



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."

Passion Sunday – Year B 27th/28th March 2021

IS THE PARISH STILL RELEVANT?



Read Pope Francis' thoughts (Evangelii Gaudium para 28) below:

The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending

on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.

While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few.

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration.²⁷

In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.

Please share with your Parish Council any thoughts you have about how the Parish will journey into the future after the turmoil of COVID.

Our LENTEN preparation for EASTER:

Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy? On THIS TUESDAY 30th March, 6.30pm, we will celebrate



the Second Rite of Penance.

How to do that?? All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on "why do I do these things") and **write them and your answer down on a piece of paper BEFORE**

coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

Easter Triduum Mass Times

Tuesday 30th March 6.30pm Reconciliation 2nd Rite

Holy Thursday 1st April 7pm Service

Good Friday 2nd April 10am Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 2nd April 3pm Service

Easter Vigil 7pm

Easter Sunday 9am

Congratulations to WESLEY DECKLAM JNR who, at our EASTER VIGIL (7pm next Saturday) be-



comes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating the **Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist!** We the church



thank Wesley and Esther, his parents for their example and commitment to Wesley Junior's faith.



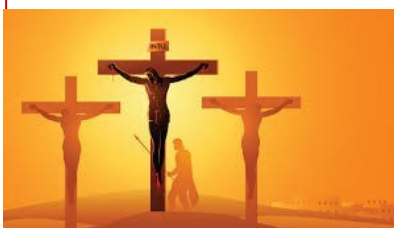
Call to all Catholics

Sixth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

1st Reading: Acts of Apostles 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



The Care for Creation Group invite you to journey **The Stations of The Cross - Good Friday at 10am**. Bookings essential.

Easter Ceremonies will be **STREAMED ON ZOOM** for those who cannot be here in the church. As you know, we all celebrate as actively as possible (we don't just watch!) because we all share the Priesthood of Christ and His prayer is our prayer. To enhance your Easter Celebrations, I ask you to **prepare the following:**

For the **Sacrament of Penance (next Tuesday)**, write out "why" you do what you do, join in the Liturgy and destroy your list afterwards.

For **Holy Thursday**—have some **bread** and **wine** on a table consume all or part of it (share it) during Communion time. If you are with others, conduct some **act of service** during the washing of the feet.

For **Good Friday**—have a **Cross** readily available and **venerate** it in some way as we do at church. If it is physically possible, **stand** during the reading of the **Passion**.

Easter Vigil — Have a **candle/light** that you can light when the congregation lights their candles. Have a **bowl of water** ready to be blessed as we bless the Font; Have **bread** and **wine** available as per Holy Thursday.

FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE AT THE CHURCH (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL esp for Good Friday and Easter Vigil):

PASSION (PALM) SAT/SUN: There is a Procession of the Palms and you will need to be seated in your seats at starting time (5pm and 9am) - please book as this helps everyone.

HOLY THURSDAY (7PM) - the beginning of our Triduum - please be present before starting time (and book!!)

GOOD FRIDAY (3PM) - Our Triduum continues - please book (this is a popular ceremony and you may miss out!) - ("Stations of the Cross" at 10am)

EASTER VIGIL (7PM) - the highpoint of the whole year's Liturgies. PLEASE book and be present 10 minutes before starting time - we need everyone in their seats before the Liturgy of Light begins which is adapted for COVID reasons. ALSO - please bring some BELLS - any sort! We will



do plenty of bell ringing at various parts of the ceremony.

EASTER SUNDAY (9AM) - Similar to most Sunday Masses with a couple of extra "Easter" touches. Please book and be on time.

THE READING OF THE PASSION (this Sunday AND Good Friday) – to stand or not to stand? **Depends on your physical ability/health** – it goes for around 15 minutes. To sit is a passive posture. To stand is more active which and more appropriate as **the Passion is Our Story** not just a story being read to us. If



your health dictates, you might even decide to stand for a while, take a break by sitting and then stand again???

