



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."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (Year B) 21st/22nd July, 2018

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!! - It was great to see you all at the session last Tuesday (with your lovely treats!). A big "thank-you" to **Ian Elmer** for his informative talk on "Laudato Si and Christmas." Thanks also to the **Parish Council** for organising this to help us grow as community and in our knowledge of our faith.



Thanks also to **Christine Luck** (of the Gureng Gureng people from North of Bundaberg) and **Jemieka Bailey** (of the Koinjmal people from Cape Palmerston to Maryborough.) who lead us in a Blessing of the Plaque installed near our front door and then of our church

building and columbarium. Also thanks for your informative articles about "country", and the "smoking" ritual.

Photos—does anyone have any photos of the ceremony for us to be put on our website??

Congratulations to **COOPER KELLY** who, at 5pm Saturday Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Kemsley and Haley, his parents for their example and commitment to Cooper's faith.



Farewell to **Jim and Jennifer Young** who are re-turning to the USA in a couple of weeks. They have been an active members of our parish for about 2.5 years and have become friends to many of us. Thanks Jim and Jennifer for the great blessing you have been for us. May you always know that God holds you in the palm of his hand.

Our Parish exists in our world and our economy. We are **like** a SMALL BUSINESS—our Gross Expenses for 2017 were \$268,504.83 (we pay wages, electricity and water costs, Insurance Premiums, the costs for Workplace Health and Safety and Safeguarding children and Vulnerable Adults, we pay for everything we use e.g. paper, fans, Audio visual supplies, maintenance of musical equipment, Bread, Wine, Internet, Maintenance of grounds, buildings, repair of the church seats (\$210 a time) etc, Coffee, Tea & biscuits for cuppas, resources for various training and ministries, a levy to cover Archdiocesan support (18% of collections) etc.) **We do not seek to make a profit but need to at least cover costs.** Over 70% of our INCOME is from what people put **on the plate** (physically or through Credit Card or Direct Debit.)

DID YOU KNOW that it **costs \$10.50 per week per person** (man, woman and child who worship) to cover the costs of our parish?

Lately **Politicians have been trying to divide** and cause fear in our community for their own political advantage. They have been very selective in the use of truth about "boat people".

Sr Dorothy Bayliss spent time working in the Detention Centres on Christmas Island and Nauru and in this video (see link that follows), she gives a human face to the plight of these human beings who, like us are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters and brothers.



Please take the time to **watch this video** (about 11minutes) – Warning: please do not watch it in the presence of young children as some of the stories and photos could be traumatic for them. Here's the link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=17-VMFum80KD38TAIUJOrgqvtFv1VZf-l>

You can also find the video on our Parish Facebook site : <https://m.facebook.com/staffordcatholicparish>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
17th Sunday Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

1st : 2 Kings 4:42-44

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15



Counters Roster: Team D - Frank Deighton, Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle.

STAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for our parishioners at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles.

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: EFTPOS has arrived! Please be patient as our volunteers master a new skill! Do you have someone celebrating Confirmation or First Eucharist this year? We received a new catalogue this week for giftware for Confirmation and First Eucharist items. Come in and have a look. There is a great range of children's books which make great gifts. We would like to know what you would like us to stock - this is your shop. Please visit the shop if you would like to order something special.

Planned Giving Program

The Archdiocese encourages Parishes to hold a Planned Giving Campaign each year to develop a culture of generosity and support for the parish. We endeavour to do so on one weekend of each year and are blessed and truly grateful for the support of parishioners over many years. Having a brief campaign at the same time each year allows parishioners to reconsider or renew their commitment and this will occur on the weekend of 8/9 September 2018.

Several parishes are giving consideration to transitioning from Printed Envelopes to Electronic Debit or Credit Card payment as the advantages are many. Less cash handling, the ongoing need for volunteers to give up their time to account for cash received, the rising cost of envelopes (now at \$8.00 per set), the loss incurred by purchasing envelopes which are not collected (20 sets following our last campaign) are just some of the issues.

At the present time there are 107 families giving by direct debit which is greatly appreciated. Payment by direct debit can be easily arranged as can changes to those arrangements once in place. More information will be provided during the next campaign. Please contact the Parish Office for further information and advice in setting up direct debit payments.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE - SAFEGUARDING STRATEGY 2018-2020—'Safeguarding is

EVERYONE'S responsibility" : Safe PEOPLE, Safe PRACTICES, Safe PLACES.

Safeguarding Training is being held in August.

Please note, this face-to-face training is only applicable to those registered volunteers who are:

- providing services for children & vulnerable adults
- engaging in activities mainly with children & vulnerable adults
- in a leadership/council/finance position
- also employed by their parish, faith community or the Archdiocese

Date: Monday, August 6th

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: O'Shea Centre – 19 Lovedale St, Wilston Qld 4051

Website Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/402325>

Invitation Code: osheasafe

This training session has 100 places available, with entry by prebooked ticket (no charge). Bookings are processed online. If you need to attend and would like Debra to book on your behalf, please contact her at the office by phone or email.

Queensland Community Alliance Survey

— Do any of these issues affect you or people you know??

1) Do you have a story about accessing the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**.

Does someone close to you require assistance for a disability or persistent mental illness?

If yes, would you be prepared to tell us* a little about it? We are gathering stories to be part of addressing some of the failures we see in the rollout of the NDIS, and your story would really help.

2) Do you have a story about pressures **accessing aged care** for yourself or someone you love?

