



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."

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 21st/22nd August, 2021

The Social Justice Group, in working towards a **"Reconciliation Action Plan"** (RAP) have revised out **"Acknowledgement of Country"**. It is **hoped that besides our Weekend Masses, all groups meeting in our Parish might use it at the start of their meetings** for the reasons below.

What is 'Acknowledgement of Country'? Why do we have it?



An 'Acknowledgment of Country' is a way that all people can **show awareness and respect for Aboriginal**



and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage, and the ongoing relationship the traditional owners have with their land. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can perform 'Acknowledgement of Country'. It is **a demonstration of respect** dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land (or sea) where the event, meeting, school function or conference takes place. It can be formal or informal.

Our new wording before our Weekend Masses and other important celebrations:

"We begin by acknowledging the Yugarabul ("yuger-
ra-bull") People. The custodians of the land on which our church and homes were built. We pay our respect to elders past and present, and thank them for passing down their knowledge and wisdom."

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The whole of biblical religion begins with the call to listen. To listen is to be blessed and to become a blessing for others. So too each day the Christian disciple is called to listen to the words of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Peter recognises that, however strange they may be, Jesus' words are "the words of eternal life". Faith is the name of the recognition to which Peter comes. Once faith opens their eyes to that truth, the disciples come to knowledge; they know that the words of Jesus, however strange, are utterly true and trustworthy. Therefore, they stay with him and follow him wherever he leads.

The Annual Catholic Campaign is all about listening to

the words of Jesus, "the Holy One of God", trusting what we hear and following where he leads – becoming more and more like the Master as we go, until we become so like him that people see Jesus in us. It is to be blessed and to become a blessing in turn.

I ask you today to support the Annual Catholic Campaign in this strange landscape through which we are passing where we're all feeling the pinch in one way or another. The Campaign is one way of focusing on what really matters, which in the end means focusing on Jesus and listening to the strange and wonderful words he speaks – not just hearing but listening. His are "the words of eternal life", the words of him who says, "Come you blessed of my Father: inherit the Kingdom prepared for you (Matt 25:34), for...as long as you did this to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Matt 25:40). We focus on the least in order to focus on Jesus and follow him – because "to whom else can we go?" He is the only one who can lead us home.

Be blessed and bless others with your gift

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift today will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

2nd Reading: St James :17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Daily Mass Readings



Things to do while you can't do what you want to do.

While the routines we once had have flown out the window, we've had to find other things to keep us busy! I've been busy in the office doing what many of you have been doing at home. A bit of Spring Cleaning and sorting through things. Here in the office, we have a rather large amount of archive memorabilia for the parish. There are lots of photos, newspaper clippings and other really interesting things. At the moment everything is in plastic tubs and cardboard boxes.

I'm proposing that a group of history buffs, along with a sprinkling of super organised souls gather to sort through our 'museum'. This will be more than an hour over coffee. All those interested in helping could gather as a group to discuss the plan of attack and then maybe meet on a regular basis to sort and reminisce.

If I've peaked your interest, please give me a call or send me an email. This has no age barrier or years of service to our parish. I really need a few people to come along to identify faces in photos and to fill in the blanks of the various occasions. I also need some lovers of organisation to set about preserving our history for the next generations and next parish secretaries too!

This could be a great opportunity to get to know your community. I'm sure there will be much sharing of stories while diving into the history boxes of our parish. Debra

Still Spring cleaning, we still have a few prints and frames if you are interested! They will be in the foyer this weekend.

Take what you love and we will be doing our bit for the environment, saving landfill and finding new homes for unloved art! We also have some seats that are ready for new homes. These are especially good for those that need an arm on the seat particularly if knees and hips are playing up.

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 Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.



"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15



When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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

August is always our biggest Dignity Drive, but we are astounded by the number of requests we have received so far. Already we have had 28% of our 2900 charities request 135,000 products. This is shaping up to be the largest round of requests we've ever seen and speaks volumes as to just how vulnerable some communities are right now.



