



# Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus in word, deed and service."

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Fr Joe's Reflection - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

*Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 Your peace will rest upon him.*

### Ambassadors of God

Who are the seventy-two disciples sent before the Lord? They are us! Each Christian is called to be an ambassador of Christ. We are called to bring alive the Gospel today.

Jesus doesn't want us to use power or riches to change people's hearts. He wants us to rely on the providence of God. We proclaim the Gospel through our experience of God and in a way that makes sense to ourselves and the community around us, in our time and place.

Jesus doesn't say that the task will be easy. He points out that there will be times that we and Gospel message will not be welcomed. We are called not to respond ourselves to this rejection but to leave the judgement to God. Ultimately what the Gospel is offering is a way of living life to the full. It is life!

In every place and time we are called to preach the Gospel. We are called to be healers and peacemakers. While we might not be doctors or nurses we all have a part to play in healing the world. Through our very presence we can play our part in addressing loneliness, despair and grief. Through our charity we can provide some support for the homeless and the stranger. We are called to be a prophetic voice for the voiceless. Together as a community we can support each other through the trials of life: growing up and growing old. Individual and together we dispel the demons that stop us seeking to live to full!

The Christian Church emerged in the ancient world as a community of support and care. It was small communities caring for each other and those in need. The communities kept in contact with each other joined by their love of God. They faced periods of persecution and trial but kept the faith. They believed the Kingdom of God was near.

Today we continue the same mission. We carry the same faith, hope and love for our troubled world.

"The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." Gaudium et Spes (Vatican II)

As Christians we know we and the world are on the journey towards the Kingdom of God. We know that God is transforming us and the world through his love and mercy. This is our hope and faith. In a world that is seemingly caught up in the circle of violence, destruction and despair, we are called to play our part as bearers of the Lord's healing peace.



<p><b>Queen Of Apostles Stafford</b></p> <p>JULY 2025</p> <p>Alpha</p>	<p><b>Want to rejuvenate your faith life?</b></p> <p>Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.</p> <p>Alpha</p>	<p><b>What?</b></p> <p>10 week Program 90 Minute sessions Retreat day</p> <p>Alpha</p>	<p><b>How?</b></p> <p>Videos Conversation Fellowship</p> <p>Alpha</p>
<p><b>Where?</b></p> <p>Q of A Meeting Room</p> <p>Alpha</p>	<p><b>When?</b></p> <p>Sundays 13 July – 14 September 10.30-12.00</p> <p>Alpha</p>	<p><b>Who?</b></p> <p>You Your family Your Friends</p> <p>Alpha</p>	<p><b>Take Action now</b></p> <p>Find out more from us today.</p> <p>Alpha</p> <p>Sign up to join us in July.</p>

**Sent Forth in Strength and Hope**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

6 July 2025


**About the Artist Shara Delaney**

Shara is a descendant of the Noonuccal, Ngugi, and Geonpul clan groups of Quandamooka, located on the east coast of Brisbane.

**About the Artwork**

This artwork represents the Archdiocese of Brisbane as the face of the Catholic Church in South East Queensland. The design's main path, where blue meets green, represents a journey guided by the Spirit, leading towards the centre—a symbol of the Archdiocesan community. From this centre, smaller circles branch out, symbolising the connection to the vulnerable in our communities. The white dots represent the healing power that flows from the Spirit, while the smaller circles represent people throughout the community using First Nations symbols. The black lines in the background spread the Good News simply and effectively, while the vibrant colours in the main circle represent the Archdiocese's commitment to responsive and innovative governance.

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14**  
*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11**  
*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*  
**Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**  
*All things were created through him and for him.*  
**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**  
*Who is my neighbour?*



**What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?**

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>		<i>NO Mass due to roof cleaning</i>
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>		<i>NO Prayer Group due to roof cleaning</i>
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 9.45am	Mass followed by Rosary <i>Latté Ladies (parish meeting room)</i>
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass followed by Rosary
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>

**THE SOWING CIRCLE**

I am looking for expressions of interest to join a circle of companions ready to share your 'Good News' stories, gifts and talents in the Meeting Room at Queen of Apostles on the 4th Tuesday morning of each month 9:30 - 11:30am. The format will vary as needs and ideas evolve but we will definitely enjoy a cuppa and chat each week. In this Jubilee Year of **Hope**, let's get together and **Sow** many seeds of Faith, Hope Love and Joy

*Sometimes, it takes just a little seed of faith and hope to make Blessings Bloom*

**Our first meeting will be on Tue, 23rd July. For enquiries: Truci Dove**

**WELCOME BACK**  
**Fr David Willis OP**  
 to our weekend masses—  
**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

