



# *Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford*

*A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery*

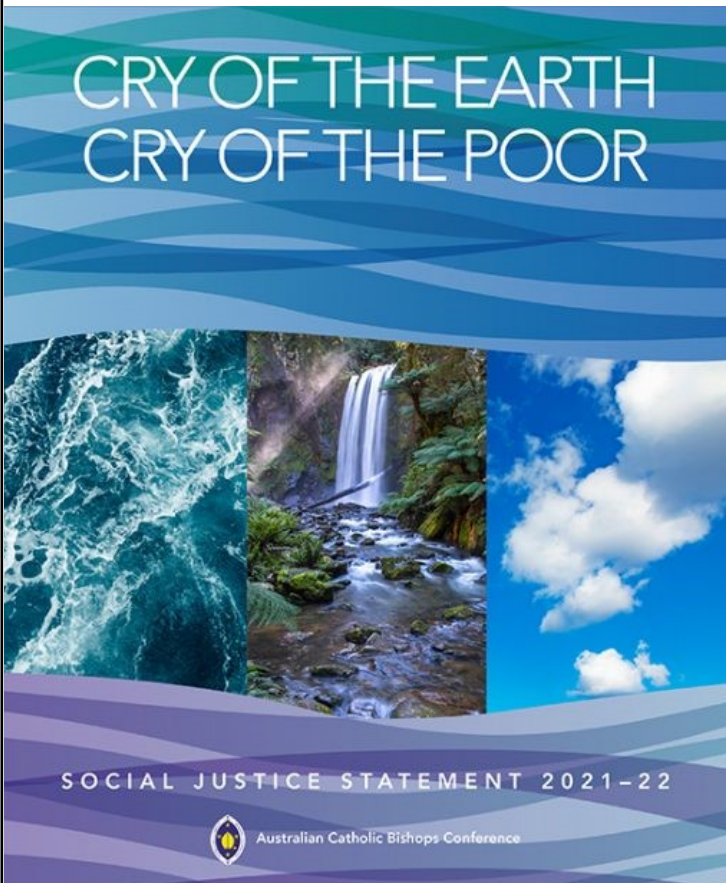
*Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."*

**St Mary of The Cross (Mackillop) – Year B 7th/8th August, 2021**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021—2022**

This year's Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement will be launched on August 5th of 2021 with the theme Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. The statement affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour" and draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The statement will be available for download from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website from August 5th here: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22>



## **Words of Inspiration from Mary MacKillop**

"We have all very much for which to thank and love God."

*Mary MacKillop 27/6/1873*

"There where you are you will find God."

*Mary MacKillop 1871*

"God knows what is best for all of us."

*Mary MacKillop 2/7/1891*

"Tis true I only seek to serve God in the care of the little ones of His flock." *Mary MacKillop 21/8/1867*



"Truly our great God will be gratified by the love and zeal of many."

*Mary MacKillop 30/6/1873*

"God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life."

*Mary MacKillop 1899*

"Let us do the will of God, the beautiful, wise will of God."

*Mary MacKillop 5/3/1870*

"May God help me to do what is right."

*Mary MacKillop March 1898*

"Find happiness in making others happy."

*Mary MacKillop 1899*

"Make no reserves with God. Reject no-one. You never know what grace can do."

*Mary MacKillop 1871*

"Lean upon God."

*Mary MacKillop 25/4/1873*

"Whatever your troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life."

*Mary MacKillop 12/1/1909*

"See the protecting ... hand of God in all that is happening."

*Mary MacKillop 1885*

"Cling to God's love and grace."

*Mary MacKillop 1890*

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B)

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

2nd Reading: Colossians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56



### [Daily Mass Readings](#)

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4



When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

### An article from our Social Justice Group

**One year ago today** the chief law officers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments met and failed to take any action to end the appalling practice of locking up children as young as 10 years old.

They promised to meet again and progress the issue. Instead, **they have kicked the can down the road leaving almost 500 children to languish behind bars between 2019 and 2020.**

**We must not let them get away with doing nothing.** That's why we're asking you to contact your state or territory **Premier or Chief Minister** and remind them just how many of us support changing these outdated and harmful laws.

We're asking you to take two actions today:

**Send an urgent email to the Premier or Chief Minister of your state or territory and urge them to**

**#RaiseTheAge to at least 14 years old. We've got all the details you need, [click here to send your email now.](#)**



All the medical evidence tells us that any contact with the criminal justice system can cause lifelong harm and leads to higher rates of adult incarceration, homelessness, mental illness and even premature death. **Every day ten year old children are behind bars is a travesty. A whole year of inaction is unacceptable.**

**[Take action now: click here to contact your state or territory Premier or Chief Minister and call on them to change these damaging and harmful laws.](#)**

There is a better way.

There are alternatives all over the country that are changing children's lives for the better and making our communities safer. From learning on country programs in Western Australia, to trauma-informed mentoring in Victoria and wrap-around, culturally safe family supports in the ACT: this is where governments should be investing our taxpayer dollars – not locking tiny children in concrete cells.

**[Send an email right now to your Premier or Chief Minister and urge them to #RaiseTheAge without any further delays.](#)**

Thank you for being part of a loud (and growing!) movement that our politicians can't ignore.

