



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 21st -22nd October 2023



*On January 15, 2024, we will
welcome our new
Parish Administrator—
Fr Joe McKay OFM*



AUXILIARY BISHOP OF BRISBANE

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE PARISH OF
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES, STAFFORD

After consultation, the Archbishop is pleased to announce that the Franciscan Friars will take on the pastoral care of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles parish, Stafford from 15th January next year. Fr Joe Mackay OFM has been appointed Administrator of the parish but will remain in residence in the Franciscan community at Kedron.

The parishes of Little Flower, Kedron and Queen of Apostles, Stafford will remain as separate parishes at this time. However, I expect there will be opportunities for fruitful collaboration and cooperation between the communities that will serve the mission of God in the local area.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming this news.

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and may Mary, Queen of Apostles, guard and protect you on your way.

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Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane
13 October 2023

After the Referendum:

Below is a summary of Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation's (From the Center for Action and Contemplation), for the days Oct 8th to 13th, **published last Saturday – the Day of the Referendum:** The theme for the week was **PROPHETIC HOPE**, which considering the result of the Referendum is very appropriate:

Sunday

Prophets are concerned above all with transformation and freedom of the heart, and then out of that free heart, the prophet says, "Listen." —Richard Rohr

Monday

We can look at the life of Jesus to see what God asks of us.... The world saw a veritable miracle unfolding before its very eyes as all sorts and conditions of women and men, rich and poor, slave and free, Jew and Gentile—all these came to belong in one fellowship, one communion. —Desmond Tutu

Tuesday

When we can imagine only one way to be happy, we don't recognize the fullness and possibilities of the moment. We collapse if our one way is taken away from us. That's the power of the prophets—to recognize that there is always another way for the promise to be fulfilled, another way for Divine Love to reach us. —Richard Rohr

Wednesday

This is what Jesus did—face his world fully and honestly, not shying away from the suffering or the disquieting demands that it would make on him. We need a faith now that can help us face this world that we have made ... and help us find a way through and beyond it. —Margaret Swedish

Thursday

God seems to be calling us to suffer the whole of reality, to remember the good along with the bad. Perhaps that is the course of the journey toward new sight and new hope. —Richard Rohr

Friday

As hope, the hidden spring of mercy deep within us, is released in that touch and flows out from the center, filling us with the fullness of God's own purpose living itself into action, then we discover within ourselves the mysterious plenitude to live into action what our ordinary hearts and minds could not possibly sustain. — Cynthia Bourgeault

AND HERE IS A REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE OF "PROPHETIC

HOPE" (applied to care for the environment but also applicable to our thirst for Reconciliation in Australia)

"We Are Still Here"

Generations come and generations go, but the earth never changes. The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again. The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles. Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea. —Ecclesiastes 1:4–7.

Theologian Randy Woodley reflects on how we can learn from the sustained hope of Indigenous communities of America: Throughout Indian country, one phrase rings true. No matter where you go, "We are still here!"

We are still here. It may not seem like such a profound statement. At first, anyway. But given the numerous attempts at cultural assimilation and genocide that have decimated many Native American populations by 95 percent since 1492—and given that Indigenous people still have some of the worst living conditions on Turtle Island—the statement means a lot. "We are still here" speaks directly to the hope that remains in America's First Nations. In Indian country, any hope is good hope. This hope—sustained through poverty, racism, poor housing, chronic disease, and a host of other maladies—is not based on utopianism. The earned hope of which I speak is built on a spirituality of relationship with the land and with all living creation and on respect for elders who sacrificed to give the generations to follow them a future....

This very real hope recognizes that Earth endures and that we can still do enough to reverse the damage done. After all, the Earth is much stronger and more resilient than any human being. Although human beings are a part of the Earth, we may be the most expendable. This gives me pause—as well as a much longer view of our history and our future.

I think Mother Earth is going to be OK in the end. I just hope we will be here long enough to see it. Although it might make us feel pretty insignificant, another way to turn the phrase is this: "We are still here ... for now. But the Earth remains forever."

