



# 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."

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2<sup>nd</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

Fr Joe's Reflection—Luke 12:13-21 To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

### Everything is a Gift of God

We do not choose the family we were born into, the time and place of our birth. These are not things that we control but are a gift from God. Our education and formation as we grow up are often determined by these things. Even the difference of a few kilometres a home in another postcode, could have dramatically changed the circumstances of our life. All is vanity!

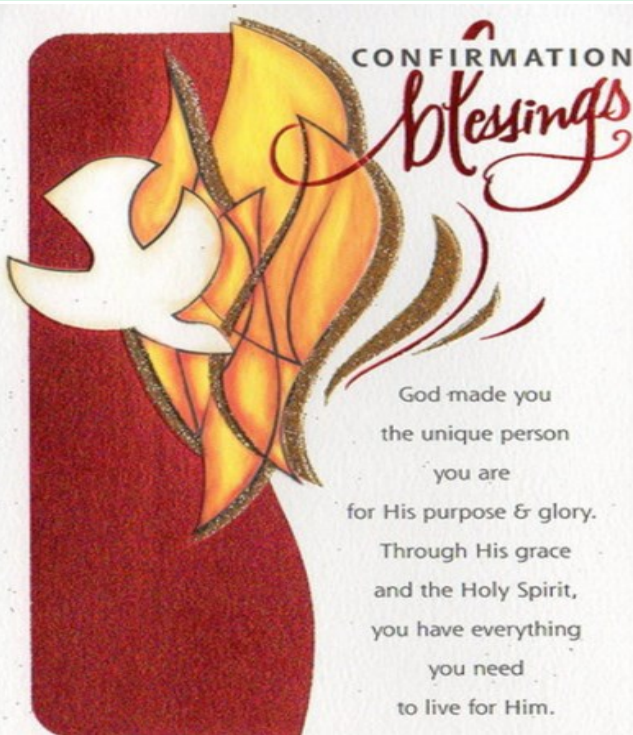
What do we truly own as an individual if everything is a seeming gift of God? We own the choices that we make. While these can be limited and conditioned by our life experience, these choices are ours alone. It those free choices that show who we are, to ourselves, others and God. It is our free choices that are ours alone!

Should we be impressed by a person of wealth and power? Maybe it was handed down by their family? May it occurred by being in the right place at the right time? It is who they are as a person that we need to look at. Their character and attitude to life.

The Book of Ecclesiastes can seem to remove all joy from life but it points to an underlying reality of creation. We all live, grow old and die. Our life is short compared to the history of humanity existence. We are but a drop in the ocean. Yet in the eyes of God each drop is precious. Ecclesiastes' author encourages us to seek moments of joy in life but juxtaposes this with the reality that life can be a toil.

Around the world we can see the rise and fall of empires. The glory of the Roman Empire and Byzantine Empires are no more. All that is left are ruins. The sun once never set on the British Empire but now her colonies are free to watch the sunrise and sunset. Family empires have grown and fall. Dynasties of the noble and wealthy walk on and off the stage of history. Financial collapse, war wipe, climate and environmental changes wipe away seemingly secure wealth and power.

The Book of Ecclesiastes concludes that our role in life is to "fear God and seek to do his commandments." (Eccles 12:13) Jesus points to the same underlying reality. We are called not to seek what is temporary but what is eternal. We are to seek the Kingdom of God. The real treasure in life, and life eternal, is to know the love God and neighbour, and love in return. To seek Christ in everything including ourselves. It is our choice to live a life of goodness that God sees and treasures.



**Congratulations to all our beautiful children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday with Fr Joe McKay OFM! What a beautiful evening — truly filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit!**

**As you continue to grow in faith, know that we're praying for you and your families. May this be just the beginning of a lifelong journey with God.**

**Your Stafford parish family is here for you, always — walking with you every step of the way.**

**A special thank you to Teresa, our Sacramental Program Coordinator, and to all her wonderful helpers, for the incredible dedication and care in preparing the children for this important step in their faith journey. Your guidance, warmth, and commitment have been such a gift to our parish community — and we are deeply grateful.**

*Celebrating the Life of*

*Deepest Sympathy*



Sending thoughts of peace and comfort today and in the days to come.

**Bette Jesson**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am**



**Stafford Parish**

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**.

