



**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."**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

*Fr Joe's Reflection—Luke 12:49-53 I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

**Peace on Earth?**

Doing good is its own reward! This is fortunate because often we are often not rewarded for trying to do what is right and good. We are called as Christians not to give in to the ways of the world but to live as a living contradiction to those ways: while the world values power and wealth our faith calls us to value love, compassion and mercy.

Just as in Jesus' time there are people who oppose the coming of the Kingdom. Jesus' ways are a challenge to those who seek wealth and power for themselves. They are a challenge to us when we seek to protect ourselves at the expense of others and God's ways.

Many of the prophets were persecuted because they preached God's uncomfortable words of truth. Jeremiah was thrown into a deep dark well to die because he challenged those who wanted to seek protection from political alliances rather than trust the Lord. He continued to proclaim God's word but was ignored and suffered persecution all his life. His life seemed a failure except that he provided us an example of faithful service.

Jesus wants our lives to be ablaze with faith in his words. He provides a guide to us about what is God's ways and what are not. This is the division that Jesus is bringing! Jesus talks about division in families because that is where we often find out identity, security and protection. He wants us to seek protection in the Lord! Jesus is inviting us into a total transformation of the world which reaches even into our most personal parts of our lives. Everything is to be challenged, re-thought and transformed .

*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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ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE  
**Parish Office Professional's Day 2025**

**Agenda**

26 August 2025 Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

08:00am - 08:30am	Mass (Optional)
08:30am - 09:00am	Registration and Acknowledgements
09:00am - 09:30am	Opening Prayer
09:30am - 11:30am	Certificates
09:30am - 11:30am	Household Blessing
09:30am - 11:30am	Special Prayers
09:30am - 11:30am	Cultural Learning Series
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea and networking

**Church Office CLOSED**  
**Tue, Aug 26**  
 Pls call Fr Joe 0412 076 913 if urgent, thanks.

• Regional Pastoral Ministers  
 • Regional Pastoral Ministers

*Thank you to our Sponsors for their generous support.*

**VOLUNTEERS PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED**

**Smile! We Need You!**

**Love taking photos? We're looking for volunteer official photographers for each weekday Mass to capture special moments.**

**Blue Card is required.**

**Contact the Parish Office for details of Safeguarding requirements.**

**Thanks!**




**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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**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**23rd-24th August**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21**  
*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116**  
*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*  
**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**  
*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Prayer with Communion
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am 6.00pm	Mass followed by Rosary <b>Parish Feast Dinner</b>
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.00pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Reconciliation <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C Parish Feast Weekend— Cake after Mass</b>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C Celebration of First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass Parish Feast Weekend—Sausage Sizzle and Cake after Mass</b>

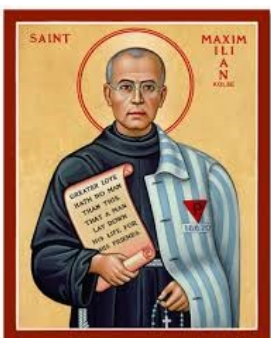
**Marian Home Devotion**  
**Welcoming Mama Mary Into Our Homes** *The Golden's host Our Lady...*



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

**A Bit of Franciscan Spirituality**  
**St Maximilian Kolbe OFM Conv.**  
**14th August**  
**Martyr of Charity**

Saint St Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Conventual Franciscan Friar is best known for giving his life to save a man with a family from execution at the Auschwitz death camp. His entire life was one dedicated to service to the Gospel and devotion to the Immaculate Mary. Born in 1894 he joined the Franciscans Friars at 16 years of age. After studying and receiving a doctorate through the Gregorian University he formed a group, the Knights of the Immaculate, to promote devotion to Mary. From 1922 Maximilian started to use a printing press and radio to help spread his love of Mary. During the 1930s he spent time in Japan where he started a school and a monastery in Nagasaki, which still survive today. Returning to Poland in 1936 he continued his work in media. This attracted the attention of the occupying Germans in 1939 and he was arrested and tortured. Unknown to them the large friary property where he was staying was sheltering over 2000 Jews from the holocaust. In February 1941 he was re-arrested and sent to Auschwitz. After several prisoners escaped the prison authorities choose ten men to be starved to death. He took the place of one those men: Franciszek Gajowniczek who lived until 1995, aged 93. Maximilian died at the age of 47 after being injected with carbonic acid and was buried on the Assumption of Mary, 1941.