Randy Woodley, Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth (Minneapolis, MN: Broadleaf Books, 2022), 57–58.

Next Sunday's Readings
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 28-29 October

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
 my anger will rage against you.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4,47,51
I love you, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:-5-10
*You turned away from idols to serve God
 and await his Son.*

Gospel: Matthew 23:34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbours
 as yourself.*



What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?

Mon 23 rd		No Liturgy
Tues 24 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 26 th		No Liturgy
Fri 27 th	8.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Men's Group
Sat 28 th	10am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Music Practice NO Reconciliation 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 29 th	9.00am	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The **Stafford Conference of Vinnies** are conducting a raffle between now and 1st November, when it will be drawn at our regular Conference meeting. (**\$2 for a ticket of \$5 for 3**) The prize is a framed painting by Fr. Joseph Tran, PP of Narooma/Cobargo Parish. It is called "Walking Together" and it celebrates the connection between the two Parishes after the devastating bushfires in 2019. Every dollar raised from the raffle will purchase Gift Cards to go into our Christmas hampers. We know many of our families use the gift cards to buy Christmas presents for their children. Raffle tickets available outside Mass. The painting will be available for viewing."

Music Practice

NEXT SATURDAY

(28th October 10-11am)

Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!



A learn to drive program with a difference

Volunteers play an important role in a young person's journey to a licence.

- Support safe driving
- Provide constructive feedback
- Role model positive relationships
- Provide on-going support and mentorship to participants



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Drive for Life
 salvationarmy.org.au / driveforlife



THANK YOU DINNER

at Hornets, Aspley on Friday, 3rd November

NOTE that DOORS OPEN at 5.30pm for a 6.30pm START

We are still collecting for a gift for Fr Denis to assist his transition to "civilian" life. Envelopes clearly labelled 'A gift for Fr Denis' can be placed in the basket. Envelopes are also be available at the back of the church. There is also electronic payment option for the contribution to a gift. **THANK YOU@**



Catholic Earthcare would like to invite you to our next online screening – Rachel's Farm on October 26th 5.00pm Queensland. Following the movie, David Marsh, a regenerative farmer will join us for discussion.

To view the trailer for the film, check it out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozdoFp1Ra_E&t=5s

To register: <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdeitqTlPhTxBOxEZGFVqQRNaNxxQeyhW#/registration>

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

ORDER/SIGN UP SHEETS for the event/items below are at the back of the church, thank you.

ADVENT REFLECTION PROGRAM

We will be running an ADVENT PRAYER and REFLECTION PROGRAM, beginning Monday, 27th November following the 8.30am Mass.

Please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church to indicate participation in the group, or to order books (*With Expectant Hearts*) for your own personal reflection. Books cost \$6.00 each. For further information contact Rosemary on 0431 464 211.

Please indicate number of books you wish to order on or before Sunday, 28th October so they can be ordered before they are sold out.

Thank you.



BREAK OPEN THE WORD

contains readings and psalms for each Sunday with NEW commentary providing fresh and insightful background to the text and assistance on how to read it, along with a section entitled "The Ministry of Reader". The popular pronunciation guide is also included. Break Open the Word is a vital publication for readers.

When we order 30 or more copies, each book will cost \$24 book.

Orders for BOTW can be placed by phone or email to the parish office. Please place your order on or before Sunday, 28th October to allow for the books to be delivered in good time for Year B to begin (3rd December).



Payment link for BOTW (\$24):

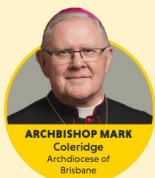
[Break Open the Word Payment](#)



The **Columban Art Calendar** (\$10 each) is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2024 marks the 102nd edition.

Features:

- NEW feature - meaningful bible quote that is showcased each month.
- QR codes for easy access to purchase Columban products and resources.
- Colour-coded Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials. Peace, Ecology and Justice dates.



