



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."
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 12th–13th July 2025

Fr Joe's Reflection—Luke 10:25-37 Who is my neighbour?

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

For Jesus, one cannot love God without loving your neighbour and vice versa, they are part of the one way of life. Why did Jesus choose the Samaritans as the neighbour in the parable?

For the Jewish people the Samaritans were their near neighbour not just by location but religion and culture. They worshipped the same God and followed much of the same Torah. They were the remnant people of the northern Kingdom, Israel, which was destroyed by the Assyrians. Unlike the Jewish people whose holiest site was the Temple on Mt Zion, the Samaritans view Mt Gerizim, the biblical Shechem, as their holiest site.

The Samaritans existed a sizeable people until the 6th Century but were assimilated into the Christian Byzantine and Islamic Arab community. Many of the people of Palestinian city of Nablus are descended from the ancient Samaritan people. Today under 1000 people practice the Samaritan religion which still worships on Mt Gerizim, on Passover.

The Jewish scripture scholar, Amy-Jill Levine, points out that the Priest and the Levite were not restricted by the Torah from helping the injured man not from touching a corpse. They were not going to the Temple but coming from Jerusalem and had finished their service in the Temple. The excuse that the man was a stranger and hence owed no duty of care is also rejected by the Torah. The Book of Leviticus calls on the people to "love the stranger as yourself" (Lev 19: 33-34). These "holy men" did not follow the Torah and left the man to die.

The Samaritan, the hated neighbour, was the one who saw the injured man and was moved with compassion to act. He was the one following the Torah, God's Law.

The Gospel message does not put limits on who our neighbour is. We are called by Jesus to love everyone. The Christian notion of love is a self-less call to act for the good of another. We are also called to recognise the good in everyone, even those we struggle to love. Every person is made in the image of God.

Pope Francis invited the Church to look again at this radical hospitality that the Gospel demands of us. He challenge Catholics to first see the good in everyone and address their hurts and fears. Around the world the Church, at it's best, ministers to people who are not Christians providing education and health care in Jesus name. Jesus' call to feed the hungry and heal the sick was not limited by race or religion. Where there is a need we are called to respond with compassion and mercy.



Dear Fr Tom,
Congratulations
on the
Anniversary of Your
Priestly Ordination

The LORD bless you, and keep you:
 The LORD make his face
 shine on you,
 and be gracious to you.

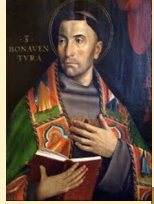
Numerus 6:24-25

12th
July,
2025



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**



Launching into the deep Sea Sunday, July 13

On the 2nd Sunday of July we celebrate Sea Sunday. It's not only a time to consider financially supporting Stella Maris and its missionary outreach, but a moment to think about the lives and work of seafarers and the indisputable contribution they make. Knowing that people recognise and appreciate their efforts and difficulties is a great source of comfort and support.



Fr Tony Cox SSC
 National Director, Stella Maris **Please support us**


Alpha

Stafford Parish ALPHA Pilot starts SUNDAY, 13th July 10.30am

Volunteer Safeguarding Training

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have recently done their safeguarding training. The process is complex and time consuming. For some it has become a barrier to them giving their time and service to the Church. We all support the aims of protecting the children and the vulnerable. The system is designed to raise awareness of the issues involved but it is in needed of constant reform. What the Church is aiming to build is awareness and courage to question when something looks wrong. I will be raising your concerns about the current process. **—Thank you for your perseverance. Fr Joe McKay OFM**

Next Sunday's Readings
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
19th - 20th July
First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10
Lord, do not bypass your servant.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.



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

Mon 14 th	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Tue 15 th	8.30am	Prayer with Communion
Thu 17 th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass followed by Rosary Latté Ladies (parish meeting room)
Fri 18 th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass followed by Rosary Men's Group
Sat 19 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time C CLOW Anointing of the Sick Supper/Cuppa start of NAME DAY! :)
Sun 20 th	9.00am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time C CLOW Baptism Anointing of the Sick Supper/Cuppa start of NAME DAY! :)

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



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 people next to you? In front of you? Behind you?


MORE BLANK NAME TAGS at CHURCH ENTRANCE




Safeguarding Survey 2025

Hi EVERYONE!
This is IMPORTANT. The SURVEY takes less than a minute—please do it as soon as you can.


