justice Group has started work on drafting a RAP for our Parish. The RAP will provide opportunities to renew and deepen relations between

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and those of other heritages, with the aim that this will lead communities on a new path of trust and respect. Over 1,000 corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations have formally committed to reconciliation through the RAP program since its inception in 2006.

If you would like to be involved in the development of the Parish RAP, then please come along to our next Social Justice Group meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, 11 March.

**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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

1st Reading: Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: St Paul 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



### PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embar-

assed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to**

**build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting



[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**T**he 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 19<sup>th</sup> February.



## We are ready for **Clean Up Australia Day, 2021!**

Join us at 4.00pm, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Please wear enclosed shoes!



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 accompanied by an adult.

**T**he Care for Creation Logo was quietly unveiled in the newsletter last week. Read on to learn about how it was created!

Introducing our new logo! In 2020, the Year 5 and 6 children were invited to create a logo for our Care for Creation Group; their designs can be viewed on the Education page of our website. Drawing from the inspiration of the children we are proud to release our Parish Care for Creation Logo. It will be the



masthead for all communication. The teardrop shape represents the cry from Mother Earth; the hand is us, responding to Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion. The vine represents our positive actions, nurtured by Gospel Values. The church, vine and stars, shows our faith community, growing as caretakers of all God's wondrous creation.

**T**he Anna's Group is now open to **ALL WIDOWS**.

They **meet** on the **2nd Friday** of the **month** at the **Coffee Club** in **Flockton Village** at **12pm**. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 12th March** for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!

Contact

Dianne  
0407616637  
for further  
information.



# Call to all Catholics



# LENT

MAKING A NEW BEGINNING WITH JESUS

ideas for kids

## Fasting

To introduce kids to the idea of fasting, try a 'goodbye for Lent' box. Invite your kids to choose a toy or game they plan to fast from for Lent, pop it in a box with a sign that says something like 'goodbye for Lent' or 'see you at Easter'!



For more ideas to engage kids in prayer, fasting and alms-giving this Lent, download a copy of our kids [Lenten calendar](#): **Make a new beginning with Jesus – Lent** from the online shop at [evangelisationbrisbane.org.au](http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au)

**B**ooking in for Mass has become second nature for the regulars here at Stafford. I just want to clarify a few points with everyone.

We are very fortunate here that we are able to allocate seating and issue tickets. This allows us to book to capacity and also allows each seat to be booked. We can only stay within our COVID Industry Plan if we all register before entering the church and are issued with a ticket with a seat number.

Wherever possible please book using the online Eventbrite booking system. This is accessed via our website. You can also manage your bookings or cancel bookings through this system.

**For those parishioners that haven't pre booked there are two options for you.**

- ◆ Contact Tracing Sheet to be filled in for each person or
- ◆ QR code for electronic registration for each person

After registering for mass, you must be given a ticket with a seat number, so we are able to track where you are seated in the church. Please do not move around the church space except when necessary. Thank you.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4



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*a way of life*

**H**ow many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

### Divine Will Retreat with Fr Hugh Thomas

*"You are warmly invited to a retreat given by Father Hugh Thomas, Redemptist, on 'Living in the Divine Will'"*

**Date:** 13th & 14th March  
**2021 Time:** 9am-3:30pm **Venue:** Little Flower Church Parish Hall

**To register phone Sue 0419731780 or Rosemary 0418738551"**



### Easter Roster—Help needed!

**Where will you be this Easter?** We will be needing all the usual roles filled for the Easter Triduum. Please email Debra in the office with your availability. Please state which roles you are available to fill and which days ie Reader Good Friday. We will also need ushers, marshals and AV streaming experts!

**W**eekend rosters are being prepared at the moment. If you have not returned to the roster and are now ready or would like to join the roster—we would love to hear from you.

### What's on this week at Stafford

<b>Mon 8th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 9th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
<b>Wed 10th</b>	10.00am	English Language Classes
<b>Thurs 11th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Fri 12th</b>	9.00am 9.30am 5.30pm 12.00pm	Mass Stations of The Cross Stations of The Cross Anna's Group
<b>Sat 13th</b>	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
<b>Sun 14th</b>	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



### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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### Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:

Cath D'Hage  
STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or  
AOB@stopline.com.au or  
[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APRE: Ben Campbell  
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Phone (Thuruna St): 3352 9200  
Phone (Chuter St): 3326 0400

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

Barbara Cavanagh, John Blumke,  
Michael O'Donnell,  
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:

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

### 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

Gordon Jardine, 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, Peter O'Donnell, Paul Glynn, Tom Tartan, Sonia Officer and Pam & Norm Ward

### Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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

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Passcode: eucharist

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- Archbishop Mark Coleridge's monthly column
- Family and friends honour young woman who died at 19
- Meet Matt Hayden's evangelisation coach
- Senior Living Advertising Feature