



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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 4th/5th September, 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.

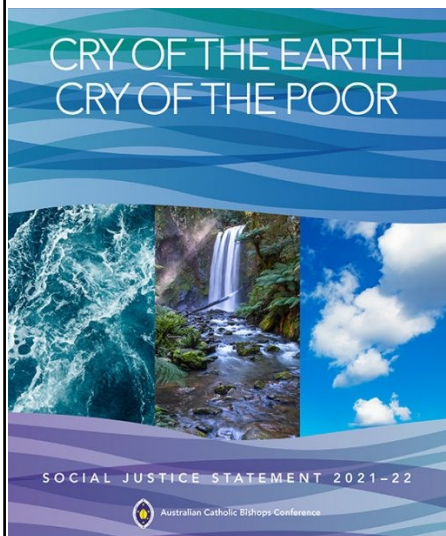


Our new wording before our Weekend Masses and other important celebrations:

"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."

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS



Celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we unite in a colourful display of the celebration of the Eucharist at the annual Multicultural Mass. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the Mass alongside our priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural dancing, performances and coffee in the cathedral grounds will follow.

Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Date: Sunday 26th September 2021

Location: St Stephen's Cathedral

Register:

<https://annualmulticulturalmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Latte Ladies are a group of parishioners who gather for coffee and conversation on a regular basis. They will meet again this Thursday 9th September at 89.45am at Mocha Bella Café, North West Plaza, Flockton Street, Everton Park. All Welcome.

The Anna's Group is now open to **ALL WIDOWS**. They meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Coffee Club in Flockton Village at 12pm. Ladies will meet again at 12pm on 10th September for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!! Contact Dianne 0407616637 for further information.

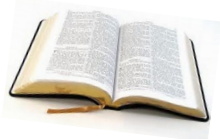


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

2nd Reading: St James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours?



Evangelisation Brisbane has launched a new series of mini retreats - 'A Morning's Prayer' - to facilitate a profound engagement with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Throughout 2021 there will be 6 opportunities at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre to unpack just this.

Each morning will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.

The fifth of these will be held on Saturday 18 September from 9am-12pm for \$15 (includes morning tea).

Register at:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc5>

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



Stewardship
a way of life

WE NEED YOUR HELP - AND ACTION

We need you to help us ensure the euthanasia Bill is defeated. We need your action – **NOW**.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Pray all Queenslanders might respect Church teaching that life is sacred from conception until natural death and that our MPs support a fully funded palliative care system, negating the need for assisted suicide.

2. Arrange a meeting with YOUR local Member of Parliament

To find who they are

CLICK HERE

OR TYPE IN

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list>

3. Please also email your views to YOUR local Member of Parliament

CLICK HERE

OR TYPE IN

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

Please stand with the Queensland Bishops and medical experts in opposing this legislation.

Dying with dignity already exists - it lies in being able to access high quality palliative care statewide.

MARCH FOR LIFE BRISBANE – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11 at 2.30PM

Urgent - please join us in saying NO to the Qld euthanasia & assisted suicide Bill

Meeting at Speakers' Corner, Parliament House, corner Alice & George Streets, Brisbane

At 2:30pm for COVID check-in & to collect signs

For a 3pm rally. A March for Life – protesting the proposed euthanasia laws – will go ahead in Brisbane on September 11. Find out more about the event [here](#).



Dr Andrew Burke –

The VAD Bill will inevitably lead to wrongful deaths:

<https://bit.ly/2XMtcSD>

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** and can be made via the following link <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.



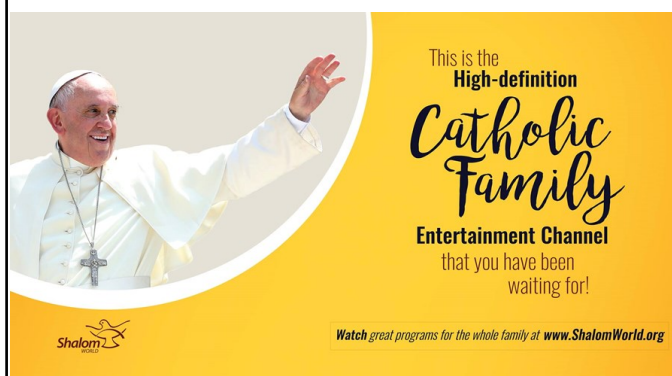


Care for Creation

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 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.

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).

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.

As you may have already read in recent newsletters, I have been going through some stuff in the parish 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 am going to throw the doors open next Wednesday morning at 10am for any interested folks that would like to get involved.** Some of you have a wealth of parish knowledge, so please share your stories. I also need a few people that may be happy to scan photos and other documents to preserve them. We will meet for an hour to look at how best to attack the boxes! Don't be shy -join in the fun!

Liturgy Brisbane is proud to announce the launch of our new online formation and training platform for all involved in lay liturgical ministry.

Lay liturgical ministers can now access quality online training and learn at their own pace, in their own homes, at times that suit them.

- No more face-to-face workshops with low attendance
- New volunteers can begin training immediately
- Consistent, quality formation and training for all ministers
- Certificate confirms participant's completion of the course


Each fully online course contains short videos, readings, quizzes and course notes. Content includes an introduction to liturgical ministry and an overview of ministries and the Mass, followed by specific training for each ministry.

Courses can be completed over multiple sessions – participants stop at any time and pick up where they left off.

This short video provides more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JegF5DSLFD4>

Initial Courses:

- **Ministers of the Word (Readers)**  **LITURGY BRISBANE**
Course (180mins) \$18.00

- **Ministers of Holy Communion**  **LEARN + DISCOVER**
Course (150 mins) \$18.00

- **Combined Course: Readers & Communion Ministers (240 mins)** \$25.00

What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 6th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 7th	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer with communion Sacramental Meeting
Wed 8th	10.00am	Parish Archive Gathering!
Thurs 9th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 10th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat 11th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 12th	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:

Veronica Nicholson, Don Allerta, Fay Robertson, Maurice & Alison Drake, 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,

We pray for those recently deceased:

Francisco Aliviano, May Smith, Patrick Sommerville, 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,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Wilson, 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.



The caring staff at Holy Cross Funerals assist families at the death of their loved ones, to ensure that the Funeral Services are conducted with dignity and compassion.

For however you choose to say goodbye.

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- ♦ Ipswich mayor Teresa Harding finds space to pray in her office
- ♦ Queensland nurses speak out against VAD
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Plus special columns, weekly Readings, puzzles and more

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