

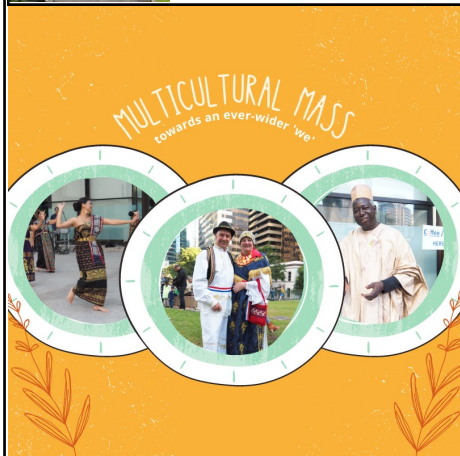


# Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

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

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 25th/26th September, 2021**



## MULTICULTURAL MASS

Celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and in particular, in our parish. This 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, come along dressed in your national/ traditional clothing. It should be a great celebration of the variety of God's creation!

## Novena for Citizens Experiencing Loss of Democracy—(composed by our Social Justice Group)

*(You may like to pray this over the next 9 days)*



**Mother Mary MacKillop**, I ask you to pray with me as I seek help from our Creator God for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar.

Mary, you are a woman of action and compassion. Your great love brought action, healing and dignity to those in need. Please pray with me to the God

of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar; that there will be conversion of mind and heart, so that the weary populations of these countries — men, women, elderly and children — can live in peace and security, in total mutual respect.

Please join with me as I advocate their cause to God.

**Let us ask Jesus' mother**, that she will also bring their plight and their future to Jesus.....

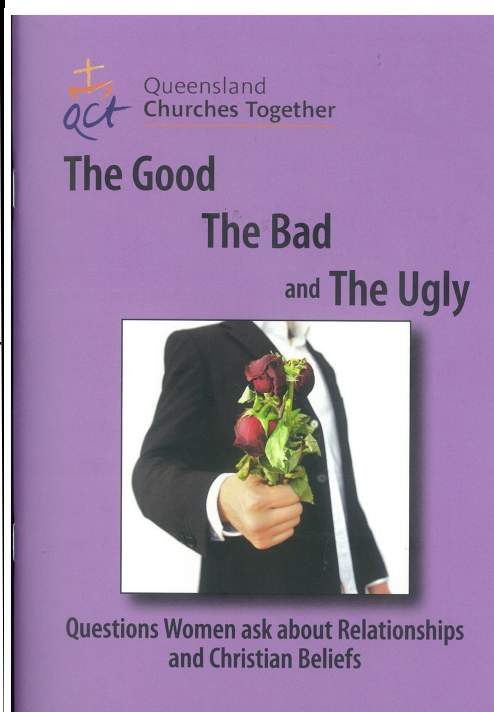
- ♦ Hail Mary
- ♦ Glory Be to the Father

**Mother Mary MacKillop**, you said "Never see a need without doing something about it". Please advocate for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar, in Jesus' name. Amen

## 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.



## Suggestions for Survivors of DFV

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is not only morally indefensible; it is also against the law. Help is available. "This book lists the major National DFV Support Services. A more

detailed list is available on the JCDVPP website:

<https://bit.ly/3wyGBd5> or Google "**Domestic and Family Violence Support**" for your state or city.

If you are a survivor or are currently affected by DFV and would like more information about protecting yourself and/or your children, **1800RESPECT** (1800 737 732, <https://www.1800respect.org.au>) is an anonymous, free 24 hour Australia-wide service. In (Queensland, call **DVConnect (1800 811 811** [www.dvconnect.org](http://www.dvconnect.org)). These sites offer trained counselors to answer questions and provide practical help such as emergency accommodation, referrals to other

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

### [Daily Mass Readings](#)



relevant services and vital information. **1800Respect** has developed an App, "Daisy", which removes all traces of web browsing history.



Everyone has the right to make their own decisions about their life and relationships. **Making an informed decision before leaving starts with a safety plan.**

**1800Respect** and **DVConnect** include safety planning and **emergency bag ideas** on their website.

**Be prepared to call the police** to protect yourself if necessary and in order to **provide evidence of a history of your partner's violence**. This is particularly important should you need to apply for a Protection Order. Police are now empowered under the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012 (Qld) and trained to respond appropriately.

