



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."

Fourth Sunday of Easter 20th-21st April 2024

Fr Joe's Reflection - Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B THE VINE AND THE PRUNER

The image of productive vineyards is one of prosperity and happiness in the Bible. No secular or religious ceremony in Jesus' time was complete without the sharing of wine. The grape vine produces fresh grapes, wine, dried fruit that can be stored and vinegar. The pruned branches and leaves from the vine provided food for the animals. The seeds of the grape can be used in medicine to treat stomach ailments and wine brings joy. The abundance of leaves of the vine provide shade and protection from the hot summer sun. The grapevine is a very useful plant.

In the Old Testament the Hebrew people are referred to as the "vine out of Egypt" (Psalm 80:9-10) that when planted grew abundantly in the Land. The Psalm and the prophets Isaiah, Hosea and Jeremiah describe how the vine started to produce bitter wine. The vines are pulled up and burnt and the people are attacked by Assyrians and driven into exile in Babylon.

Jesus' ministry in the Gospel of John begins with the miracle of Cana. Jesus provides an abundance of good wine to the wedding bringing happiness and joy. Metaphorically Jesus is the new vine that produces an abundance of wine. When Jesus is on the Cross they try to give him sour wine, vinegar. The ultimate rejection and sign that his persecutors really don't understand who he is. (Psalm 69:21) He is the source of the good wine.

The Gospel of John is the only gospel that does not describe Jesus sharing the bread and wine at the Last Supper. Instead Jesus describes to his disciples his relationship with the Father and with them using the image of the vine. Jesus is the new vine that the Father, the gardener, has planted. Anyone who has a relationship with Jesus are part of this vine, they are the branches. It is from Jesus that his disciples can draw nourishment to produce abundant fruit.

The challenging element for us is that the Father prunes his vine. Those parts of our lives that are not of the Kingdom are stripped away so that the good can flourish. Jesus does not promise wealth or power. He promises pruning! As the Dominican author Timothy Radcliffe puts it, God wields divine secateurs that remove the dead wood of our lives. God's pruning can be painful. The Word of God in scripture and prayer is meant to challenge and snip at us! Parts of our lives are going to need to be removed if we are to experience God's life to the full.

The fruit that Jesus wants us to bear is love. Anything that gets in the way of the love of God and neighbour will ultimately be stripped away, leaving only love. Let us be the useful plant of God and bear the fruit that God wants us to bear, love. And accept some pruning!

Fr Joe McKay OFM



Anna's THURSDAY Group

2nd May at Café 63 at Stafford City at 12pm

Any questions ring :Dianne on 0407616637



Divine Mercy

FIRST FRIDAY

May 3, 5.30pm

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

Jesus to St. Faustina

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

ALL STAMPS -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!



TRUTH TELLING

Where to from Now?
Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop



SCAN TO REGISTER

SAT 4 MAY
8:30am-3pm

CALVARY CHURCH ATRIUM
Cnr Santa Monica and Redondo Drive, Miami

SUNDAY
5 MAY 2024
5PM



DONG-ILL SHIN

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL

WORKS BY BACH, FRANCK, LISZT
TICKETS \$35 / \$30 TRYBOOKING / DOOR



Please email the parish office at stafford@bne.catholic.net.au if you want to be added to the mailing list, resources and pop up news. :)



Reconciliation Action Plan

Evangelisation Brisbane, with the support of Murri Ministries held the first of a series of five Reconciliation Action Plan Truth-Telling- workshops at Queen of Apostles Stafford on the 23rd March 2024. Participants came from a number of parishes in the dioceses, to share their journey of reconciliation and unity and workshopped ideas for actions within their own parishes. Guest speaker Brad Jarro, a Bidjara and Ghungalu man shared his personal family story, discussing how laws and policies have impacted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since the 1800's.



Members of the Social Justice group and Father Joe were also in attendance.

A special thank you Rosemary Haydock, Aaron Minos, James Fitzsimon, Cath Collier and Mary Curry who also helped with set up, catering and serving for the event.

SOS!!!!

Vinnie's Winter Blanket Appeal!!!

Hello everyone,

It's that time again, we need your help in donating blankets or cash for purchasing blankets for the people we visit. Please be sure to donate good quality blankets, something you yourself would be happy to put on your bed. A box will be provided at the back of the Church for you to leave them in starting the weekends of the 27th & 28th April/ 4th & 5th May/ & 11th & 12th May.

We were very grateful for the wonderful response last year, so let's see if we can do it again.

