



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."

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 2nd/3rd October, 2021

Novena for Citizens Experiencing Loss of Democracy—(composed by our Social Justice Group)

(You may like to pray this over the next 9 days)

Mother Mary MacKillop, I ask you to pray with me as I seek help from our Creator God for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar.



Mary, you are a woman of action and compassion. Your great love brought action, healing and dignity to those in need. Please pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar; that there will be conversion of mind and heart, so that the weary populations of these countries — men, women, elderly and children — can live in peace and security, in total mutual respect.

Please join with me as I advocate their cause to God.

Let us ask Jesus' mother, that she will also bring their plight and their future to Jesus.....

- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father

Mother Mary MacKillop, you said "Never see a need without doing something about it". Please advocate for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar, in Jesus' name. Amen

While I'm on holidays: You will be blessed with the following Presiders on these weekends:

- Oct 9/10th— Fr Stephen Byrnes
- Oct 16/17th Bishop Brian Finnigan
- Oct 23/24th & Sat 31st/Nov 1st—Fr Joe McKay

Hopefully, there are no funerals but if needed, Rosemary Haydock will help you organise it and Fr Stephen Byrnes will preside.

See you in November — Denis

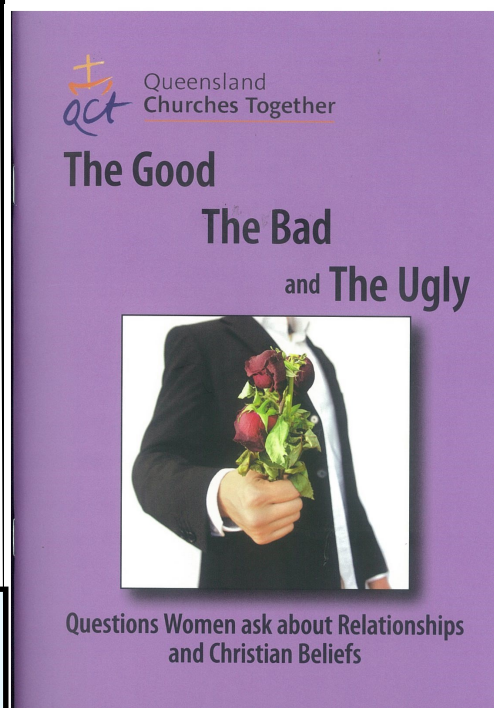


Suggestions for Survivors of DFV

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is not only morally indefensible; it is also against the law. Help is available. "This book lists the major National DFV Support Services. A more detailed list is available on the JCDVPP website: <https://bit.ly/3wyGBd5> or Google

"Domestic and Family Violence Support" for your state or city.

If you are a survivor or are currently affected by DFV and would like more information about protecting yourself and/or your children, **1800RESPECT** (1800 737 732, <https://www.1800respect.org.au>) is an anonymous, free 24 hour Australia-wide service. In (Queensland, call **DVConnect (1800 811 811** www.dvconnect.org). These sites offer trained counsel-



lors to answer questions and provide practical help such as emergency accommodation, referrals to other relevant services and vital information.

1800Respect has developed an App, "Daisy", which removes all traces of web browsing history.

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Everyone has the right to make their own decisions about their life and relationships. **Making an informed decision before leaving starts with a safety plan.**

1800Respect and **DVConnect** include safety planning and **emergency bag ideas** on their website.

Be prepared to call the police to protect yourself if necessary and in order to **provide evidence of a history of your partner's violence**. This is particularly important should you need to apply for a Protection Order. Police are now empowered under the Domestic and

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1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



Family Violence Protection Act 2012 (Qld) and trained to respond appropriately.



You can apply for a **Protection Order** yourself or with the assistance of police or a lawyer. Queensland has DFV Specialist Courts where all staff, from Magistrates to volunteer helpers, are trained to support and protect survivors.

Police Stations, Courthouses, Department of Family Services Offices, and many other places stock **brochures about the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012** and there is information readily available on their websites. Legislation varies between States, but all States and Territories provide legal protection for victims of DFV.