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
**First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9**  
*Just as you struck our enemies,*  
*you made us glorious by calling us to you ?*  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22**  
*Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**  
*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*  
**Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**  
*See that you are prepared.*

What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am <b>9.30am</b>	Prayer with Communion <b>EXTERNAL safeguarding Audit</b>
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass followed by Rosary
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.00am</b> 4.00pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Marian Mass</b> Reconciliation <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C</b>

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

*Ms Margaret*  
*hosts Our Lady...*



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

**Saturday Marian Mass**  
**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 7am**  
**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Stafford**



Thank you for your previous and ongoing support of the **Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club**, especially our Pilgrims of Hope initiative for the Archdiocese. Having done a successful pre-outing on 21 June, walking in to St Stephen's Cathedral from Kalinga, we are now gearing up for the main event, the **BCBC Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Walk on 16 August**, that the whole Archdiocese is welcome to do with us.



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CATHOLIC  
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**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.**

**A Bit of Franciscan Spirituality**  
*The Primacy of Christ.*


Franciscan's emphasise the absolute freedom of God. For the Franciscans theologians, as opposed to Thomas Aquinas, Christ did not become incarnate because of our sin but because the creator always wanted to meet the created. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. *Col 1:17-19*

Franciscan theologians, Alexander of Hale, Bonaventure and Duns Scotus developed a notion that all of creation is an expression of the Word of God. In many ways this reflects the tradition Orthodox and Eastern Churches' view of Creation. All of Creation is made so that Jesus, the Son of God and Word made Flesh, could meet with the created face to face. We live in a Christ centred universe. By sharing in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, through the sacraments, we are sharing in God's transformation of the world.

*By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*

*Priest prayer at the Offertory at Mass*

Our calling as Christians is to identify ourselves with Christ, through our view and interaction with the world. All of creation is a mirror and a book revealing God. By creating beauty and co-operating with God's ordering of creation God's divinity is increasingly revealed in the world around us. All of creation will be joined in Christ and God will truly be seen as "over all and through all and in all" (*Eph 4:6*).



*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  
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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.



Care for Creation

### *Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July was the International Day for Recognition and Preservation of Mangroves.*

Mangroves are a vital part of our ecosystem, providing a nursery for fishery, carbon sequestration and vital shoreline protection against fierce seas and strong weather events.

Twelve parishioners from across the northside, took time to nurture our eco-spirituality, immersing ourselves in the wonder of the Nudgee Beach.

A hearty morning tea and beautiful reflective prayer, set us up for a perfect wander along the mangrove boardwalk.



## 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](http://tinyurl.com/SYN24impPC)



### VINNIE'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.

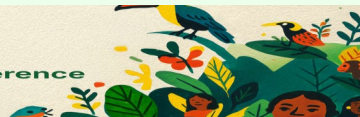
### **EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED** by Rick Dalmau

When it comes to human ecology being integral with all ecologies we can, as advised by St Augustine, many Popes and people of good will and intellect, learn from nature. In trying to grasp systems-thinking and moving away from subject Vs object thinking, we still need models, myths, signs, symbols and sacraments to understand paradoxes. Paradoxes like "unity in diversity". We can learn from our own Regional Ecosystems: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/ecosystems/about> In learning about native biodiversity conservation, we can even look to St Augustine's "honey-tongued teacher" (aka St Ambrose!) as we still learn from analogies and allegories about the Trinitarian God. When we see the horrors of war and the destruction of those (our) people's other ecosystems we know that our thinking leading to these actions is very unintegrated at best. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si' and that Franciscan Pope's efforts to set thinking about God and Nature anew, will be celebrated by Pope Leo, our Augustinian Pope, October 1 to 3. Attend the online conference: [https://raisinghope.earth/conference/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=20250729&utm\\_campaign=Big+news+Pope+Leo+XIV+will+celebrate+Laudato+Si+#catholic\\_Action](https://raisinghope.earth/conference/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=20250729&utm_campaign=Big+news+Pope+Leo+XIV+will+celebrate+Laudato+Si+#catholic_Action) On Biodiversity conservation, see the Global Landscapes Forum as we lead up to COP 30: <https://mailchi.mp/globallandscapesforum.org/glf-newsletter-july-2025-australia-oceania?e=518b390e2b#july-one> and our own NPQ sale: <https://npq.org.au/plants-markets/>




Raising Hope Conference

for the tenth anniversary of Laudato Si'



We ♥ love  
having you as part  
of our flock

Keep in touch with us  
via email



Signup Today!  
Just use the QR code



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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"



Commonwealth Bank

Verifone

## 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 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).

### 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**

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### Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

**Helen Royan - Email:**  
[lrs.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lrs.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.**

**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 School Contacts

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**  
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School Principal: **Troy Parsons** APRE: **Megan Conroy**  
APLE: **Leonie McCormack**  
Phone (Thuruna St): **3352 9200** Phone(Chuter St): **3326 0400**

## 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:**  
Bette Jesson, 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.

**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.