Youth Safeguarding Survey 2025



Parish Safeguarding Survey 2025



Child Safeguarding Survey 2025



Men's Group CUPPA
 Friday next week (18th Jul) 10.30am-12nn
 New Cafe 63 , Northwest Plaza ,
 Flockton Street Everton Park



You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates (Catholic or not) and enjoy each others company plus a drink and something to eat.

Parish Planned Giving
THANK YOU to our parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- Tap N Go Machine at the middle entrance of the church
- The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one off giving. SCAN TO ACCESS PARISH GIVING APP. OR go to this link: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Children's Liturgy of the Word
CLOW
NEXT weekend
5pm Saturday
9am Sunday


"Let the little children come to me"



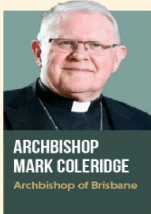
USUAL Supper | Morning Tea
After Third Weekend Masses
(19th) Saturday 5pm Mass
(20th) Sunday 9am Mass




MODULE 2
UNDERSTANDING, PRAYING AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES
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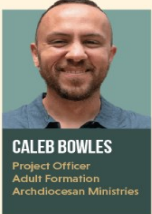
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THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT JOHN 1:5

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 IGNITE CONFERENCE 25



STARTING AUGUST 2025 REGISTER NOW



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE & TO REGISTER OR VISIT catholicformation.au



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.

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, 22nd July. For enquiries: **Truci Dove 0403726584**

Join us on International Day for the Conservation of Mangroves
Saturday 26 July from 9.30am . BYO Morning Tea to share.
Start at picnic shelter, Nudgee Beach reserve.

To be followed by an ecospiritual walk on
Tabbil-ben Dhagun mangrove boardwalk

Stafford Care for Creation
RSVP to stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
Or sign on at church door.

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

The **Luminous Lantern Parade In Laudato Si'** we are called to see that all people are connected. Please join with the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC) community to show your love, welcome and celebration of new Australians in Brisbane by walking in the Luminous Lantern Parade. **When: Friday 1 August from 5:30-7pm** **Where: South Bank Parklands.**

To register to walk, please contact Emma Beach via beache@bne.catholic.net.au. For more information on this event and additional resources, please visit the Archdiocesan Ministries website.




Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
Feast Day Dinner
FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST 2025
OPEN DOORS 6PM SIT DOWN 6.30 PM
ASPLEY HORNETS FOOTBALL CLUB
(50 GRAHAM ROAD, CARSELDINE)
COST \$35 P/P
(Tickets AVAILABLE for purchase NOW!)




EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED by Rick Dalmau

Luke's gospel story of the Good Samaritan is shocking. As Fr Tom Elich says, "the story challenges today's Christians not just to show love to those in need, but more broadly to confront our ingrained prejudices and racism." (p.109. Break Open the Word 2025: The Book for Readers. Liturgy Brisbane. 2024). Christian mission reaches to the margins and marginalized. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Christian Elders powerfully witness this missionary discipleship across cultures and denominations. Aunty Dr Esme Bamblett, Uncle Vince Ross and Aunty Professor Doseena Fergie (OAM) invited us all to walk together in friendship, truth telling and healing this past NAIDOC week 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpNyDyOixaM>. Laudato Si' lauds the very special connection to country of indigenous voices (LS 146, 179). In Australia there is a growing respect for hearing from Indigenous voices themselves. Anita Heiss along with Simon and Schuster has an imprint for publishing indigenous voices (Bundy). Allen and Unwin re-published the text, Knowledge of Life: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia for undergraduate study in Australian Universities (Price, K. (Ed.). (2020) with all ATSI authors. See the Archdiocese's 2020-2025 Reconciliation Action Plan: RAP-booklet-2023-e.pdf



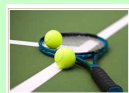
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Click link below:

www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

or scan:



Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW



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

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

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.



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!

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 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).



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**
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Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au
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Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**
Office Hours: **Mon, Tues & Fri: 9am-3pm**
QR code to access  site 

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.

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email:

lsrc@bne.catholic.net.au

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or

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.

Let Us Pray



We pray for those who are unwell:

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

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:

Brian Davissen 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.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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BAPTISMS are celebrated during the 9.00am 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.