



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."

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 19th/20th June, 2021

FACTS YOU may not know about PALLIATIVE CARE:

The Australian and New Zealand Society for Palliative Medicine and the Australian Medical Association does not support euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Evidence provided to a Queensland Parliamentary Committee back in 2013 indicated there was significant unmet need for palliative care in Queensland and this gap was continuing to growⁱ.

In 2013 the Health Department's own reports admitted Queensland palliative care services were already stretched, with referrals to services increasing annually by 20 per cent while funding was only expected to increase by an annual 12.9 percentⁱⁱ. More recent reports reveal only a 5.6% funding increase between 2013/4 and 2019ⁱⁱⁱ.

A 2016 review of the National Palliative Care Strategy found that there are significant barriers to access to palliative care services for a number of people within the population, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples^{iv}.

As at 2018 Queensland had approximately 49 FTE palliative care specialists for the state^v. To meet Palliative Care Queensland's recommendation of 2 FTE specialist palliative medicine physicians per 100,000 population, Queensland would need 101 FTE palliative care doctors.

A 2019 QUT report estimated that between 51,000 to 71,000 of the total population in Queensland require palliative care services. For people over 65 years old, between 52,000 and 57,000 would require palliative care services^{vi}.

Queensland ranks low among the other states for the number of publicly funded in-patient palliative care beds per capita, and though efforts are being made in digital/ telehealth to connect specialist palliative care to regional and remote areas, face to face access is significantly limited. For example, the town of Mackay with a population of 125,000 has no specialist palliative care physician^{vii}.

Of the 49 recommendations made in Victoria's inquiry into end of life choices, 30 related to the improvement of palliative care funding and access, and only a single recommendation related to the introduction of assisted suicide. Palliative Care Victoria requested an additional \$65 million per annum to implement the recommendations, but it received only half this amount. The Victorian state government only committed an extra \$71.9

million, over a 4 year period, and only after the euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation had been passed^{viii}.

105 of Australia's 148 palliative medicine specialists (70% of the profession) wrote an open letter in 2017 to Victorian and NSW MPs, saying that euthanasia advocates "actively and deliberately undermine" public confidence in palliative care^{ix}.

Current Australian data indicates that no more than 2 in every 100 Palliative Care patients would be in moderate or severe pain at the end of life. In these unusual cases where when all other methods of palliation for pain and other symptoms is inadequate, and if the patient agrees, palliative sedation therapy is available to provide adequate relief of suffering^x.

Australian palliative care services are ranked second-best in the world. The United Kingdom comes in first, and they rejected euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation in 2006^x.

iAMA Queensland's Health Vision Part Five: Care at the End of Life
iiHealth and Community Services Committee, Palliative and Community Care in Queensland: towards person-centred care, Queensland

Parliament, May 2013

iiiQueensland Health Palliative Care Services Review – Key Findings
March 2019; page 21. Increase of 5.6% cited is for Hospital and Health

Services (HHS) Activity Based Funding for palliative care
iv[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/EF57056BDB047E2FCA257BF000206168/\\$File/Evaluation%20of%20the%20](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/EF57056BDB047E2FCA257BF000206168/$File/Evaluation%20of%20the%20National%20Palliative%20Care%20Strategy%202010%20Final%20Report.pdf)

[National%20Palliative%20Care%20Strategy%202010%20Final%20Report.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/EF57056BDB047E2FCA257BF000206168/$File/Evaluation%20of%20the%20National%20Palliative%20Care%20Strategy%202010%20Final%20Report.pdf)

vNational Health Workforce Data Set 2017

viQUT (2019) Palliative care services review: Commissioned external literature review

viiPalliative Care Queensland Submission to the Parliamentary Health Committee Inquiry 2019

viiihttps://www.no euthanasia.org.au/national_palliative_care_week_2019

ixhttps://www.no euthanasia.org.au/letter_members_parliament_australian_palliative_professionals

x"How We Die: A View from Palliative Care" by Michael Ashby in QUT Law Review, Volume 16, Issue 1, pp 5-21.

THE REAL PRESENCE—An extract from an article published in "Liturgy News" from Brisbane Liturgy Summer 2020 written by Dr Tom Elich who Rev Dr

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



Daily Mass Readings

Tom Elich studied the history of liturgy and sacraments in Paris and is Director of Liturgy Brisbane .. (The full article was sent out in the Friday Emails over the last couple of months). Here is the concluding paragraph:

A Final Image

A husband on his wedding anniversary goes to buy a red rose for his wife. He chooses one and brings it to her as a gift.

From a materialistic point of view, it is exactly the same as the dozens of other roses in the bucket at the florist shop.

From a sacramental point of view, it is an entirely different object. What happens next is crucial.

Whether the wife puts the rose in a vase or in the bin reveals, not what she thinks of flowers, but her response to her husband's love. The flower has become a symbol, a sacrament one might say. Nothing about the rose has changed; yet everything has.

Or to put it more technically—(also from the article)

A Sacramental Reality

Sometimes people are dismissive of a sacramental, non-literalist understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. There may be a fear that the 'real' is being downplayed in favour of something which is merely 'symbolic'. But this is to misunderstand the structure of the sacramental reality.

For Aquinas, a sacrament has three inter-related dimensions, none of which can be disregarded:

Sacramentum – the sacrament itself, which is the bread and wine. (Rose in 'image')

Res – the ultimate reality or purpose, which is our unity with God as the Mystical Body of Christ. (Loving relationship)

Sacramentum et res – the intermediate or bridging sacramental reality, which is the Body and Blood of Christ (Rose given and received)

Volunteers needed—(especially for Saturday 5pm Mass) - People to give the church a “**covid clean**” - it takes about 15 minutes AND people to **operate the computer** (training required). In both cases, see Michael over at the computers or email the parish.

