



# 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."*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 18th/19th September, 2021

**Congratulations to GABRIELLA NICHOLLS** who, at 9.00am Mass this weekend will be fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank her parents, Viviana and Dean for their example and commitment to Gabriella's faith.



come along dressed in your national/ traditional clothing. It should be a great celebration of the variety of God's creation!



Once a year, our Parish Finance Council gives you a brief summary of our community's finances. Like all of you we are **totally self-funding** and the main source of our income is the generous people who donate regular amounts to our parish weekly or monthly.

Before COVID started, we estimated that it **costs \$12.43 per man, woman and child per Mass** for us to meet current costs and put some money away for future needs. I know that we are all stressed out with the uncertainty of COVID and its consequences, and some of you are experiencing extra financial stress.

**I am a regular giver** (via DD) and I **invite you to consider either Joining** our group of generous regular givers (Direct Debit, Credit Card etc) or, if you are already one of those, **consider adding an extra couple of dollars** to what you regularly give.

If you ever want to see a statement of our accounts, let's know. They are **fully audited every year** by PKF Hacketts.

**Scan the QR Code above** or click on [this link](#)

[www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/finance-council.html](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/finance-council.html) and you will go to the page of our Parish Website where you can join a regular giving method/ donate a once off donation/edit your current giving.

**This Weekend**, members of our **Parish Finance Council** will give you a brief report about the financial status of our parish.

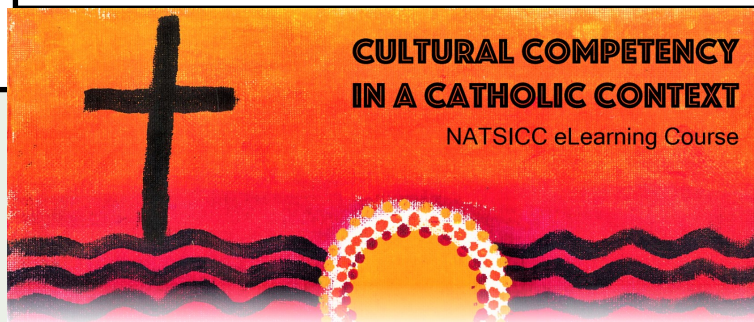
**Thanks again for your Financial, Prayerful and other practical support of our Parish, Denis**

**Thanks to all for the Birthday wishes** last weekend and during the week. Thanks especially to **Julia Taisia** for bring brave enough to speak at the microphone!!



## MULTICULTURAL MASS

Celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and in particular, in our parish. Next weekend at both masses, we will have one Prayer of the Faithful petition repeated by some of our parishioners in their first language. A sample of those countries whose languages we will use include: Dutch, Chin, Karen, Tagalog, PNG, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Italy, Ireland etc, We will also sing an Aboriginal Version of the Lord's Prayer. Please, if you have them,



## CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

NATSICC eLearning Course

### What is Cultural Competency?

At its heart, Cultural Competency is learning about, acknowledging, and valuing the diversity and gifts that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures bring to Australia. On a practical level, Cultural Competence is the ability to work effectively alongside Australia's First Peoples and to make respectful, informed and appropriate decisions across cultural boundaries.

### What does the Course cover?

NATSICC has designed the Course as a foundational step on the learning journey of all workers, volunteers, Clergy and Religious in the Catholic system.

It is the first training with a Catholic focus and equips participants with the knowledge and skills to effectively engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A balanced mix of historical information combined with the impact that colonisation on First Nations Peoples, the course contains 4 core sections:

1. Our First Nations Peoples
2. Understanding our history
3. First Nations culture
4. Practice Tips



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The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. The council was founded in 1992 and the Secretariat is based in Adelaide. Visit us at [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

### Who can complete the Course?

Anyone and everyone within the Catholic Church. It is our vision that any point of engagement between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Church will have undertaken the Course and possess a foundational knowledge and appreciation of the oldest living Culture in the world.

It is hoped that by fostering greater awareness and understanding across cultural boundaries, the Course will lead to the building of more positive relationships and effective outcomes for all people in Australia.

### How long does it take and how can I access the Course?

You can complete the module at your own pace, either in a single sitting or section-by-section as your schedule allows.

Set aside 1 hour for the core learnings – much longer if you wish to delve deeper into the additional resources at the end of each section.

Your progress will be automatically saved after each session and you can pick up where you left off.

Please contact your Parish, School or Organisation's HR Department and let them know you would like to access the course. You can also contact NATSICC directly at [admin@natsicc.org.au](mailto:admin@natsicc.org.au)

There are **THREE spaces left!** If interested, please send me your Name and email address that you would like to enrol with. It would be **really helpful** if you could reply by Monday 10am to [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) . Denis

## Planned Giving Envelopes for our next campaign period are now ready for collection.

They will be at the church doors with your Mass Tickets. Our next campaign commences on the first weekend in October. If you have any unused envelopes from your current box, please discard them after the last weekend in September. Your giver number may have changed, so you must only use the new envelopes from 3rd October. Thank you.



## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: St James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

BREAK OPEN  
THE WORD



### Break Open the Word for 2022 is available for pre-order now.

The cost is \$24 and I will be placing the order in the first week of November to allow time for delivery and labelling of each book. To place your

order simply contact me by phone or email to add your name to the order form. Payment can be made using this link. [Break Open the Word Payment](#)

MULTICULTURAL MASS  
towards an ever-wider 'we'



### 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>

## 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](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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Queensland Parliament, in the next few weeks, will be debating and voting on controversial laws to make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal in the state.

These laws, if passed, will overturn foundational principles that have underpinned our medical and legal systems for centuries – the ethic of 'do no harm' and the prohibition on killing. We need to do all we can to protect Queenslanders rather than assist them to die. Euthanasia and assisted suicide laws undermine the fundamental relationship of trust that should exist between a patient and their doctor. They have the potential to put vulnerable Queenslanders who are elderly or terminally ill at risk of wrongful death, including placing pressure on them to take their own lives so as not to be a 'burden' on their family and friends. We have seen this occur in countries overseas which have gone down this path.

I am asking you to take two important steps today.

First, I ask you to sign this petition to the Queensland Parliament, asking them to reject these euthanasia and assisted suicide laws.

The petition is sponsored by HOPE, a single-issue coalition of groups who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Petition link: [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_qld](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_qld)

Second, I ask you to email your Queensland State Member of Parliament and urge them to oppose the introduction of these laws.

Send an email to your MP link: [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2105\\_ocp\\_qld](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld)

This matter is now urgent. Vulnerable sick and elderly people in Queensland need your help to ensure these lethal laws are not passed in this state. I urge you to sign the petition and email your MP today, and ask friends and family to do the same.

As always in the Lord, **MOST REV MARK COLERIDGE**  
Archbishop of Brisbane





# Care for Creation

## Laudato Si Chaplet

Laudato Si, mi Signore

During the Season of Creation, each Friday following 9.00am Mass we will pray the Laudato Si Chaplet. This is a simple prayer of meditation and repetition, in the way of St Francis, on the gifts of creation. Join us for prayer, just five peaceful minutes: a great way to start your day.



## Caritas Australia - Matched Giving Week (17-23 Sept)



### DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD!

You can help raise a quarter of a MILLION dollars to support vulnerable women around the world! Thanks to a group of very generous Caritas Australia's supporters, all donations until Thursday, 23 September will be matched, until we reach our target of \$250,000.

Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalised communities. Donate before 23 September, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar. **Double your donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/matched](http://www.caritas.org.au/matched) or call 1800 024 413.**

## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **Saturday 25 September commencing at 11.30am**. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Bookings are available via the following link:



<https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**It's school holidays for the junior members of our community. For parents, children and school staff, enjoy your break without a Lockdown!**

**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 ministry and an overview of ministries and the Introduction to liturgical ass, 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) Course (180mins)** \$18.00

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

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

## Annual leave for Debra next week!

As you are all aware, Fr Denis is in the office for much of the day, however not all of his work can be done from behind his desk. If you are needing to visit the office, it may be worth a phone call first. Debra

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

<b>Mon 20th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 21st</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
<b>Wed 22nd</b>		
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Peter O'Donnell
<b>Fri 24th</b>	9.00am	Mass
<b>Sat 25th</b>	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
<b>Sun 26th</b>	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford  
Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
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Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan  
Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)  
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
Office Telephone: 3356 7155

### Parish Local Safeguarding Representative:

**Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540**

STOPLine Service: 1300 304 550 or  
AOB@stopline.com.au or  
[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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School Principal: Ben Campbell  
APA: Leanne Murray  
APRE: Kym Waters  
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Phone (Chuter St) 3326 0400

**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:

Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn, Bruce Willson, 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, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward,

**We pray for those recently deceased:** Mary 'Monica' Harland, Peter Glasby, 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, Wenly Bargayo,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Alben Tolentino, Jack Wilson, Francis Savelon, 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.



## Be blessed and bless others with your gift



**Thank you** for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from impoverished families can access Catholic education, and reaches out to our most vulnerable neighbours.



Your generosity - great and small - is a blessing to those who need it most.

### Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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

Meeting ID: 818 0853 2313

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- ♦ Window into the lives of Brisbane's Carmelites
- ♦ Mum's life of prayer gives meaning to debilitating back pain
- ♦ Local Catholics share their hopes for the Plenary Council
- ♦ Catholic writes book detailing spiritual trauma of Mass restrictions during pandemic
- ♦ Catholic hospitals defy euthanasia push

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