



# 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."*

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time (Year B) 29th/30th Sept, 2018**

## Plenary Council 2020

### Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

**Planned Giving Campaign Update** - The new campaign **begins on the weekend of 7th October**. If you are using envelopes, the new envelopes will be available for collection this weekend at the rear of the church. **Please discard any unused envelopes from your current box after the last weekend in September**. You may have a new number in the next campaign, so it's important not to use old envelopes.

For those parishioners that nominated to make contributions via direct debit from a bank account or credit card, we need the forms returned to process the request.

If you have been away and think you have **'missed'** the opportunity to review your pledge or begin a new pledge, it's not too late. There are forms at the rear of the church for planned giving pledges. If you have any questions about Planned Giving, you can call Debra in the office. The forms for direct debit and credit card payments are also available on our website. These can be filled in and emailed to the parish office.

There is an increased amount of work during this time of renewal of pledges and issue of envelopes. Some times things get missed, if you are expecting envelopes



and don't see your name amongst the boxes, please contact the office. If there are any other concerns with your Planned Giving contributions, please contact the office and we will be pleased to assist you.

Finally, **a big thank you for your generosity** and support of your parish. Thanks also to the Finance Council and Fr Denis for preparing the Campaign. Well done!

## From the Social Justice Statement:

**A place to call home** is indispensable to our sense of self. Without it 'our spirit and identity are adrift, and our capacity for community engagement is weakened.'

**Homelessness reaches more widely** across our society than we might realise and touches more than those

who are evicted or who cannot find a permanent home. In fact, a shadow of homelessness falls on everyone who struggles to meet

barely-affordable rent or mortgage payments ... an overpriced market is pushing more individuals and families into homelessness."

**People experiencing poverty** are never to be regarded as 'a problem', but as principal partners in the work of building up bonds of unity and social cohesion."

**In Australia there are many organisations** working to help people who experience marginalisation and homelessness. In particular, Catholics can be proud of the work of diocesan social services, charities like Vinnies and initiatives by religious orders that reach out to people who are homeless." **(We too should be proud of our efforts as a parish to provide a home for 9 Adults, 2 Teens, 2 children and 1 baby.)**

### If I encounter a person

sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ.

*Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, n. 48.*

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

27th Sunday Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



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

**S**TAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners of the Salvation Army.

**R**ELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: **We have EFTPOS!**  
Come in and have a look. There is 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.

**R**eflected Love – A weekend silent retreat for Women

Encounter with God is an encounter with Love. It is enveloping "If I can but touch his cloak". It is transforming. We have been sealed with God's love. This weekend retreat is an opportunity to sink into the enveloping love of God, and to explore how that same love is reflected in each one of us.

A weekend of shared silence in community with others who seek encounter with God. Draw away from the rest of life for a short time and walk gently, slowly and with purpose, knowing that you are held within a supported and compassionate community of women.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries.

**Friday 7 December 2018 to Sunday 9 December 2018 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston**

Enquiries to: [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283

**R**egistrations close 23 November **Couples** celebrating their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @ 10.00am**. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

E: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) T: 3324 3030



## From the Social Justice Statement: (Con'd)

**Australia needs to become more a community** willing to address both the causes and the consequences of homelessness. We need the social, economic and political resolve to address this crisis...Everyone deserves a place to call home.

**For any of us**, a sudden personal or health crisis can cause great hardship and put pressure on family life. But for some people who lack the necessary economic resources or social support, such crisis can lead to homelessness.

The Church and international law both regard housing as an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others."

**A Place to call Home—Making a home for everyone in our Land** - Social Justice Statement

2018.—Please collect a Prayer Card and/or a "Ten Steps..." leaflet and/or a copy of the Statement (there are limited copies of the statement—if you won't read it, please don't take it. (Return if when /if you finish with it please). **(or download it from** <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2018>

**T**he 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless. That number includes people who are on the streets & sleeping rough, and those 'couch surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in overcrowded dwellings. The people on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg.



**A**lpha Training Opportunities - Lorraine McCarthy, Coordinator of Alpha in a Catholic Context, will be facilitating a number of Training Opportunities next month from Friday 19th October until Tuesday 23rd October. The workshops are FREE of charge, but it is essential to register. There is more information on our noticeboard. If you would like any further information, contact Debra in the office.



**A VOCATION VIEW:** Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not - nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough Ministry for many more. Answer God's call.