Seeking Special Ministers of the Eucharist (St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside)

The Hospital is currently seeking Special Ministers of the Eucharist to assist our Spiritual Care team. We are **looking for Special Ministers of the Eucharist to**



join our volunteer service on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Ideally you are currently serving as a Special Minister

of the Eucharist in your parish, have the endorsement of your pastor and are available between 8.30am – 12noon.

Would you consider offering a few hours once a week so that this important Ministry may continue? Please contact Sharyn Smith to receive an application form: Sharyn.smith@svha.org.au or phone 3326 3156.

We are hoping to restart our “cuppa”, initially on the weekend the PPC makes its presentation and perhaps also to reintroduce our Christmas in July talks later this year. To do this, and to comply



with regulations, we need a few people to complete a **TAFE Food Handling certificate**. There is no cost. It is done online and you can use a Parish Computer if you don't have your own. **If you are interested,**

give your name to one of the Parish Councillors or ring the office and tell Debra. If you already have a **Covid safe work training for dining in certificate** and are interested in helping please let us know so we can add you to our food handlers register.

<https://covidSAFEwork.tafeqld.edu.au/course/126/covid-safe-work-training-for-dining-in>

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!! (Tuesday 6th July 7pm)

Book in via Eventbrite to attend this function. Another night (we missed it last year) of education, community and sharing of food and drink (with the help of newly-graduated “Food Handling People”!!



Once again IAN ELMER will share his extensive scriptural and theo-



logical knowledge with us particularly with regard to the thoughts of Pope Francis. Come along—don't miss a great opportunity!!

COVID COMPLIANCE — COVID compliance for everyone's safety. Anecdotal reports have come through that the Qld Government is also seeking to ensure compliance by conducting spot checks of places of worship. Another Christian denomination was the subject of a spot check on their church in Cairns last week.

**St Ignatius Parish's Annual
Women's Night of Spirituality.**

With great pleasure, we will be presenting our 1
5th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality.

This year's speakers are

FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ, World renowned Author and Speaker
&

DR DANIELLE ANNE LYNCH, Theologian | Musician | Teacher at
Marist College, Ashgrove.

This year, you will need to book to attend this event to be held
at St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong,

on **Wednesday 28th July**
(6pm Dinner | 7.30pm Event),

or view from the comfort of your own home by streaming the
event. All Welcome.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/womens-night-of-spirituality-tickets-156038151311>

Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/RA7aRObyDsM>

Contact details: Allison King pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au |
3870 7818

BE CAREFUL OF FAKE EMAILS pretending to be
from the parish and/or Denis Scanlan. Besides
asking for gift cards or money, some are talking about
"urgent tasks" and inviting you to reply.

Share your skills to help develop the capacity of over-
seas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-
income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty,
not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All
trades and professions are called to assist this mission.

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"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do
you not yet have faith?'" – MARK 4:40



Stewardship
a way of life

Do you really trust God? Is God your first
choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on
Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the
week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have
a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your
heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout
the day, in all circumstances.

VERSE FOR VINNIES — SUNDAY JUNE 27

Our V4V Concert on **Sunday June 27 at 1.30pm at 67 Dawson
Parade Grovely . Cost \$15.**

The North Pine Bush Poets are our Feature performers.
There will be 20 different performers so you will get a great variety
of both poems and personalities.

These poets only perform for Verse for Vinnies every three years
so this is one concert you should see and hear.

Under Covid Conditions, if you were not at the February or
April concerts you need to provide us

(noel@noelstallard.com) with your **NAME ADDRESS PHONE
CONTACT and EMAIL.**

Those who have been at these con-
certs just need to inform us as to who is
coming. Seats will be allocated. We
really do appreciate your support for



**Position Vacant – Lutwyche
Catholic Parish**

Applications are open for a position
at the Lutwyche Catholic Parish. A
person with excellent administra-
tion and secretarial skills is required
for a casual position of Administra-
tion Assistant Monday & Friday
working 8.30am to 12.30pm, 4
hours each day.

For additional information, please
visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane
website [https://](https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities)
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*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has
standards of conduct for workers to
maintain a safe and healthy environ-
ment for children. Our commitment
to these standards requires that we
conduct working with children checks
and background referencing for all
persons who will engage in direct
and regular involvement with children
and young people (0 - 18 years) and/
or vulnerable adults. The organisa-
tion is fully committed to child safety
and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of
children or vulnerable adults.*



Fr Denis will be
away next week
from Monday to
Thursday. I will be
holding down the fort
in his absence!
Well, almost!!
The parish office will
be closed on Thursday
24th June as I will be
attending the Annual
Parish Office Profes-
sional's Day. I will be
in the office on Friday.
Thursday morning
Mass will be replaced
by Morning prayers
with Communion.
Debra

What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 21st	8.30am	Mass
Tues 22nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
	7.00pm	Sacramental Programme meeting
Wed 23rd		
Thurs 24th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
Fri 25th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 26th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 27th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
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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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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.



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.



Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Elizabeth Martin, Crad Smith, Sr Dorothy, Glenda Honan, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward, Isaac and Brendan Camille, Bob Devine, Nicole Dyer and Caitlyn Lengkeek,

We pray for those recently deceased:

Pam Ward, Peter Rogers, Sr Margaret Mines RSC, Joan Goldby, John Dove, Maria Calini, S Khan, Dean Sarra, Nerida White, Faye Gundy, Laurence Rooney, Dorothy Jones, Gordon Jardine and **those whose anniversaries occur at 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.



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- Meet the newest fully professed Sisters of St Paul de Chartres
- Focus on Marriage: resources and ministries in Brisbane for married couples
- Marlon Riley on Reconciliation

