



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."

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 9th-10th August 2025

Fr Joe's Reflection—Luke 12:32-48 See that you are prepared.

Active Waiting for the Lord.

Jesus tells his disciples that will be waiting in hope for him to come again. This time is not to be spent idle but actively following Jesus' words, undertaking the mission he has set for us. Our goal is not to get through the day, nor is it the next news or electoral cycle, our focus should be on the coming of the Kingdom of God. We need to live like that day is already here.

In the Gospel Jesus is portrayed as a newlywed groom. When he returns he doesn't demand that his servants wait on him but surprisingly Jesus serves them. Jesus also portrays himself as the thief who could break into your house at any time. What will he find?

We are called not to be Sunday Christians! We are called to live as followers of Christ every day and every moment. What will Jesus find us doing?



The very act of being a Christians imposes on us duties and obligations. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and all our strength and love our neighbour as our self. In Baptism and Confirmation we are joined to Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Our calling while waiting for the Lord is to be holy, to reflect the image of God that we truly are.

The Church through prayerful reflection and experience has developed a body of moral teaching as a guide to the conduct of Christians both as individuals and as a community. Each of us however must stand before the Lord at the time of judgement and place before God how we have responded to God's trust and faith in us.

Eucharist and the sacrament, worship and prayer are ways Jesus serves us and helps us on our important quest: to become holy and live as Christ for others.



A safe Church for everyone



Last Tuesday (on August 6, 2025), our parish participated in the External Safeguarding Audit—a vital step in reaffirming our commitment to the protection and care of all who gather in our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

Helen, our Local Safeguarding Representative

Cosmo, our PMC Representative,

who also faithfully represented the

Children's Liturgy of the Word on behalf of **Gina**

Suz, our Aged Care Ministry Representative

Teresa, our Sacramental Program Coordinator

Shabnam, our Office Administration Volunteer

Your dedication, collaboration and presence throughout the audit showcased the strength and unity of our safeguarding efforts.

We also express deep gratitude to all the volunteers listed in our Volunteer Matrix who proactively completed their Blue Card and Police renewal / applications and safeguarding training well ahead of the audit day. Your commitment is not only seen by God but also witnessed through the time, effort and love you pour into your ministries.

Our parish is truly blessed to be surrounded by servants whose faith is lived out in every action. May your witness continue to inspire and cultivate a culture of safety, love, and grace for all.

-Fr Joe ofm and Tish



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Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign asks us to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church in our local community. Your gift will help lift the burden from the shoulders of those in dire need, and is a way of ensuring that as many as possible can come to the feast of the Kingdom which God has prepared for all.



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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**.

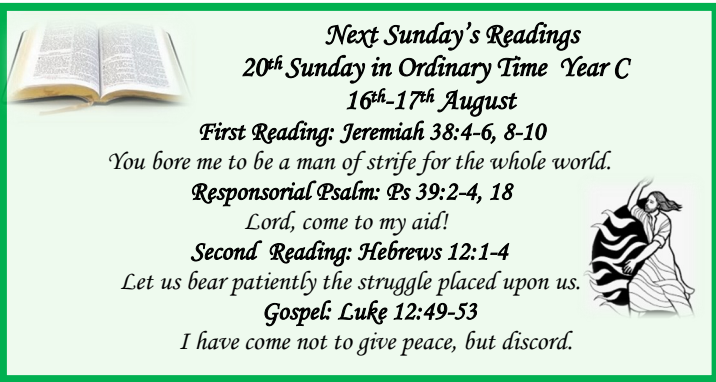
Next Sunday's Readings
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
16th-17th August

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18
Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53
I have come not to give peace, but discord.



What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 11 th	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Tue 12 th	8.30am	Prayer with Communion
Thu 14 th	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Fri 15 th	9.00am	Mass followed by Rosary
Sat 16 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time C Baptism CLOW Anointing of the Sick Supper/Cuppa
Sun 17 th	9.00am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time C Baptism CLOW Anointing of the Sick Supper/Cuppa

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!