Finally, **this Gospel passage represents the essential character of Jesus' testimony** and ministry and points us to the kinds of lives that we and all God's people should enjoy.

Jesus says: **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.** John 10:10

Developing a Safety Plan

Decide who to call if in danger: police, friend, neighbour, relative.

Determine a safe place to go if you need to leave in a hurry. Consider where children can go if you can't get to them immediately. Once safe, call **DVConnect** or **1800Respect** for safe accommodation options.

Make arrangements for care of pets to keep them safe. **DVConnect** or **1800Respect** may be able to assist with this.



Pack an overnight bag with essentials: clothes, toiletries, medications, important papers, spare keys, taxi money, emergency phone numbers. **Leave it in a safe place** for when you might need it: a friend or your workplace are possibilities.

Do a "trial run," practising getting quickly out of the house and to your safe place. With children, you could turn this into a game. Check with a trusted friend that you have everything essential in your emergency bag.

Break Open the Word for 2022 is available for pre-order now.

The cost is \$24 and I will be placing the order in the first week of November to allow time for delivery and labelling of each book. To place your order simply contact me by phone or email to add your name to the order form. Payment can be made using this link. Thank you, Debra



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'Never Too Old'

Mercy Community invites you to come along and celebrate as a community at our market-style event on the lawn

Lots of things to see and do!

Date: Friday, 8 October 2021
Time: 10:00am - 1:30pm
Venue: 131 Queens Road, Nudgee (the Lawn)
Cost: Free | All welcome!

This year, Seniors Month is all about celebrating Social Connections, connecting people of all ages, cultures, and abilities, celebrating the important and essential roles older people play in our communities.



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THANK YOU! During our August Dignity Drive,

184,427 period and incontinence products were donated to help out those in need. Because of you who donated and advocated to ensure that women, girls and those who menstruate should be afforded the dignity in life we all take for granted.

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Dignity

We called out on Australians to help us and this August Dignity Drive, and even though half the country was in lockdown so many of you helped! Yep, periods just keep coming... month after month! The problem now is that more people need our help, they don't go away for any pandemic!

Thank you to our presenting partner Woolworths for making it super easy to donate!



Stewardship
a way of life

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

The 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 8th October** for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!! Contact Dianne 0407616637 for further information.



Through the Listening and Dialogue phase, along with the **Listening and Discernment** phase, parishes and faith communities right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, **you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.**



Plenary Council
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Please remember to **wear a mask** to comply with COVID requirements. A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please **book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:**

Opening Mass on Sunday 3 October at 12 noon
<https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Closing Mass on Sunday 10 October at 10.00am
<https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

The Holy Spirit will Teach You

John 14:24-39

Parish archive sorting will continue next

Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room.

All are welcome to come along. This is not an exclusive group! This an opportunity to stroll down memory lane and enjoy a cuppa with old friends and new friends too! Every one is most welcome to join in the working bee of sorting our parish archives of photos and other relics.

What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 4th		Public Holiday Parish Office Closed
Tues 5th	8.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed 6th	10.00am	Parish archives gathering in the meeting room
Thurs 7th		
Fri 8th	9.00am 12.00pm	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Anna's Group
Sat 9th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 10th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

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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:

Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn, Bruce Willson, Veronica Nicholson, Don Allerta, Fay Robertson, Maurice & Alison Drake, Bob Devine, Jose Pitts, Brian Wellman, Luca de Pascalis de Moraes, Rose Ann Takas, Nicki Goodman, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward,

We pray for those recently deceased: Marcelle Zarrouk, Mary 'Monica' Harland, Peter Glasby, Francisco Aliviano, May Smith, Patrick Sommerville, Peter O'Donnell, Jim Henry, Tom Lynch, Kay Dunn, Ari Vargas, Angel Bathan, Jill Barrett, Kathy Brady, Rene Ulcoq, Wenly Bargayo,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Maffei, Eduardo Mijares, Alben Tolentino, Jack Wilson, 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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