**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

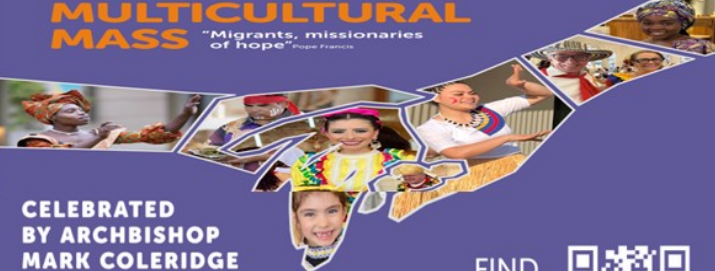
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS    HEAR POWERFUL STORIES  
TOUR THE CENTRE    MEET OUR TEAM & COMMUNITY  
LEARN HOW YOUR SUPPORT CAN CHANGE LIVES

We'd love to see you there.  
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A ministry of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

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**MULTICULTURAL MASS**  
*"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis*



**CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**

FIND OUT MORE

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

**Caritas AUSTRALIA**  
**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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**ALL IN NORTHSIDE**

**JESUS SAVES**

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community food speaker praise + worship

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# A MORNING'S PRAYER



**SATURDAY  
30 AUGUST**

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## 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)




### 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

<b>20 AUGUST</b>	<b>RSVP 15 AUGUST</b>	<b>FREE GOLD COIN DONATION</b> for Vinnies
7:00pm supper 7:30pm start	St James Parish Hall 92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo (Off-street parking available)	



Scan for more information and to register

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

As families and loved ones, we are also affected as we experience vicariously these many and complex challenges of **ageing**, and struggle to understand how best to promote and support wellbeing, while also reminding our loved ones of their ongoing worth and wisdom. **Do you want to know more?**

Join us for two evening sessions of input, reflection and discussion led by Trish Carroll. **These conversations will provide an opportunity to discuss:** \*Our uniquely lived transitions and experiences of ageing \*Acknowledgment of wisdom, talents, and contributions \*Complexities of elder care, and \*The importance of self-care and sustenance.

Trish Carroll is a Kedron parishioner who is a Psychologist and Founder of Elder Matters – a private practice focused on supporting individuals who are experiencing the challenges of ageing and/or life transitions.

**When:** Wednesday, September 10th & 17th, 2025 from 6.30-7.30pm **Where:** The Parish House – 134 Somerset Road, Kedron

**Please contact Sandra at the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or email: if you will be attending**

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Hope – Saturday, 4 October

Join us for a 4.5km walk of faith visiting local churches, sharing prayer, reflection, and fellowship along the way.

**Start & finish at Queen of Apostles. Morning tea & water stations provided.**



### 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


The Laudato Si' Observatory at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Pontifical Gregorian University has the aim like that of the Borgo Laudato Si' at Castel Gandolfo, of promoting a way of viewing our ecological niche as one where science, faith and action develop mutual respect between nature and culture. Scholars at the Observatory tell us that the origins of the word "culture" go back to the 11th C referring to a piece of land worked to produce plants. (Lentiampa, A., SJ. "Ecology and Life, A Reading of Laudato Si' from the African perspective" In Foundations of Integral Ecology Azetsop J., SJ and Conversi, P. (eds) pp. 317- 341. Pontificio Instituto Biblico 2022.) Integrating human technology and agriculture is complex. At Samford, a communications tower with its sometime nesting crows and its underground power and fibre optic cables under and amongst roots and mycorrhizal fungi form a complex symbiosis. Co-incidentally, the Vatican Radio towers in a field north of Rome will be the site of continued agriculture and a solar farm which will make the Vatican the first carbon-neutral state in the world.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/news/2025/08/06/vatican-solar-power-deal-italy/>



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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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**C10195625**





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Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**  
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**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):**  
**Helen Royan - Email:**  
[lsrc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsrc@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.**

**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles  
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APLE: **Leonie McCormack**  
Phone (Thuruna St): **3352 9200** Phone(Chuter St): **3326 0400**

**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 C  
develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Joe know and we can cele-  
brate this Sacrament beforehand. Celebrations of this Sac-  
rament 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:**  
Brian Flaherty, Anne Giannangelo (Truci's sister), Nancy  
Lewis, Madison Parker, Kerr Tolentino, Giovanni and Ma-  
ria 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 de-  
ceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our  
brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, , killed or dispos-  
sessed 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.