Booking for Liturgies in general (e.g. normal weekend masses) – it is much **PREFERABLE** that, if you **think** you are going to be at a particular Mass, you book and then find you **cannot attend** -- rather than **not book** and **then turn up** having to complete contact details and then be allocated seats (often with 1 minute to go before Mass starts!). If you **book** and **find you cannot attend**, send me an email – pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au and if I read it before Mass, I can inform the Marshalls and make your booked seats available if they are needed. **Make it a habit** to do your bookings for the following weekend at the same time on the same day each week (BEFORE WEDNESDAY 3.30pm).

Salubong – You are invited to a traditional Filipino Easter Sunday Dawn "**Salubong**" Celebration on 4 April 2021 at Our Lady and St. Dymphna's Church 479 Robinson Rd. Aspley. It starts with a procession around the church at 4:30am followed by the re-enactment of the meeting of the Risen Lord and His Mother, Mary believed to have happened at dawn of Easter Sunday; and culminates with a Holy Mass (in English) at 5:00am to be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Saldie Resolado. There will be a choir of angels, apostles and other bible personages. Register to attend via Trybooking on Our Lady and St. Dymphna's website (<https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV>). Fellowship follows after the mass at KidSpace, Chermiside. There will be Easter Egg Hunt, games for the young and the young at heart. Light breakfast will be provided but you are most welcome to bring a plate to share (individually packed food). For further info contact Jima on 0432374239."

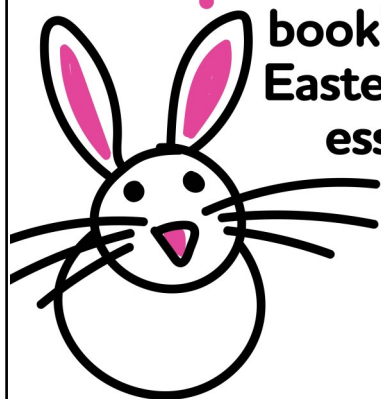
LISTEN EVERYWHERE is the programme we use in the church to help those who have difficulty hearing. If you have hearing aids, we first need to know if they use Bluetooth and/or T-Coil systems. Please read your manuals or contact your provider to find out and then we can 'plug you in.'



ChurchBox is the church management system that helps streamline the rostering process for both the volunteers and the people preparing the roster. A number of our ministries

have been using Churchbox for some months now and enjoy the ease of going online anytime to view rosters, update their availability and swap assigned dates through a simple click of the mouse. Here is a [link to some frequently asked questions](#) on how to use ChurchBox.

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Hop to it!

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Although restrictions have eased and the national roll out of vaccinations begun, the larger crowds expected at Easter time still requires parishes to be vigilant and follow COVID safe practices. For churches in the Archdiocese of Brisbane this means everyone must pre-register and book to attend Masses. For Stafford parish, please visit our website to book for yourself or the family online.

ST STEPHEN'S GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

Do you enjoy meeting people and love our Cathedral? Do you want to learn more about our Cathedral's art and it's rich history, and share your knowledge with our visitors? If this sounds like you, the rewards of joining the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive and interesting training programme is provided. If this ministry appeals to you please contact the Cathedral 3324 3030 or email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by **Monday 12 April 2021** to register for the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers Information Day being held in the Francis Rush Centre in the Cathedral precinct on Thursday 15 April 2021 @ 10:00am.

CONSULTATION FOR WOMEN

Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on March 27. The event invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. The event is being organised by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Find more information at www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen

Containers for Change have offered to promote us on their website, so we may attract donations from outside our parish community. This will change our scheme donor number. **Please hold off making any donations this weekend as the changes take place.** I will advise our new scheme number next week.



"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13



Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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.



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What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 29th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 30th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 31st		English Language Classes are having a break
Thurs 1st	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Zoomed)
Fri 2nd	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross (Zoomed) The Passion of the Lord (Zoomed)
Sat 3rd	7.00pm	Easter Vigil (Zoomed)
Sun 4th	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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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1
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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

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APRE: Ben Campbell
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)
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Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

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

*Eddie Nicholson, Barbara Cavanagh,
John Blumke, Michael O'Donnell,
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:

*Janice Smith, Noel Davis,
Shirley Coe, Barry Thompson,
Michael Daley, Maria
Vieira, Irene Johnson,
Bruce Oxenham and
Jo T'Erheegde.*

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

Fay Barrett, 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, Sonia Officer and Pam & Norm Ward

Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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