



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."

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 26th – 27th July 2025

Fr Joe's Reflection—Luke 11:1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you.

Mirroring a God of Mercy and Compassion

The Abraham intervenes with God for the sake of the just and innocent living in Sodom and Gomorrah. God's reply to Abraham shows that God is a God of compassion and mercy. God allows the wicked to live for the sake of those who are just. Unlike many Governments today, God does not accept people being killed as a result of acceptable collateral damage.

Time and time in the Bible we are reminded that God practises mercy and compassion. For the sake of the innocent, the guilty go free. The prophet Jonah finds it hard when God forgives the people of Nineveh after they change their actions and repent. Jesus angered many by his willingness to forgive people of their sins, most notably the women caught in adultery.

We are called to love our enemies, not to judge and be more concerned about our own sins than others. Christians are called to strive for personal holiness, not enforce it on others. We are called to reflect on our own actions and judgements, including our own capacity for compassion and mercy.












The parable of the man seeking bread in the middle of the night invites us to think about our willingness to act with God's mercy and compassionate.

It is outrageous that a person is seeking bread so late and bothering his sleeping friend. But the parable proposes that out of friendship and persistence the tired man will help his annoying friend. However the annoying friend is not acting for himself but is acting so that he can feed an unexpected guest. The generous response of the tired man responding to his annoying friend will flow on to others.

God's door is always open. He is never tired and always ready to listen and respond. God responds because he is a father to all and honours that relationship with everyone. He wants the best for us and from us. When we turn to God with our needs, God gives us the Holy Spirit to strengthen and deepen our faith. God feeds us with his love so that we can respond to the unexpected guest and the annoying friend. It by mirroring God's generous mercy and compassion that we change people's hearts.



Happy Grandies' and Oldies' Day 2025!
Hope you're getting showered with hugs, pressies and maybe a cheeky cuppa or two! Don't forget to cash in these ripper coupons - you've earned 'em!

GAME TIME FUN  Let's play your favourite board game or card game. Winner gets a big hug!	PHOTO DAY  Let's take some fun photos together—silly faces, warm smiles, and lots of memories	GRANDPARENT'S COUPON BOOKLET  Redeemable Acts of Love from Your Grandchild	ONE HOMEMADE TREAT  Redeem for a yummy treat baked or prepared with love—cookies, cupcakes, or your favourite sandwich!
WALK & TALK  Let's go for a short walk—just the two of us. You talk, I listen... or vice versa!	THE BIGGEST HUG EVER  No expiry date. Redeem anytime you need a hug, comfort, or just to feel loved.	ONE HELP WITH A CHORE  Good for help with home chores: dishes, sweeping, laundry – just name it!	A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE  Redeem for a mini show! binging, dancing, or a magic trick—your own private concert
MOBILE ASSIST  Enjoy free unlimited mobile tutorials.	STORY TIME TOGETHER  Let's swap stories! I'll read you a book or listen to one of your amazing stories from the past	GARDEN BUDDY TIME  Good for one garden session—planting, weeding, or just watering while we chat	

Archdiocese of Brisbane Safety Culture Program Parishes Worker & Volunteer Survey 2025



To help us understand and measure our **Safety Culture**, we need to have a diverse range of voices heard and views represented. We ask you to complete a short survey that takes less than 10 minutes.

VINNI'S THANK YOU

We at Vinnie's would like to thank those of you for donating blankets for our Blanket Appeal. Also for the money given, so we can buy more blankets. We received \$1,250.00. Your generosity is very much appreciated as always. May God bless you all.

Queen of Apostles Parishioners are invited to the

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Thursday 31st July 2025
7pm - Queen of Apostles Church



Next Sunday's Readings
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
2nd - 3rd August

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
What do people gain by all their work?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?



What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 28 th	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Tue 29 th	8.30am 9.30am	Prayer with Communion The Sowing Circle
Thu 31 st	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Fri 1 st	9.00am 5.30pm	Mass followed by Rosary Divine Mercy Group
Sat 2 nd	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
Sun 3 rd	9.00am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Marian Home Devotion
Welcoming Mama Mary
Into Our Homes *Our Lady celebrates*
With Sal and Nelda on
their wedding anniversary.



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

Mass for St Mary, Queen of Angels (Pardon of Assisi)
Saturday, 2nd August 7am
Mass and individual reconciliation.

Since 1216 Pope Honorius III extended the Pardon of Assisi to all churches ministered to by the Franciscans. The Pardon is a plenary indulgence for all sins. St Francis of Assisi begged to Pope to all the Portiuncular, that the little church church of St Mary of the Angels be a place of mercy. Each year the Order of Friars Minor celebrate the feast of the patron of their mother church: the little Church with the Basilica. To receive indulgence, one attends mass, recites the creed, goes to reconciliation and prayers for the intentions of Pope Leo.

Divine Mercy
Novena

FIRST FRIDAY
1 August @ 5.30pm

O my heart rejoice wholly in Him
St. Francis



Franciscan Spirituality

Fr Joe gave a talk about Franciscan Spirituality in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday 17th July.

