



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."

30th Sunday in Ordinary time (Year B) 27th/28th October, 2018

Plenary Council 2020 - For the last few weeks we have been hearing about the Plenary Council. Now it is time for us to get involved in the conversation and respond to the question *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* There are a few ways to do this.

1. You can get a few of your friends and family together at a time and place that suits you. Documents to guide you through the steps can be downloaded from <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say> and your responses submitted online; or

2. Join with fellow parishioners on **Sunday 28 October** following the 9.00 mass to discuss the three questions and formulate a group response.

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Does my voice, my experience, sharing my story really matter?

Yes absolutely! Each of us is called as children of God to respond to Pope Francis's invitation to become a "synodal" Church – a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart.

In his address to the Bishops of the world, Pope Francis explains the importance of listening, dialogue and prayer: "A synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realises that listening is more than simply hearing. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of truth' (Jn 14:17), in order to know what he 'says to the Churches' (Rev 2:7)."



The Plenary Question is: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" – Will it be more "enlightening" for the church in Australia if we

ponder this question, not with our Catechisms as the premise **but with the Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ as the launching pad** for reflection, discussion and proposals? – based on an article in "The Swag" – Quarterly Magazine of the National Council of Priests (Spring 2018) p22. **Under the principle of "time is greater than space,"** Pope Francis writes: "This principle enables us to work slowly but surely, without being obsessed with immediate results. It helps us patiently to endure difficult and adverse situations, or inevitable changes in our plans. It invites us to accept the tension between fullness and limitation, and to give a priority to time. One of the faults which we occasionally observe in socio-political activity is that spaces and power are preferred to time and processes. Giving priority to space means madly attempting to keep everything together in the present, trying to possess all the spaces of power and of self-assertion; (Cont'd p2) (from p1) it is to crystallize processes and presume to hold them back.

Giving priority to time means being concerned about initiating processes rather than possessing spaces. Time governs spaces, illumines them and makes them links in a constantly expanding chain, with no possibility of return. What we need, then, is to give priority to actions which generate new processes in society and engage other persons and groups who can develop them to the point where they bear fruit in significant historical events. Without anxiety, but with clear convictions and tenacity.

Sometimes I wonder if there are people in today's world who are really concerned about generating processes of people-building, as opposed to obtaining immediate results which yield easy, quick short-term political gains, but do not enhance human fullness. -- "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel") 2013 para 223, 224.

#KIDSOFFNAURU

Most people are probably not aware that there are still 85 children trapped on Nauru, a tiny island the size of Melbourne Airport. (con't page 2)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

31st Sunday Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



Counters Roster: **Team C** - Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove and John Dalton.

STAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners at Chermside/Kedron Uniting Church.

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: **We have EFTPOS!**
The Columban Calendars have arrived. They are still only \$9. There is also a great range of children's books which make great gifts. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

This year's reflection book, **Saviour**, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds: "Today in the town of David a **Saviour** has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Saviour is a 76 page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (2 December 2018) through to the Baptism of the Lord (13 January 2019) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for groups.

Saviour also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Giotto, Lodi, Messina, Veronese, Zurbarán, Coppel and Bouguereau with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

Orders will be taken at the religious goods shop. Cost is \$4. We will place an order on 12th November to have books

delivered by end of November.

From the Office—There are still some envelopes yet to be collected. Please check the box at the rear of the church for your box of envelopes for Planned Giving. **DO NOT USE OLD ENVELOPES.** Your envelope number is now someone else's number. This is causing problems when counting envelopes.

Confirmation Photos have arrived. Please collect your photos, they are in Mary's Room.



(con't from page 1) #KIDSOFFNAURU is a campaign, initiated by World Vision Australia, which prioritises getting children off Nauru and finding an enduring solution, as they are particularly vulnerable. One way that you can help is by signing the petition that has been organised by the Refugee Council of Australia – https://refugeecouncilaus.nationbuilder.com/kids_off_nauru.

The situation has worsened recently, with the Nauru government telling Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) that their presence was no longer required, so it has been forced to terminate its provision of mental health care services. MSF has said that it is deeply concerned for the health and well-being of its patients and describes the mental health situation of asylum seekers and refugees on the island as "beyond desperate".