**PS - It's super easy, we've prepared a draft email for you. [Just click here to get started.](#) Then, jump on to Twitter or Facebook to spread the word and share a photo of yourself at 10 years old.**

### 1 In 5 Australians Forced To 'Improvise' On Period Products

We conducted a Bloody Big Survey and 125,205 great Australian's responded. What we found out was extraordinary and quite simply eye-opening. The most alarming finding is that more than 1 in 5 (22%) people who menstruate have had to improvise on period products due to the cost.

We never imagined the magnitude of the issues and would welcome you to take a read. The Period Pride Report: Bloody Big Survey Findings, which is based on the surveys responses, is now live and accessible via our website.

We always say the most powerful way you can help Share the Dignity is to use your voice 'socially speaking' to shed a light on all things menstruation and period poverty.

For years we have had anecdotal evidence of period poverty but this report now means we have the data to help us in our advocacy work, better inform the public on these issues and influence government policy.

Did you see us on The Project on Monday 2 August 2021? We were talking all things Period Pride Report and Dignity Drive!

#### What can you do to help?

- Read the report and share our messages across social media
- Contact your local and national MP and raise the issue of a lack of access to products, particularly in schools and public hospitals
- Donate period products during the August Dignity Drive

Donate online to the Dignity Drive Emergency COVID-19 Appeal. [Share the Dignity : Dignity Drive Cash Appeal](#)

**Providing we come out of lock down, you can leave donations at the parish office or church during the month of August.**





# Care for Creation

## Do you know about Greenfaith?

**Because the Earth and all people are sacred and at risk, GreenFaith is building a worldwide, multi-faith climate and environmental movement.**

Here is a peek at its history and integrity. The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) work in co-operation with Greenfaith. For more information go to <https://greenfaith.org/about/>

**Mission: Together our members create communities to transform ourselves, our spiritual institutions, and society to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world.**

In just the last month, climate change-strengthened storms have wrought devastating flooding and mudslides across Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands; deadly heat waves across the US and Canada have killed hundreds of people; and a gas leak in the Gulf of Mexico lit the ocean on fire. World leaders have known about the dangers of climate change for decades, but action lacks decision and unity. The countries that produce the least greenhouse gasses are often the most vulnerable and the least equipped to deal with climate change. That's why grassroots people of diverse faiths around the globe are taking action.

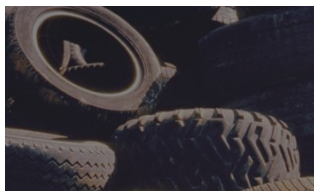
**On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00pm Greenfaith will hold a Zoom Climate Justice conference.** Here is a great way to use your Lockdown time! To register go to <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/faiths-4-climate-justice-kick-off-call/>



## What happens to your car tyres after replacement?

Tyre Stewardship Australia is a non-commercial organisation created to implement the national Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme – a system that puts responsibility for the sustainable management of tyres at their end of life on the companies that manufacture them and the retailers that dispose of them.

The scheme is funded by the industry, but it is not compulsory, which is why it's so important for consumers to be informed. In 2020, the eight tyre importers funding the scheme represented approximately 43 per cent of the market. You can use your purchasing power to support retailers and manufacturers that are taking responsibility for their products.



## Milk Bottle Top Recycling Update:

Thank you for the great response to milk bottle top collection, we have made significant start in our effort to reduce plastic from landfill. We are collecting the **LDPE #2** or **HDPE #4** caps for the Ocean Crusaders [oceancrusaders.org/recycling/](https://oceancrusaders.org/recycling/) repurposing program.

The caps are manufactured into blocks that can be used like giant Lego blocks to build garden walls, sheds, benches etc. **It is important that the caps are caps, foam insert removed and colour sorted.** To help you with this we have placed colour coded milk containers on a trolley at the back of the church. Your support in sorting the caps at the collection point means we can more efficiently pass them onto Ocean Crusaders.

We inherited a box of caps and were so glad to save them from Land Fill.....it took quite some time to transform the chaos to meet the requirements!



**Give the Gift of Faith.** Your generosity towards Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish



## What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

<b>Mon 9th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 10th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
<b>Wed 11th</b>		
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Fri 13th</b>	9.00am	Mass
<b>Sat 14th</b>	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
<b>Sun 15th</b>	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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 Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
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### Parish Local Safeguarding Representative:

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### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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**BAPTISMS** in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except** during Lent and OCTOBER).

For BAPTISM BOOKINGS please contact the Parish Office.



### AN OINTING OF THE SICK

If you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** for an op, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand.



You may add a **sick person's name to the list by phoning the Parish Office** (3356 7155). **To keep the 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.

### Let Us Pray

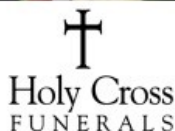


#### We pray for those who are unwell:

Jose Pitts, Jim Henry, Brian Wellman, Luca de Pascalis de Moraes, Rose Ann Takas, Nicki Goodman, , Caitlyn Lengkeek, Elizabeth Martin, Crad Smith, Sr Dorothy, Glenda Honan, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward, Isaac and Brendan Camille, Bob Devine and Nicole Dyer.

**We pray for those recently deceased:** Ari Vargas, Angel Bathan, Jill Barrett, Kathy Brady, Rene Ulcoq, Weny Bargayo Joan French (Mother of Alison Golden), Jean Tisdall, Sr Elizabeth Pointing RSM, Esme Whitby (John's mum), Veronica Burns, Marguerite Moloney, Raymond Labid, Bon Bargayo, Pam Ward, Peter Rogers, Sr Margaret Mines RSC, Joan Goldby, John Dove, Maria Calini,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joyce Davis, and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



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