**There will be the usual confessions at church on Saturdays at 4pm. Thank you.**

**Marian Home Devotion**  
**Welcoming Mama Mary**  
**Into Our Homes**  
*Please sign up at church entrance to schedule her visit to your homes.*



*Our Lady celebrates Tisha's birthday at the Missionaries of Charity*

**Latté Ladies**

Latté Ladies will meet **NEXT Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> Jul** at the **Parish Meeting Room 9:45am.** All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa', great conversation and companionship.  
**Enquiries - Truci Dove 3359 2267**



**NAME DAY commencing the WEEKEND of 19/20th July**

On the weekend of the 19th and 20th of July parishioners will be encouraged to wear a name tag. This is to ensure you get to know the people who sit near you at Mass. If you have a name tag wear it! If you don't have one we will make up one at the church door.

We are creatures of habit and often we sit at the same place each Sunday mass. Do you know the front of you? Behind you?

**MORE BLANK NAME TAGS at CHURCH ENTRANCE**




**MODULE 2**  
**UNDERSTANDING, PRAYING AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES**  
 PRESENTED BY



**DCN. PETER PELLICAAN PHD**  
 Executive Director  
 Archdiocesan Ministries



**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**  
 Archbishop of Brisbane



**MELISSA LEDWICH**  
 Director  
 Adult Formation  
 Archdiocesan Ministries



**CALEB BOWLES**  
 Project Officer  
 Adult Formation  
 Archdiocesan Ministries

**STARTING AUGUST 2025 REGISTER NOW**

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE & TO REGISTER OR VISIT [catholicformation.au](http://catholicformation.au)




**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT JOHN 1:5**

**the light**  
 IGNITE CONFERENCE 25

**IGNITE HIGH PROGRAM**

Stafford Parish will help subsidise a group of young people from our parish to attend the Conference. If interested please contact the parish office.

See [National Catholic Conference Brisbane — Ignite Conference 25](#) for further details.

# National NAIDOC Week 2025

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held from 6 – 13 July 2025.

## Creator God of Holy Dreaming

Bring us together as one,  
Reconciled with you and one another.  
Bless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this land.  
The first peoples to receive your blessings in this land.  
The first peoples to see your beauty in the land, water, sky and nature.  
The first peoples to hear your voice in ancient stories.  
The first to give you praises in ancient places.  
The first to know your love and love you in return.  
God bless the Elders keeping culture and languages alive.  
Bless all who work in Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, making friends, growing partnerships to a deeper understanding of culture and languages, learning to love and grow together.  
Give us grace to travel together towards reconciliation for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen

This prayer was written by Rev'd Canon Aunty Di Langham for National Reconciliation Week 2025.

## 2025 NAIDOC Theme

### The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy



## God of All Generations

As we honour NAIDOC Week, we give thanks for the enduring legacy of culture, faith, and tradition carried through the lives of Elders past—storytellers, trailblazers, and wisdom-keepers.

We pray with gratitude too for Elders present, who continue to lead with courage and compassion, guiding us on the path of truth-telling and reconciliation, nurturing the next generation with strength and grace.

And we lift our eyes in hope to the promise of Elders emerging—visionaries of a future yet to be shaped, a future of justice, unity, and healing. A future where the next generation walks forward in strength, with purpose and pride.

Amen



You are our  
Father, you live  
in heaven  
We talk to you,  
Father you are  
good

## The Aboriginal Our Father

You may notice that there is a lot of repetition in the Aboriginal Our Father prayer. Many First Nations languages express importance through repetition. The repeating of the phrases, emphasises the worthiness of the prayer.

Often times the prayer is accompanied by clap sticks. The use of clap sticks is to alert the spirits, to respectfully communicate a request for connection and relationship. Clap sticks are not merely instruments; they are conduits for connecting with the land and ancestors. When played, their rhythmic patterns echo the natural sounds of creation.

## FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY TALKS

\* Bonaventure Lecture - 800yrs of the Canticle of Creation

\*Fr Mario Debattista OFM \*Monday 14 July 6:30pm \*Padua College

\*An Introduction to Franciscan Spirituality

\*Fr Joe McKay OFM \*Thursday 17 July 6:30pm

\*Queen of Apostles Parish Meeting Room



## FRANCISCAN LUNCH, TALK & MASS Brisbane

WHEN: Sunday 27th July 2025 — 12pm-4pm

WHERE: Franciscan Friary, 21 Adele St, Kedron

WHO: For young men 18-35 years of age

The Franciscan Friars of Brisbane would like to invite young men interested in Franciscan spirituality or in a religious vocation to come along for lunch, talk and Eucharist at the Kedron Friary.