STATEMENT ON THE VOTE

Now that the referendum result is known, it's time to look forward rather than look back. There will be a time for looking back, but a cooling off period may be needed if we are to see more clearly. Now is the time to ask not how we got here but where this result leaves us as a nation, where we need to go from here and how we might get there.

One thing is clear: the nation is more divided than ever and in many ways. It's ironic that a process supposed to unite the nation has done just the opposite. There's an urgent need now to create a new kind of national unity, and that can't be left to the politicians, because there's more to this than politics. The task belongs to all of us.

A second thing is still clearer and more urgent: the search for reconciliation based on truth and justice must continue, even if the referendum process and result have made that more difficult. This too is something that can't be left to the politicians, because again there's more to it than politics.

After this result at Federal level, the focus will have to move to the States. But it will also have to move to non-government organisations like the Churches. The Australian Catholic bishops have spoken of the need for a new engagement with Indigenous peoples, and that now becomes more pressing. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will commit ourselves more resolutely to our Reconciliation Action Plan and keep asking what else we can do. Fine words and symbolic gestures are not enough.

The process leading to this vote has been a highly politicised slog that has changed Australia, and not for the better. Now the real work begins. It's up to all of us to ensure that what we do from here serves national unity and racial justice, because we'll never have the first unless we have the second.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



3 Amazing Miracle Stories of the Rosary BY LAUDATE MARIAM

After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the next highest form of Catholic prayer is the Holy Rosary. There are many stories of miracles and favors granted through the power of Our Lady's Rosary! In this article, we share three amazing miracle stories of the Rosary (**one story will be shared every weekend**). May these stories inspire us to a greater love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother, and to a deeper devotion to the Rosary.

Healing of Fr. Peyton (Story 2)



Fr. Patrick Peyton is well-known for his famous saying, "The family that prays together, stays together." He became known as the "Rosary Priest" because of his propagation of devotion to the Holy Rosary. What many do not know is that Fr. Peyton was himself a recipient of a beautiful miracle from Our Lady, through the praying of the Holy Rosary. In 1938, just before he was about to be ordained to the priesthood, Fr. Peyton became very ill and was diagnosed with advanced Tuberculosis, which at that time was an incurable disease. He consecrated himself to Our Lady, begged for her intercession, and began devoutly praying the Rosary, upon the suggestion of his sister. To the surprise of his doctors, he was completely and miraculously cured! As a result of this miracle, he promised the Blessed Mother that he would spend the rest of his life promoting the Holy Rosary.

[HTTPS://LAUDATE-MARIAM.COM/BLOGS/LAUDATE-MARIAM-BLOG/3-AMAZING-MIRACLE-STORIES-OF-THE-ROSARY](https://laudate-mariam.com/blogs/laudate-mariam-blog/3-amazing-miracle-stories-of-the-rosary)



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FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

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You may have heard the exciting news that from 1 November 2023 we will be accepting glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:
C10195625



STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

recent ones - used or unused, Australian or Overseas. They can be left in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you & God bless!



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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QR code to access



site:



Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email: lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)
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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 School Contacts

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BAPTISMS are celebrated at 10.30am on the **Third Sunday of each Month** (except during Lent and OCTOBER). For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**, contact the Parish Office.

Further information on our website:

<https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



Our Parish PIETY Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. Below are samples of Confirmation & First Communion memorabilia.

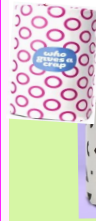


Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday before or after school hours. Thank you.

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.



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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 OR develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Denis 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:

Sister Patricia Coyle Lyn & Jim Payne, Caitlyn Sheehan Frank Hughes, Brian Scanlan, Wendy Roberts, Ed Taylor, Mary Davissen, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera, Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol Donaldson, Rachel Oxenham, Peter Taylor, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade & Gerard McGrory.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Ron Taylor, Anne Taylor, Trevor Blackwell, Rowan Bird (Nigel's Bro), Allben Tolentino, Kev Tyack, Jim Tyler and Danilo Espina.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

and all our other deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed,



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.