If yes, would you be prepared to tell us* a little about it? We are gathering stories to be part of addressing some of the pressures that are compromising quality aged care, and your story would really help.

3) Do you have a story of **exploitative employment**, where you or someone close to you has been underpaid, had wages stolen, or had an employer take advantage of you?

If yes, would you be prepared to tell us* about it? We are gathering stories to try and stop this exploitation and take action to help people who have suffered.



4) Have you or someone close to you had a bad
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....experience with **vocational training**? A provider
going broke, or providing inadequate training?
If yes, would you be prepared to tell us* a
little about it? We are gathering stories to
try and stop this exploitation.
Would you be **willing to share your story** to
put pressure on decision-makers to act?
As with our campaign about fairer Hospital Parking, the
greatest assets we have are actual stories from real
people who are suffering because things could be
better but aren't. ***Contact Gary McLean** (a fellow
parishioner) at margaretm@bigpond.com), one of our
Social Justice Group, or the **Alliance** (Devett: 0467 563
796 or devett@qldcommunityalliance.org)



The rescue operation in Thailand

showed the world what people can achieve
when we work together for good, even in a challenging
and complex
situation. Now we
find ourselves
wondering why we
Australians cannot
work together to find
a just and sustainable solution to an important national
issue which seems to paralyse us.



One letter, among many, to an Australian newspaper
on 12 July makes this connection:
*"It's wonderful to see the world co-operate in rescuing
the 12 boys and their coach from the cave in
Thailand. May the compassion continue. Australia
needs to rescue the 127 refugee children trapped on
Nauru. They need to be brought with their families to a
safe haven now. Let's use the same creative and
compassionate energy to ensure all those on Nauru and
Manus are brought to a safe haven now. Let's stop the
suffering. Let's stop the terrible damage to young
lives."* Clare Forbes

Can we respond to Clare's call? But, how? **The
Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the
Archdiocese of Brisbane** has prepared a helpful

resource. *"A Movement of the Heart: Accompanying
People Seeking Asylum, April 2018."* It is a very
accessible paper, with practical information and
suggestions of ways to help. There is a live link on the
parish FB page: [https://drive.google.com/open?
id=1InfcGxoe0CQ2p-VKss-nwTzEOuju8HDc](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1InfcGxoe0CQ2p-VKss-nwTzEOuju8HDc)

Visiting Priests: Next weekend Fr **Mario
Debattista** and **Joe McGeehan** will be
celebrating with you as Fr Denis is on Retreat.

Your light must shine before all so that they may
see goodness in your acts. (Matthew 5:16) We
should view our giving in gratitude to God by
considering how blessed we are... using our gifts
and talents for the good of others. A gift in any
amount given through your Will benefits future
generations of parishioners. For more information
about our Endowment Fund please call the Catholic
Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

Vinnie's would like to thank each and everyone of
you for the wonderful response to our winter
appeal. The money and blankets donated have been
and will be gratefully received by the people we assist.
May God bless you all.



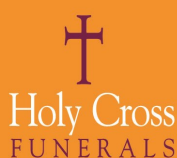
COLLECTIONS

Date	8th July	15th July
1st Collection	\$403.20	\$1128.70
2nd Collection	\$737.50	\$1114.05
Loose	\$1180.00	\$762.60
DD 1st (June)	\$3249.50	
DD 2nd (June)	\$6773.50	

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CHEAP RATES!

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office Monday to Thursday



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Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

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School Office Hrs: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Telephone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200

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FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	23rd	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	24th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Sacramental Program Meeting
Wed	25th	8.00am	Social Club Bus Trip
Thurs	26th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Fri	27th	9.00am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer and Communion NCLS Working Group Meeting
Sat	28th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun	29th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass MMP Rosary Mass

BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at

10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent).

For BAPTISM PREPARATION please contact the Parish Office (3356 7155).



ANointing of the Sick - immediately after Mass : 3rd Sun of Month (ex Oct).



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 four names each week will be deleted. If their illness continues, let's know and we'll add them to the start of the list.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Our Sick: Joan French & family, John Cunningham, Sr Madonna Fmm, Mary Law, Kev & Marie Wildermuth, Michelle Armstrong, Matteo Di Pasquantonio, John Burton, Jim Graham, Pam Ward, Robert Stimson, Carmel Remphrey, Toni Pilz, Bev Lofgren and John Blumke.

Our Recently Deceased: Sr Geraldine McGowan RSC, David Paxton, Fr John Egan, Brenda Kimber, Ian Cox, Janice Crowe, Mark Fleming, David French, Margaret Cahill, Rosario (Ross) Caruso, Lucien Hoogen, Fr Brian Cooper and James Malip.

Those We Remember: Donald Shutteleton, John Jordan, Desmond O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Joyce Davis, Mary Scanlan, Joseph Bayliss and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

The Catholic Leader is available from the Religious Good Shop for \$2. Articles in this week's edition include:

- * Parishioners sent out to renew the Church after Proclaim Conference in Brisbane
- * Fierce political debate expected with Qld laws to decriminalise abortion to be introduced into parliament next month
- * Senior Church figures hope a meeting with the Prime Minister can avoid a 'looming crisis' for Catholic schools 'with many schools facing the prospect of closure'.
- * Child refugees find holiday relief at Lourdes Hill College
- * Iraqi medical couple studying in Australia are preparing to return home to operate new Church-run hospital
- * New resource launched to support lay pastoral ministers
- * Opening of new high-standard Centacare accommodation for children and young people with disabilities