## 2018 Year of YOUTH — Save the Date

### Archdiocesan celebration for the Year of Youth

will be held on **Saturday 24th November**

**W**elcome to any new parishioners here at Stafford. We ask you to fill in our information sheet and place it in an envelope. These can be handed to Fr Denis or placed on the collection plate. A parishioner will then contact you to arrange a visit. If you are a parishioner that may not have completed an information sheet, we would love to hear from you too. It can be very helpful when trying to contact people if we have your details on file. If you have changed any details, particularly email, please let us know, so we can update our records.

**S**afeguarding Training registration has now opened for the following sessions in October 2018.

Date	Time	Location
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm - 8:30pm	St. Edward's Church 104 Chatswood Rd, Daisy Hill Qld 4127
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12pm	Darra Hall 99 Darra Station Rd, Darra Qld 4076
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Francis Rush Centre 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City Qld 4000
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm - 8pm	Our Lady of the Rosary Church 1 Kenmore Rd, Kenmore Qld 4069
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 102 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park Qld 4500
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12pm	Gympie Parish Centre 14 Church St, Gympie Qld 4570
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Dominic Centre 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina Qld 4152

See the table for details of available training dates and locations. If you are attending a training session, please contact the parish office to book into a session.

**All participants need to be pre-booked and entrance to training sessions is by ticket.** If you have any questions, please contact the office for

**P**lease note, face-to-face training is only applicable to volunteers who are:

- Providing services for children and/or vulnerable adults
- Engaging in activities mainly with children and/or vulnerable adults
- Employed by the Parish

All other volunteers may defer training until online options become available at the end of 2018.

**Joke of the Week:** It was a beautiful Sunday and as a faith filled parishioner was leaving the church he raised his hands towards heaven and told parishioners that he was going to thank God for this beautiful day climbing a high cliff to be closer to heaven.

It was a steep climb and the man began to experience difficulties as he made his way up the cliff. The man began to fall off the cliff, and as he tumbled down, he caught hold of a small branch.

**"Help! Is there anybody up there?"** he shouted. A majestic voice boomed through the gorge: "I will help you, my son, but first you must have faith in me." "Yes, yes, I trust you!" cried the man. "Let go of the branch." boomed the voice.

There was a long pause, and the man shouted up again, **"Is there anyone else up there I could talk to?"**

### COLLECTIONS

Date	16th Sept	23rd Sept
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$540.15	\$472.90
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$872	\$822
<b>Loose</b>	\$415	\$682.70
<b>DD 1st (Aug)</b>	\$3347.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Aug)</b>	\$6643.50	

## Tennis Courts for Hire

with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday





## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

### **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office**

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053

Parish E-mail: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)

Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan

Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary: Debra Visser

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

Office Telephone: 3356 7155

**Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

**Representative** :Cath D'Hage

### **Parish School "Queen of Apostles"**

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford 4053

School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)

**School Team:** Principal: Nigel Bird

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	1st	8.30am	Mass
Tues	2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	3rd	9.30am	Indoor Bowls
Thurs	4th	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri	5th	9.00am	Mass with morning tea
Sat	6th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	7th	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:** Bob Devine, Peter Muir, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Donna Geddes, Dominic Waters, Anne Gallagher, Julia Geatches, Michael Donaldson, Joan French & family, John Cunningham and Mary Law,

**Our Recently Deceased:** Noeleen Wilson, Pat Neilson, Margaret Kirkwood, Maggie Hewett, Margaret Fitzsimon, Fr Harry Bliss, Ralph Williams and Ruth Holohan.

**Those We Remember:** Eddie Nicholson, Rosemund Colledge, John Killin, John Daniel Coyle, Michael O'Donnell, Des OBrien, Rex Munsie and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

### TEN STEPS TO MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND

1. REFLECT ON THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.
2. GET THE FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOUSING CRISIS.
3. REACH OUT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOUSING DIFFICULTIES AND HOMELESSNESS.
4. UNDERSTAND THE BIGGER PICTURE BEHIND THE HOUSING CRISIS.
5. MAKE OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES WELCOMING PLACES.
6. TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT HOUSING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS.
7. ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE LOCALLY AND NATIONWIDE
8. HELP COMBAT MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISREPRESENTATION.
9. REMEMBER: STANDING WITH THOSE IN NEED IS CENTRAL TO OUR FAITH
10. LET US PRAY

