



# 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."

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Fr Joe's Reflection—Luke 10:38-42 *Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

### Prayer -Sitting at the Lord's Feet

The very practical Martha is upset that her sister Mary is not helping be a good host. Mary is not rushing around preparing the meal and organising a place for their guests to sleep. She is not very practical and viewed as a bit lazy. However she is just listening and ponder Listening to the Word of God.

Prayer can seem like a useless activity when not viewed through the eyes of faith. Perhaps even more so when we realise that God already knows what we are trying to say! It is the Holy Spirit that leads us to prayer! Yet prayer is an important part of a Christian's life: listening and pondering the word of God. A quarter of the Holy Catechism of the Church is devoted to teaching about prayer.

In vocal prayer we prayer with our whole body and soul. In vocal prayer we struggle to find words to express to God about our hopes and needs. We seek to understand and name what is in the depth of our hearts.

In mediation we are "seeking to understand the how and why of the Christian life." (CCC 2705) We use the thoughts of others in Sacred Scripture and writing. We use the creativity of others through looking at holy Icons and listen to sacred music to help ponder our relationship with God. We can just sit before the beauty of God's creation and listen to what our imagination, emotions and desires are saying to us. Meditation is the quest to understand our faith and ourselves, making it concrete within the reality of our life. In mediation we are seeking to know what God is asking for us.

Contemplative prayer is simply spending time in the presence of God. It is allowing ourselves time to drop all the defences we put up to protect ourselves and be completely ourselves before God. Contemplation is gazing at and with the heart of God. It is seeing ourselves and the world through the eyes of God. In contemplation we are called to enter into the life of Christ: knowing we are loved and loving in return.

Prayer can be seen to be empty and unpractical! Australian's can be very practical and seek to fill every moment with activity or consuming. In prayer we stop to give thanks and praise. In prayer we can question God. In prayer we can listen for God's answer in the very practical reality of our life. Prayer moves us from simply living a life of routine and response to the world to a life of purpose in Christ.

May we, like Mary, choose the better part! May we make time for prayer in our life. To talk, question, listen and simply spend time with our loving God.



### Congratulations to Zahni, Harry, Archie & Henry

who, at 9.00am Mass this weekend will be WELCOMED into the Catholic Church through celebrating their BAPTISM! We the church wish them and their families to be blessed by the Holy Spirit with a



### NAME DAY commencing THIS WEEKEND! :)

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**



We're sure you are aware our first parish Alpha course started last Sunday. We ask that you keep every guest who are doing Alpha at Queen of Apostles this year in your prayer intentions over the next nine weeks.

We pray that each person will find a space where they can connect with one another and connect with Jesus.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would prompt questions in people's mind and they would feel confident to share some of the questions they may have.

We pray that God will prepare the hearts and minds of those who have been invited and that nothing will prevent their attendance such as illness or scheduling conflicts.

We pray for the Alpha team that they are able to connect with each guest.

AMEN.

*It's not too late to invite your friends/family.*

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](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Or sign on at church door.

Safeguarding Survey 2025

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

Youth Safeguarding Survey 2025



Parish Safeguarding Survey 2025

Child Safeguarding Survey 2025

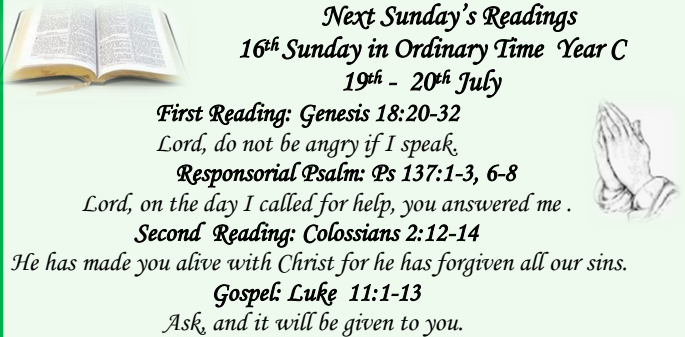


**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**  
*Lord, do not be angry if I speak,*  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8**  
*Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

**Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14**  
*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

**Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**  
*Ask, and it will be given to you.*



What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am 9.30am	Prayer with Communion <i>The Sowing Circle</i>
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass followed by Rosary
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>

**Marian Home Devotion**  
**Welcoming Mama Mary**  
**Into Our Homes**

Please sign up at church entrance to schedule her visit to your homes. Thanks!

Our Lady celebrates with Sal and Nelda on their wedding anniversary. :)



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**  
**For enquiries: Truci Dove 0403726584**

**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 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.


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.