You can apply for a **Protection Order** yourself or with the assistance of police or a lawyer. Queensland has DFV Specialist Courts where all staff, from Magistrates to volunteer helpers, are trained to support and protect survivors. Police Stations, Courthouses, Department of Family Services Offices, and many other places stock **brochures about the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012** and there is information readily available on their websites. Legislation varies between States, but all States and Territories provide legal protection for victims of DFV.

Finally, **this Gospel passage represents the essential character of Jesus' testimony** and ministry and points us to the kinds of lives that we and all God's people should enjoy.

Jesus says: **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.** John 10:10

## Developing a Safety Plan



**Decide who to call** if in danger: police, friend, neighbour, relative.

**Determine a safe place to go** if you need to leave in a hurry. Consider where children can go if you can't get to them immediately. Once safe, call **DVConnect** or **1800Respect** for safe accommodation options.

**Make arrangements for care of pets** to keep them safe. **DVConnect** or **1800Respect** may be able to assist with this.

**Pack an overnight bag with essentials:** clothes, toiletries, medications, important papers, spare keys, taxi money, emergency phone numbers. **Leave it in a safe place** for when you might need it: a friend or your workplace are possibilities.

**Do a "trial run,"** practising getting quickly out of the house and to your safe place. With children, you could turn this into a game. Check with a trusted friend that you have everything essential in your emergency bag.



**The Euthanasia Debate:** Member For Stafford's (Jimmy Sullivan) commitment from his speech ([full copy here](#)) in the Legislative Assembly during the VAD debate (He voted "YES" to VAD): "As significant as this debate is in the chamber, it is not the end of the discussions about palliative care. I made a commitment to those I spoke and met with that I did not see the passage of this legislation as drawing a line under ways to improve palliative care, and I will stay true to that."





# Care for Creation

## Laudato Si Chaplet

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.

Laudato Si, mi Signore



## CHURCH TEACHING/COMMENTS ON 'CULTURE'

**John Paul II's encyclical "Centesimus Annus" Para 24:** (A person) is understood in a more complete way when s/he is situated within the sphere of **culture** through his/her language, history, and the position s/he takes towards the fundamental events of life, such as birth, love, work and death. **At the heart of every culture lies the attitude (a person) takes to the greatest mystery: the mystery of God.** Different **cultures** are basically different ways of facing the question of the meaning of personal existence. When this question is eliminated, the **culture** and moral life of nations are corrupted.

**Jacques Maritain** (French Catholic Philosopher 1936) wrote - "modern Christianity cannot be based merely on the culture of Western Europe." One should always and everywhere **respect other cultures**, as there are **no better and worse cultures** and there are no cultured and uncultured societies. **Every** society has its **own culture** which supplements its physical struggle for existence. **Every** society has an **inalienable** right to **develop** its **culture** and to draw on its works for the spiritual advancement of the people.



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

**Have you joined/updated our regular giving ("planned giving")** whereby we ensure our Parish's activities, buildings, etc will **continue to be healthy and be available for the next generation.**

We are not the Government—we can't print money!! We are **TOTALLY SELF-FUNDED**. Go to **Finance Council - STAFFORD CATHOLIC PARISH** for more information or for links where you can join your fellow parishioners.

**Through the Listening and Dialogue phase,** along with the **Listening and Discernment** phase, parishes and faith communities right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.



**Plenary Council**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, **you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.**

Please remember to **wear a mask** to comply with COVID requirements. A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please **book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:**

**Opening Mass** on Sunday 3 October at 12 noon  
<https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

**Closing Mass** on Sunday 10 October at 10.00am  
<https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

**The Holy Spirit will Teach You**

*John 14:24-39*

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

<b>Mon 27th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 28th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
<b>Wed 29th</b>		
<b>Thurs 30th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Fri 1st</b>	9.00am	Mass
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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  
Phone (Thuruna St) 3352 9200  
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>

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- ♦ 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