Francis of Assisi as a young man, growing up in a merchant family, wanted to be a knight. However Francis was challenged by a vision from God and an encounter with a leper that changed his life. While restoring the ruined chapel of San Damiano he heard the voice of God calling him to "rebuild my home." After a dispute with his father, he consulted the bible, opening it randomly three times and this became the basis for his life.

"If you would be perfect, go and sell all you have and give to the poor, and follow me" *Matthew 19:21*

"Take nothing with you for the journey" *Luke 9:3*

"If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" *Matthew 16:24*

As other people joined Francis he developed a simple rule of life by consulting the Gospel and living it! After several men made up of farmers, priests, lawyers and merchants, joined him they sort approval from Pope Innocent III for their way of life. Francis went on to animate a group of enclosed contemplative women, the Poor Clares (OSC), and a group of men and women, who lived the Gospel at home and in their daily life, today called the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) or Third Order, From this group developed the many congregations of Franciscan sisters that serve around the world, including the sisters at Kedron, the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (MFIC). The Gospel and the very human life experience of St Francis formed the basis of the life of the Franciscan family. The Franciscan have a special focus on evangelization, reconciliation and peace, interfaith dialogue and Care for Creation. Fr Joe's Order also has a special responsibility looking after pilgrims and the people of the Holy Land (Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Jordan and Syria). The Franciscans have an international NGO at the United Nations that raises environmental issue and human rights issues.

The Rule and the Life of the Franciscans is to observe the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ....

The Franciscan Friars have been in Australia since 1838 and in Brisbane since 1929.

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at Kedron parish on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 11am. They look at how to live the Gospel today! see <https://ofsaustralia.org.au/>

Mission to Timor Leste 2025

Padua College and the Australian Franciscan Friars have been supporting the Franciscan community in Timor Leste since their fiery independence in 2002. Padua College supports the St Francis of Assisi College in Fatuberliu in the Manufahi district. We also help support high school students in the isolated village of Alas. The Australian Franciscan Friars have helped fund the building of the Formation House in Dili and the Noviciate House at Faturbeliu where there are over 40 Franciscan Friars in formation.

This year I went with a group of seven Year 10 students and three teachers from Padua College to visit the Timor Leste. In Dili we stayed with the Canossian Sisters, visiting the historical sites and learned about Timor Leste's history. We were given a tour of the Australia military history of Dili by the Australian Defence Force personnel stationed in Dili. We then visited the city of Baucau, visiting a local St Anthony of Lisbon school and spending time with the local Catholic youth group.. We then crossed the mountains to go to the southern side of Timor Leste.

At Faturbeliu we stayed in the school hostel. We were welcomed with dance and ceremony. The students then spent time in classrooms and getting to know their Timorese peers. There was lots of music and singing at night. We visited the Franciscan noviciate and the crocodile infested local lake: definitely no swimming. We visited the Alas school for a day, which can only be accessed during the dry season because you need to drive across a river and along some very muddy roads to get there! We returned to Dili where the students really appreciated the hot showers!

The Timorese were fabulous hosts. The students had an opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and see the Church in action.





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.



Towards Implementation

In Parishes and Communities



Explore how you can begin the journey of implementing the SYNOD24 Action Plans in your own context.

- This workshop series will include:
- Synodality and co-responsibility explained
- The journey of SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New
- Which SYNOD24 Action Plans to focus on for your context
- Tools for implementation

In-person and online workshop dates available.

Scan to register for your preferred date or visit tinyurl.com/SYN24ImpPC



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 Inter faith 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.

Registration for the exhibition is not required.

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!)

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

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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.


EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED by Rick Dalmau

Sacred Heart Samford site-carers, have re-introduced some trees from the local pre-clearing (colonial) Regional Ecosystems, the so-called Hoop and Kauri "pines" - not pines at all. (see: <https://www.conifers.org/ar/Araucariaceae.php>). Samford is also blessed with some very grand, cathedral-like "sclerophyll" ("evergreen leaved") forest remnants:- grand Forest Red Gums, Ironbarks and Moreton Bay Ash trees. These are the later occupants of this ancient part of earth's crust called Australia: <https://figshare.utas.edu.au/articles/chapter/Eucalypts/23057279>. These trees teach lessons about stability, adaptability, flexibility, endurance; in a word, resilience (over millions of years!). Pope Leo gets to some theological basics in his sermon at the Borgo (village) Laudato Si' at Castel Gandolfo, "to take stock of what we are celebrating here amid the beauty of what might be called a "cathedral" of nature, with so many plants and elements of creation that have brought us together to celebrate the Eucharist, which means to give thanks to the Lord" – very Augustine contemplation: awe, beauty, adoration, diversity, unity, sign and symbol debated. What any longer can be called "natural"? What is moral AND practical? What actions are best in these ever increasingly "artificial" or "neo-nature" times? See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQTd0L1aoA0&t=102s>



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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"

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




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

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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>




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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 C 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:
Claudette Marie Arkinstall, 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.