Donate to our
DignityDRIVE
this August

With millions of Australians in lockdown, fewer people are out and about. Our donation numbers are already in jeopardy of not meeting the requests of our charities. [If you can't get to the shops during August, please see our COVID-19 appeal page.](#)

So while you're doing your next grocery shop pick up an extra packet of pads, tampons, continence products, period undies or menstrual cups, and drop it at your closest collection point. Every donation has can change someone's life.

PERIOD PRIDE

You may leave donations at the parish office or church during the month of August. There are a few local donation drop off points that may be convenient to you including all Woolworths, Epic Hair at Everton Park and Super Pharmacy Plus, Stafford Rd, Stafford.

Brisbane Multiple Birth Association Northside Pre-Loved Baby & Kids Toy Market

SUNDAY 22 August 2021

School Hall
Queen of Apostles Primary School Stafford.

Time: 10am - 2pm

Bookings are ESSENTIAL and we ask only one member per household attends.
www.trybooking.com/BTAKM

Fill a standard Coles/Woolies Enviro Bag for just \$10 per bag. BYO bags.
Large oversized toys are \$5 each

Find out more: <https://fb.me/e/Qkgn5Y5U>



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/>

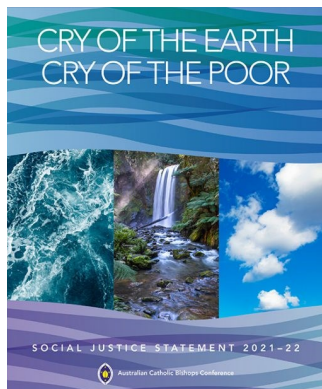
Mission: Together our members create communities to transform ourselves, our spiritual institutions, and society to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world.



Milk Bottle Tops: We have had a great response to our call for milk bottle tops. Just a gentle reminder that we do need to have them cleaned before placing in the receptacles in the church. The dry milk is stubborn when just rinsing under the tap, don't forget to remove the foam insert too. May I suggest popping them in the dishwasher, top shelf or in with your cutlery. We are collecting the **LDPE #2** or **HDPE #4** caps for the Ocean Crusaders 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.

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 We have ordered some print copies, they haven't arrived yet.



ACBC Office for Social Justice

The Piety Shop has moved into the parish office foyer.

The piety shop has a large range of gifts for children celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist including gift cards. There is also a great range for Baptism gifts and new babies.

You will also find a range of books, wall art and rosary beads, saints medals and figurines. If you are looking for something special please pop in through the week. Fr Denis will open the foyer on weekends when possible. Preferred payment is Eftpos (COVID-safe payment).

National Day of Prayer for Pandemic: Parish-es and other Catholic communities are being encouraged to participate in a National Day of Prayer today, Sunday, August 22. It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities, including the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is "Lord have mercy" and it calls people to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where possible, in our liturgies.



"Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shows us his mercy." — Ps. 123:2

Find out more at: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

[Archbishop Mark Coleridge - Australia Prays - YouTube](#)

What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 23rd	8.30am	Mass
Tues 24th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
Wed 25th		
Thurs 26th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 27th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 28th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 15th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

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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, 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,

We pray for those recently deceased: Peter O'Donnell, Jim Henry, Tom Lynch, Kay Dunn, Ari Vargas, Angel Bathen, 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,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francis Savellon, 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.



AUSTRALIA PRAYS

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 2021

THE CHURCH TOGETHER IN PRAYER 'LORD HAVE MERCY'

"OUR EYES LOOK TO THE LORD OUR GOD TELL HE SHOWS US HIS MERCY" - PS. 123:2
WE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER TO PRAY GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ANXIETY AND DISTRESS CAUSED BY COVID-19

ALSO: NIGHTLY PRAYER CALLS 16TH-21ST AUGUST
REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK + DAILY DEVOTIONS AT WWW.AUSTRALIAPRAYS.COM

Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808532313>

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- ♦ Queensland's newest priests race lockdown clock to be ordained
- ♦ Brisbane doctoral student opens up Catechism in new podcast
- ♦ Toowoomba family watch as daughter makes first vows in New York
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