



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

Welcome to **EVANGELINE PRISK**, daughter of Tyrone and Ashley, little sister to Nic and Maddie, with whom we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 9am Mass this morning. May we, whom the Godparents represent, truly be shining examples and support to her in her growth in Faith, thereby supporting her parents, the "first and best educators in the ways of faith".



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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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

If you missed out last weekend, we still have brochures with envelopes attached and will be taking your donations again this weekend.

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.

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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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.



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd Reading: St James 2:1-5

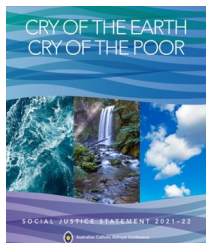
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37



Daily Mass Readings

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 [Print copies](#) have arrived, look for them at the entry to the church this weekend. [ACBC Office for Social Justice](#)



Along with these speakers we have thirty plus leaders and practitioners across various ministries and sectors of the Church also presenting workshops. More information and registration can be found at www.mohmv.com.au

We know that COVID-19 doesn't discriminate, but it always seems to show up for Dignity Drive.

We're all sharing those feelings of angst, uncertainty and frustration around the unknown and the impacts of this on our lives.

Since the pandemic began, I have had many quiet moments weighing up how we can get through this for the women and girls that need our help. How to continue our work and fulfil the 168,000 product requests that we have received, whilst ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our dedicated volunteers.

Knowing each time that there are women and girls across Australia relying on our help who are now going to go without.

I said to my team a few years ago, that I didn't want to be the charity that's always asking our community to donate money through emergency appeals, and I have had to battle with my own inner compass to even be able to communicate this to you today.

Can you help us? Just \$5 could help to provide a packet of period products to a woman in need.

Mary is a courageous woman who fled her abusive husband with her two sons. "I once used a tampon from the floor of a public bathroom," Mary told me. All living together in her car, Mary sacrificed period products to be able to feed her children. When I heard this story, I was astounded. To think that even one woman would have to do something so undignified. The scary reality is, there are many other women like Mary out there. Can you help today, for the women like Mary? New South Wales and Victoria are consistently two of our three largest states for collecting products during our Dignity Drive. But we know due to the latest lockdowns and restrictions, this won't happen this time. These states have done so much for Share the Dignity, and it's time we return the favour. Rachel.



Donate to our
DignityDRIVE
this August

NATIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL) — SEPTEMBER 1- 3, and SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that joint convenors Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Mission Australia write to invite you to register for the fifth National Mission Conference **Mission: one heart many voices 2021**. We also seek your support in promoting this special opportunity for mission formation to the people of your diocese. The Conference will be held on-line from 1-3 September 2021.

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on leadership now for mission and themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality. It will challenge participants to consider contemporary mission in the light of Pope Francis' teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership for mission.

We have several presenters as key-note speakers already confirmed including: **Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann** AM, Aboriginal elder, educator and artist; **Cardinal Louis Antonio Tagle**, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples; **Dr Ursula Stephens**, CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited; **Mr Hugh MacKay** AO, Social psychologist, researcher and author; **HE Chiara Porro**, Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See; **Mr Craig Foster** AM, Human Rights Activist, author, broadcaster, former Soccerroo. **HE Chiara Porro**, Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See; **Mr Craig Foster** AM, Human Rights Activist, author, broadcaster, former Soccerroo.

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?





Care for Creation



SEASON OF
CREATION



All are welcome to join
Queensland Churches Environment Network
in celebrating the start of

Season of Creation

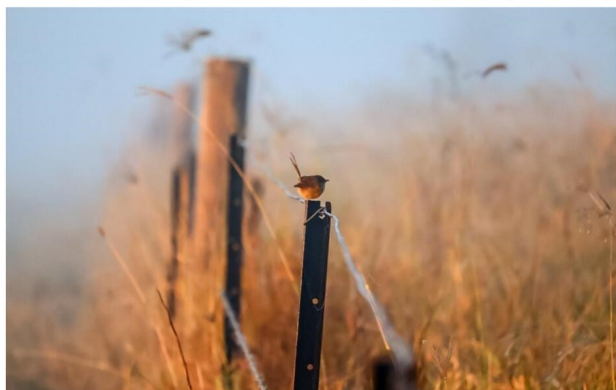


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St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane
Wednesday 1st September - 7pm

Preacher:

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane

From September 1 to October 4,
Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation.
The theme for 2021 is "A home for all? Renewing the oikos of God",
oikos is the Greek word for home or household.

For more information contact Jackie Fewtrell: admin@qct.org.au



SEASON OF
CREATION

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Wash Your 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 oceanrusaders.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.

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 possi-

ble. Preferred payment is Eftpos (COVID-safe payment).

Shalom World TV Network is a 24/7, family-friendly Catholic TV channel and is the recipient of the Gabriel Award for "Best TV Station of the Year 2020", instituted by the Catholic Press Association of North America. It is a commercial-free, high-definition network appealing to young, as well as young-at-heart viewers. Shalom World is an official partner with the Vatican and is authorized to telecast papal liturgies live.



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

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. I've had some interest from a few dedicated parishioners. I'd like to set a date for an initial chat about how we attack this project. Don't be shy -join in the fun! Debra

What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 30th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 31st	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
Wed 1st		
Thurs 2nd	8.30am	Mass
Fri 3rd	9.00am	Mass
Sat 4th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 5th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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:

Bob Devine, 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: Patrick Somerville, 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.



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For however you choose to say goodbye.

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