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)


**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>




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

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

  
**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**  
Archbishop of Brisbane

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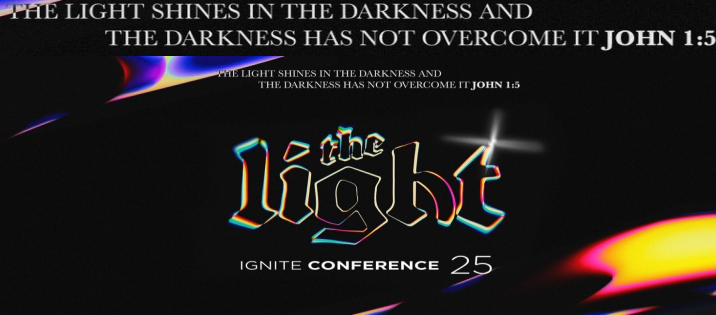
  
**CALEB BOWLES**  
Project Officer  
Adult Formation  
Archdiocesan Ministries

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

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**the light**

IGNITE CONFERENCE 25



**STARTING AUGUST 2025 REGISTER NOW**

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE & TO REGISTER OR VISIT [catholicformation.au](http://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 AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN ART PRIZE 18-25 JULY 2025

Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane

#### GRAND OPENING NIGHT 06 PM FRIDAY 18 JULY

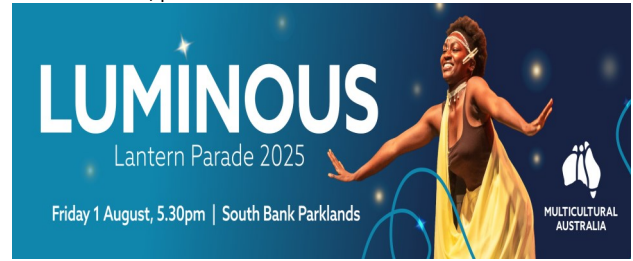
\$25 entry fee on opening night. Announcement of winners, drinks and canapes included in ticket price.

Free entry to public exhibition from Saturday 19 - Friday 25 July 10:00am-3:00pm



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](mailto:beache@bne.catholic.net.au). For more information on this event and additional resources, please visit the Archdiocesan Ministries website.



## Hiroshima & Nagasaki NEVER AGAIN



### Interfaith PEACE Vigil

Thursday 7 August, 6:30pm

Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre | 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City



Scan the QR code for more information and to register before 4 August.



## Hiroshima & Nagasaki Never Again - Exhibition and Peace Vigil

Eighty years on from the atomic bombings, explore the Never Again Exhibition to learn, reflect and find out how we can be agents of peace today. Hosted by the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, in cooperation with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, this **free exhibition will be open from 9am to 4pm each day and conclude with an Interfaith Prayer Vigil on Thursday 7 August at 6:30pm.**

When: Mon 4 to Thur 7 August, 9am-4pm daily

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

Register for the prayer vigil via [tinyurl.com/HandNVigil](http://tinyurl.com/HandNVigil).

**Registration for the exhibition is not required.**

### Be the Hands of Christ: Visit the Sick in Hospital

Do you feel called to bring comfort, hope, and companionship to those who are ill and to the dying? Join Centacare's hospital pastoral carers community and share Christ's love through this simple, yet powerful Ministry of Presence.

We are looking for compassionate individuals to visit Catholic patients in hospital — offering prayer, a kind word, and giving your undivided attention to another person in difficult times, which is *the purest form of generosity (Simone Weil)*.

**Training and support and ongoing formation provided.** Available placements at The Prince Charles, RBWH and The Wesley "I was sick and you visited me." – Matthew 25:36

To find out more please contact Centacare

Phone: Director of Pastoral Ministries, 33243193

Email: [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

## 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!)

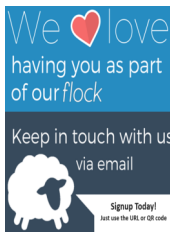


## EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED by Rick Dalmau

Luke's Kings and John today tell of multiplication of food and sharing of bread and fish and set forth the great turning points in the history of liturgy, listening to the word, breaking bread and celebrating memory and salvation. They also tell about place, Josiah in 2 Kings sets forth liturgy in the restored Temple, John tells of the miracle meal Jesus provides on the grass. In baking and fishing there is the abundance of nature in Creation and work of human hands. Listening to this same evolving Spirit got the Queensland Bishops on World Ocean Day in June 2004 to issue their pastoral letter on the Great Barrier Reef <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Let-The-Many-Coastlines-Be-Glad-A-Pastoral-Letter-on-the-Great-Barrier-Reef.pdf> and in October 2004 the bishops of the Murray Darling Basin endorsed a statement on that river basin's ecological issues. These are examples where the Church itself witnesses in the public arena. Samford Parish has had a landscape masterplan prepared which it hopes might make that site re-invigorated 'place' of welcome, worship and witness to what Laudato Si' exhorts.



Let the Many Coastlands Be Glad! A Pastoral Letter on the Great Barrier Reef



URL: [STAFFORD FLOCKNOTE REGISTRATION](https://staffordcatholic.flocknote.com/register) or <https://staffordcatholic.flocknote.com/register>

Children's Liturgy of the Word

# CLOW

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

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

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!

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

Stafford Parish Scheme ID: **C10195625**

**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office**  
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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**  
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Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**  
Office Hours: **Mon, Tues & Fri: 9am-3pm**  
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**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):**  
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[lslr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lslr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)  
**STOPline** Service: 1300 304 550 or [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.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**  
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School Principal: **Troy Parsons** APRE: **Megan Conroy**  
APLE: **Leonie McCormack**  
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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>

**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**

**ANointing OF THE SICK**

If you are going to the hospital unexpectedly for an op OF 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.**

**Let Us Pray**

**We pray for those who are unwell:**  
Anne Giannangelo (Truci's sister), 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:**  
Mary Ann Labid, Angelina Nicolosi, Daisy Santiago & Doreen McKewin (Margaret Blumke's mum).

**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.

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.