



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."

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time (Year B) 28th/29th July, 2018

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-I>

You can also find the video on our Parish Facebook site :

<https://m.facebook.com/staffordcatholicparish>



Visiting Priests: This weekend Fr **Mario Debattista** and **Joe McGeehan** will be celebrating with you as Fr Denis is on Retreat. Please make them feel welcome.

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. Other dates are listed below.

Date: Thursday, August 16th

Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Location: Hanly Room – Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St Brisbane Qld 4000

Date: Thursday, September 13th

Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Location: Hanly Room – Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St Brisbane Qld 4000

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy stipulates that all church workers (clergy, religious, employees and volunteers) undertake safeguarding training every two years. This applies to all parishes, ministries, ethnic/faith communities and services. The training is delivered by the Safeguarding & Professional Standards Service. If you are involved in any ministry listed above and have not attended training since July 2016, you are required to attend a training session.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

18th Sunday Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35



Counters Roster: Team E - Kev & Trish McGrory, Alan & Helen Gibney, John Mahony and Aileen Kyle.

STAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners at St Therese Parish.

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.

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.

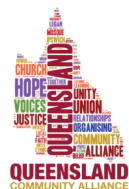
2) Do you have a story about pressures **accessing aged care** for yourself or someone you love?

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 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 shore 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>



Communication Group Meeting

After our initial call for interest in this area of ministry, a follow up meeting will be held **at 6:00pm on Thursday 2nd August in the Parish meeting room.** This group will provide guidance and support where required on how, when, where & what the parish should communicate. All welcome to attend.

This is a great opportunity to share your skills in this new age of technology and communication. There are so many ways to reach out to people and connect. We need to use these platforms to connect and communicate!

Pot Luck Dinner and Trivia Night

The Brisbane Cursillo Movement is holding a this event next Saturday night 4th August at 7pm. The venue is St Anne's Parish Hall, Nelson Street, Kalinga.

If you are keen on trivia then this is for you!

If you and some friends would like to enjoy a FUN night out then come along.

Get together a table or come on your own; either way you will be made very welcome and enjoy the night.

As it is a fundraiser to support people wishing to have a spiritual weekend through Cursillo, the cost of the evening is \$20, and you are asked to bring a dish to share with your table (either savoury, sweet or nibbly). BYO drinks, but tea and coffee are available. There will be fun prizes and a number of raffles during the evening.

To book contact Rosemary Haydock on 0431464211 or email rhaydock@live.com.au by 2nd August.

A retreat day sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross, will be held on Saturday 4th August in Nolan Hall adjacent to Corpus Christi Church Nundah. Beginning at 10am the retreat will be led by Fr John Chalmers on the theme, The Beatitudes. Mass is at noon and the afternoon session concludes by 3pm. Please bring your lunch. Tea, coffee and morning tea will be provided.

For more information contact John Carr on 3266 1119 or John James on 3267 7654.

Y our 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

D o you have a heart for changing the world?



Have you ever felt a call to *Reach out. Give life.* Mission or to sharing the Good News in a practical and tangible way? Do you want to be part of something bigger and feel valued for the gifts you have?

If your answer to any of these questions is 'yes', then Catholic Mission in Brisbane would love to hear from you. **We are seeking parish-based volunteers to help spread the 'good news' about our work, and the contribution of missionaries around the world.** Your efforts can help their efforts!

We are a small, dynamic team, looking to embrace more people who share our passion for bringing life to all.

For further information, or to discuss this opportunity, without obligation, please email

Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au or call during business hours on (07) 3324 3423.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

COLLECTIONS


Date	15th July	22nd July
1st Collection	\$1128.70	\$425.45
2nd Collection	\$1114.05	\$1694.10
Loose	\$762.60	\$693.10
DD 1st (June)	\$3249.50	
DD 2nd (June)	\$6773.50	

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PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser

Office Hrs: Mon, Tues, Thur: 9.00am—3.30pm

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Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

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APA: Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Kirsten Karey

School Secretaries: Thuruna St: Vera Fitzgerald

Chuter St: (Mon) Jacqui Collett

Chuter St: (Tues-Fri) Mary-Anne Coppolecchia

School Office Hrs: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Telephone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200

Telephone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	30th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Tues	31st	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	1st	8.00am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	2nd	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Communication Group meeting
Fri	3rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion With morning tea
Sat	4th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun	5th	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, 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: Patricia Capewell, Evelyn Schultz, 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: Fernando Rampa, 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:

- * Bringing Bach sacred music to the Church
- * Medical professionals called to 'respect, protect, love and serve all human life' as government pushes abortion changes.
- * Sky's the limit for young pilot taking on record-breaking trip
- * Death, hardship and no dignity in government asylum policy
- * Project to collect energy consumption data across all 141 schools in Brisbane archdiocese
- * St John Paul II and Humanae Vitae – an inseparable connection
- * The Catholic Leader's former columnist Doreen O'Sullivan laid to rest
- * Brisbane entertainer sees God's hand in his good fortune