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.

Email briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au



2025-2026 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH

Signs of Hope on the Edge:
 Serving homeless people with mental ill-health
 Launch by Fr Gregory Jacobs sj

20 AUGUST

7:00pm supper
7:30pm start



Scan for more information and to register

RSVP 15 AUGUST

St James Parish Hall
92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo
(Off-street parking available)

FREE GOLD COIN DONATION
for Vinnies

Hosted by the **St James Catholic Parish Social Justice Group** and the **Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission**



ALSO CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE CJPC

A Bit of Franciscan Spirituality
St Clare of Assisi

Saint Clare joined the Franciscan Family in 1212 from a wealthy noble family of Assisi. She was the first woman to write a Rule of Life for an Order of women. Unlike other monasteries of women of her time, Clare followed a strict life of poverty. People joining her community would bring nothing with them and they would live purely on work of their own hands and alms. Unlike the wandering friars the "Poor Clares" lived in strict cloister and rarely left their monastery. St Clare was known as a great teacher of prayer for the Franciscan family. In a series of four letters to a former princess Agnes of Prague, she gives a master class in contemplative prayer.

GAZE – look deeply at the life of Jesus.
CONSIDER – consider your own life in light of Christ's
CONTEMPLATE – sit with God and allow God to fill you with love
IMITATE – seek to become Christ for others.

The life of St Clare shows her a servant leader of her community. The Church, like the Rule of St Francis, viewed her Rule as seeking too hard a life. It was only on her death bed that the Pope Innocent IV relented and approved her Rule in 1253. One miracle related to St Clare is that she defended her monastery and the town of Assisi from Saracen mercenaries of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II in his conflict with the Pope, by displaying a monsternace before the attacking forces. St Clare lived most of her life near the chapel of San Damiano, one of the original churches rebuilt by St Francis. Two years after her death she was declared a saint by the Church. She is now buried in the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi. Today there are 20000 Poor Clares around the world and two communities in Australia. Her feast day is 11 August.

Romero Centre OPEN Day

Join us for the Romero Centre Open Day
a chance to connect, learn and be part of something meaningful.

21 August | 2.30pm - 5.30pm
 Romero Centre, 8 Dutton St, Dutton Park

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

HEAR POWERFUL STORIES

TOUR THE CENTRE

MEET OUR TEAM & COMMUNITY

LEARN HOW YOUR SUPPORT CAN CHANGE LIVES



We'd love to see you there.
SCAN TO REGISTER!

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MULTICULTURAL MASS
"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE



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24 AUG 2025 2PM, QUEEN OF VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 54 FLINT ST, INALA



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 PRIESTS FOUNDATION
 Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.

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MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND
 Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.

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HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY
 With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy, through your care, you make that possible.

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CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES
 Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those facing homelessness and to people living on the margins of our communities. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.

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CALLING ALL NORTH BRISBANE YOUTH GROUPS
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ALL IN NORTHSIDE

JESUS SAVES

community food speaker praise + worship

st gerard majella, chernside west

CATHOLIC Collective ENCOUNTERED

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE SYNOD24
 Live working with things new

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



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GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, water, and shelter. Help families in Gaza today.

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 1800 024 413




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Light a candle for Gaza

God of light, You meet us in the darkest places. Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.' We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war. May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza. May they find healing and lasting peace. Amen.





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From: Stafford Parishpriest <efninaonumaea@berchmans.edu.co>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 August 2025 10:29 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: (Sad announcement) Stafford Parishpriest

On Wednesday, August 06, 2025 06:22 AM, Stafford wrote: These pics brought up a lot: <http://www.hcjpgw.eddhtte.com/>
 Kind regards,
 Stafford Parishpriest



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having you as part
of our flock

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via email



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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

Thank you for your support

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ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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
 Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au
 Parish Administrator: **Fr Joseph McKay OFM**
 Parish Priest's E-mail: 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:
lsl.stafford@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.

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**
 School email: 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**

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: Frank Valentine 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.