SACRAMENTS of CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION is now OPEN



QR code or link below
for Enrolment form:

[Stafford Parish Sacramental Program Enrolment Form](#)

Closing date to register:
THURSDAY, 13th June

For more info, pls email:
qoasacs@hotmail.com



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary
of the Cathedral of St Stephen
The Queensland Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Umberto Clerici
will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Sara MacIver - soprano
Sofia Troncoso - soprano
Andrew Goodwin - tenor
David Greco - baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the
QSO website: [https://qso.com.au/
events/2024/special-events/special-
event-mozart-mass](https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass)

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray
THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

World Mission
May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
893 8798 2280
Password:
876574

GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

Still humming along from home



A home care
package that's
right for you.

Shirley is 92 and knows the secret to a good beef bourguignon. Her support worker, Joy, provides back-up - getting out the slow cooker, picking herbs from the garden and chopping the veggies.

You know better than anyone what you need to keep enjoying the comforts of home. Our size, expertise and full suite of services means we can tailor a Home Care Package that's right for you.

Social and community hubs across SE Queensland
Support at home | Clinical care and therapies
Help to care | Transport | Dementia care

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Care is our calling.



*Next Week's Readings
Sixth Sunday of Easter
4-5 May*

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
God is love.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



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

Mon 29 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 30 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 2 nd May	8.30am 12pm	Mass Anna's Group
Fri 3 rd	9.00am 5.30pm	Mass Divine Mercy
Sat 4 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 6 th Sunday of Easter Mass
Sun 5 th	9.00am	6 th Sunday of Easter Mass

**A Cursillo 3 Days
can be a life changing experience.**

Cursillo is an opportunity to journey with others in developing a deeper relationship with God, through a series of talks and discussions as well as time for personal reflection and fun.



COME and SEE!

This year's live-out 3 Days will be held at **Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield Lakes, Qld**

**For Men: 4 – 6 May 2024
For Women: 19 – 21 May 2024**

For more information please contact

Lionel Outen (0417 786 542 or lout.home@gmail.com)
or **Rosemary Haydock** (0431 464 211 or rhaydock@live.com.au)




The Society of Jesus in Australia
Care for our Common Home Committee



Ideas to Inspire Laudato Si' Week May 19-26 2024

Theme: *Seeds of Hope*

Quotes and reflections this week to inspire us to be Seeds of Hope in our world, rooted in faith and love.

	Pope Francis in <i>Laudato si'</i> (LS)	From reflection to action
 Climate	<i>"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all" LS #23</i>	A swift and significant reduction in pollution will help all living beings now and into the future. How can you advocate for stronger climate justice?

Please pray for Earth:

Adapted from Joseph Carver's Ecological Examen

All creation reflects the beauty and blessing of God's image: in our climate, the weather that shapes our planet, the seasons that give a rhythm to our life, and our own internal fluctuations.

Where were you most aware of these today?

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land on which we live, work and worship.

Parish Planned Giving

THANK YOU to our parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

- ♦ Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- ♦ Tap N Go Machine at the middle entrance of the church
- ♦ The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one off giving. SCAN TO ACCESS PARISH GIVING APP. **OR** go to this link: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



- ♦ Direct Debit: You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account:

Stafford Parish

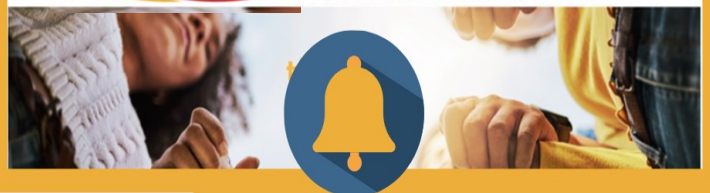
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Or use BPoint link [BPoint Stafford Donations](#)

- ♦ The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically)

Once again, a huge thank you for your continued support!

Stafford Parish Finance Council



Reminder

YOU OWE IT TO YOUR SPOUSE TO BOOK YOURSELF ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

21 - 23 June, 2024

The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes

For more information, contact:

Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen

Phone: 0481 307 821

Email: gldbookings@wwme.org.au





ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)



Are you a VISITOR or do not carry cash? 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" THANKS!

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



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:

C10195625



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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**

QR code to access site:

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email: l.sr.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.

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**

BAPTISMS

are celebrated at 10.30am on the **Third Sunday of each Month.**

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 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 OR 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:

Esther Decklam, Nicki Goodman, Celestino Garcia, Felicisima Medrano, Brian Scanlan, Sr Madonna F.M.M, Eileen Matthews, Madelynn Martin, Frank & Maria Pirrotina, Bob & Tim Willson, Bunny Vargas, Miguela Savellon, Sr Patricia Coyle, Zina Di Mauro, , Sr Catherine Hefferan rsc, Bev Lofgren, Gerard McGrory, Sr Dorothy Bayliss, & Rachel Oxenham.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Ted Cavanagh, Bob Devine, & Edward Taylor.

And those whose anniversaries occur

at this time: Margaret O'Kane, Titing Padayhag, Gloria Patalinghug, Alfred Gow, Des O'Brien, Pina Padayhag, 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.