Break Open The Word - It is that time of year when we need to order **Break Open The Word (BOTW)** for the coming Liturgical Year. This begins on 2nd December. It is highly recommended that all readers have a copy of this resource. It includes all Sunday readings along with readers' formation and a pronunciation guide. It is designed to assist in preparing the reader for Sunday Liturgy. An order sheet will be at the Religious goods shop. They are now \$22. Payment can be made at the shop using Eftpos or cash. Payment can also be made online. A link for payment can be emailed to those who wish to use this payment method.



Social Justice News

Thank you all who have Supported our Petition for Quality Training, we are following this petition up with an **Accountability Assembly on the 7th of November 2018** at 6.30pm to 8.30 pm at the Greek Orthodox Church 269 Creek Road Mt Gravatt East. On the same Agenda A Fair NDIS that works for all and securing outcomes for Social Isolation in Mt Gravatt will be canvassed.

Yes Mt Gravatt at Night Time is inconvenient for many we must stick to our beliefs and back up our actions so we can convince the law makers of this state what their Responsibilities are. We elected them to give us good stable government fair and just for all. Let us be inspired by the great Invictus Games competitors, who are showing off to the world in Sydney this week their great courage.

See you at Mt Gravatt on the 7th on November.



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF YOUTH - NOVEMBER 24 AT BOWEN HILLS (98 Montpelier Road)

If you're between the age of 13 and 30 and are connected to a Catholic parish or school in Brisbane, come and celebrate the Year of Youth! Australia's Got Talent finale contestants The Equals as well as Chris Tamwoy will kickoff the night and there will be food trucks, live entertainment and music, and freebies. Contact your youth coordinator to register. Email the Youth Evangelisation Office to find out more: youthproject@bne.catholic.net.au.



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Is God's will in your Will? Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.

Weddings bells are sounding

Alana Scott (eldest daughter of our cantor, Louise) and Benjamin Mosely would like to announce their engagement, and invite the parish to join in celebrating their marriage at Corpus Christi Church, Nundah.

Alana joined the Nundah-Banyo Parish after purchasing in the area last year. However, Queen of Apostles is the faith community in which she grew up, having been a member of this Parish since Year 3. As such, Alana and Ben seek this community's prayerful support and company, as they celebrate their marriage.

The mass will commence at 1pm and will be followed by refreshments at the local hall.

Corpus Christi, Nundah, 1.00pm Saturday 17th November.



"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."

MARK 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.



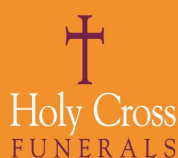
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FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	29th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Tues	30th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	31st	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	1st	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Fri	2nd	9.00am	All Souls' Day Morning Prayer and Communion at the Columbarium Followed by Morning Tea
Sat	3rd	5.00pm	Mass (No Confessions while Fr Denis away)
Sun	4th	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: Mary Law, Nora Stevens, Bob Devine, Peter Muir, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Donna Geddes, Dominic Waters, Anne Gallagher, Julia Geatches, Michael Donaldson, Joan French & family and John Cunningham.

Our Recently Deceased: Garry Maynard, Bonnie Lennox, Noeleen Wilson, Pat Neilson and Margaret Kirkwood

Those We Remember: Eddie Nicholson, Rosemund Colledge and John Killin 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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- Abortion no longer a crime, fears that euthanasia will be the next target for politicians
- New government funding formula puts works of Youth Off The Streets ministry in deep water
- Australia says sorry to victims of abuse
- St Vincent de Paul Society's National Council urges Federal Government to remove asylum-seeker and refugee children and their families from Nauru
- Recent study shows high rate of young men considered suicide in the last two weeks
- Australian Council of Social Service releases report identifying more than three million Australians are living below the poverty line
- Catholic religious, clergy and laypeople expelled from Myanmar's northern Shan state by a China-backed ethnic minority army.
- State's oldest practising teacher retires at age 89, explaining how faith has influenced his life and academic vocation .