The heart of Franciscan Life is to live the Gospel! The Franciscan Friars (Order of Friars Minor) were founded by St Francis of Assisi and are an international brotherhood who live with 'nothing of their own' and are dedicated to mission and evangelisation.

Come eat, chat and pray together.

Further information:

Fr Joe McKay OFM

Phone: 0412 076 913

Email: [jmckay@franciscans.org.au](mailto:jmckay@franciscans.org.au)

## EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED by Rick Dalmau

In Break Open The Word 2025 (2024 Liturgy Brisbane), Fr Tom Elich, writing on Luke's story of Jesus Ministry, points to God as mother in the reading from Isaiah 66:10-14 and her promise of comfort and peace. Tom shows how this Isaiah reading of sending "peace flowing", sets up Jesus' death and resurrection, his teachings and actions as central to missionary discipleship. "Peace to households" was the greeting of the first 72 "sent" disciples. Jesuit theologian Roger Haight SJ also sheds light on Jewish and New Testament biblical foundations for mission. See his article on new ways of thinking about church: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2025/06/20/roger-haight-church-mission-heschel-250978>. "Like the prophets, Jesus prodded and cultivated active discipleship within the partnership between God and human beings.... God has entrusted creation to us. God's covenant with us translates this imperative from a vague sense of obligation to an interpersonal relationship with God who as placed trust in human existence." We work for comfort and nurture for Creation AND peace for humanity, out of our Christian grasp of the model of Jesus living the Rule of God, not as abstract beliefs.



THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI MI  
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We love  
having you as part  
of our flock

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via email



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Children's Liturgy of The Word

**CLOW**



"Let the little children come to me ..."

every  
third weekend  
Masses  
5pm (Saturday)  
9am (Sunday)



Are you a VISITOR or do not carry cash? Now you can help our Parish's Good works. A "Smart Terminal" is at the front door. CHOOSE ONE of the pre-determined amounts OR your own preferred Amount and THEN "tap and go" THANKS!

## ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

**FOR CASUAL HIRE**

**Click link below:**

[www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts](http://www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts)

or scan:



### Our Parish PIETY Shop



Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after weekend Masses. Thank you.

OUR MISSION  
We donate 50% of our profits to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime

And with your help, we'll get there.



WE'VE DONATED OVER...

**\$11,222,000 AUD**

It's incredible! But we still have a long way to go.

Available at the parish office:

**\*Toilet paper roll; \$2 Paper Towel; \$3.5 Tissue;\$2**

Glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:

**C10195625**



### ANointing OF THE SICK



If you are **going to the hospital unexpectedly** for an op or to develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Joe know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand. Celebrations of this Sacrament are on the **THIRD WEEKEND** of each Month. You may add a **sick person's name** to the list by phoning the Parish Office (3356 7155).

**NOTE: To keep our "unwell 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. Thank you.**

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**  
Parish email: [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 Joseph McKay OFM**  
Parish Priest's E-mail: [mckayj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:mckayj@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**  
Office Hours: **Mon, Tues & Fri: 9am-3pm**

QR code to access site:



**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):**

**Helen Royan - Email: [lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)**  
(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

**STOpline** Service: 1300 304 550 or

[AOB@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au)

**SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORMS may be accessed from the brochure table which is at the left front corner of the church.**

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**  
School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
School Principal: **Troy Parsons** APRE: **Megan Conroy**  
APLE: **Leonie McCormack**  
Phone (Thuruna St): **3352 9200** Phone (Chuter St): **3326 0400**

**BAPTISMS** are celebrated at 10.30am on the **Third Sunday of each Month.**

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**, contact the Parish Office.

For info on our website: <https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



Weekend Masses are **streamed live on Zoom**. Click

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#) **OR enter**

Meeting ID: **443 363 1440** and Passcode: *eucharist*

via the Zoom app.

## Let Us Pray



### We pray for those who are unwell:

Madison Parker, Kerr Tolentino, Giovanni and Maria Antonaglia, Telly Velante, Sr Monica, Jane Fontaine, Celestino Garcia, Kevin Batliwalla, Gina Antonaglia, Bev Lofgreen, Emilie Jackson, Brian Scanlan & Mary Connor.

### We pray for those recently deceased:

Angelina Nicolosi, Daisy Santiago, Doreen McKewin (Margaret Blumke's mum), Win Leo, Bob Vlug, Antonio "Tony" Sofia & Alan Gibney.

### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joyce Davis and our other deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.