



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."

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 29/30 January, 2022

Do you make your own candles? We have lots of Candle "scraps" in the church which you may like to recycle (or even make some candles for our Church??) Please let Denis or the Parish Office know.

"Children's Liturgy of the Word" is designed to help children appreciate THE WORD and then sit with adults for this very important part of their faith. I need about 4 volunteers who will lead the kids in this exercise about once a month. (So far, I have ONE definite!) Please email Fr Denis or ring the office if you are interested or have any questions. **By the way, parents** - every week under the "Liturgy and other types of Prayer Resources" section, there is information to help the kids with preparing to listen to this week's Gospel.

Vinnies conference celebrates 60 years service to our community. Some of the Vinnies members have shared a few snippets of their experience at the coal face!



Our members recall a beautiful letter Vinnies received a couple of years ago. It was from a young woman remembering the help she and her family received as a child. It referred to another member and the impact he had on her life.

Two members visited a single mum with four children. She had requested help with food vouchers but the one thing that gave her the biggest thrill was the pamper pack we gave her as well. She had tears rolling down her cheeks as she told us it was her birthday that day and included in the pamper pack was her favourite perfume!

One lady, not able to speak English, with several children and all in lockdown, desperately needed a script that had been ordered but she could not pay for it or collect it. After a 3 way phone discussion with the lady, an interpreter and Vinnies member, the volunteer was then able to pay for and collect the script and deliver it to her front door. The lady was not only very appreciative but most surprised that Vinnies could help her.

Recently, a member was given a bag of food from a parishioner. The member took it straight to a family who are really struggling. This illustrates how the Parish is working with the local Vinnie's Conference.

In my role as Parish Secretary, I also receive calls for help. These are usually referred back to Vinnies. However, I also received a call late last year from a man who was a carer for his aged Mum who had Dementia. He was also in a domestic violence dispute with his estranged wife. He had three children he was also caring

for. He'd given up work to care for his Mum and funds were very tight. Two of our Vinnies members visited him and gave him food and petrol vouchers. He thought he'd been given one of each. After they left, he realised that he'd been given three vouchers for food and three for fuel. He was so touched by this generosity and their kindness. He phoned me to forward his immense gratitude on to Vinnies for what he had received. He had never asked for help and was really touched by the experience.

Many years ago, while working for another parish, I received a call for assistance from a young mum who was in witness protection after suffering domestic violence. She had a particularly sad story, it was very close to Christmas and close to knock off time for me. I called our Vinnies rep for assistance. As there were complications with meeting this young mum due to the witness protection order, it was decided she come to the parish/school grounds. I stayed behind as a second person (all Vinnies meetings are in pairs). This young mum had a baby about 4-6 months old with her and another young child with major health concerns. She did not have one nappy for the baby and was lacking other essentials that we all take for granted. We had a supply of nappies, so she changed bub on the seats in the hall where we were meeting. I held the bub while she and 'Mr Vinnies' discussed her needs and how best to assist her. She was so very grateful for the assistance she received that day. She was given bags of food and nappies and other goodies for Christmas. I was left with a very grateful heart for the peace in my home and my life. Debra

The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland helps all people in need, giving them a hand up in a number of different ways.

Vinnies Hamper request - If you received any unwanted toiletries for both men & women at Christmas, could you please consider donating them to Vinnies for pamper packs. There is a basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

"Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous..."

(1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)



Stewardship
a way of life

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

2nd Reading: Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

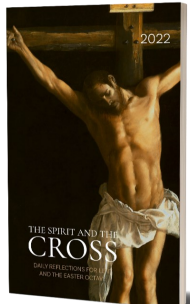


[Daily Mass Readings](#)

What's on in the coming week's at Stafford?

Mon 31st	8.30am	Mass
Tues 1st	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the church with Communion
Wed 2nd		
Thurs 3rd	8.30am 7.00pm	Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri 4th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 5th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 6th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

Lent is around the corner! The secular world are always keen to add the hot cross buns to the shelves in preparation for Easter. We also prepare for Easter. That is why we have a Lenten program. This year the Archdiocese are encouraging us to prepare with daily reflections in this handy pocket sized format titled, 'The Spirit and the Cross'.

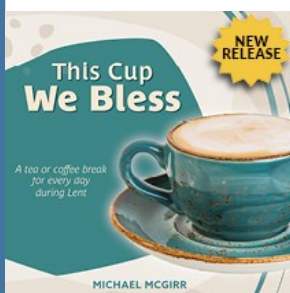


Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for Lenten groups (just like our sell-out 2021 Lent book, *Look to Jesus*), each day includes a scripture reading, a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and quotes from Pope Francis.

The daily reflections, written by the Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane, Dcn Peter Pellican, invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day, and offers questions for reflection and discussion.

[VIEW A SAMPLE](#)

You can order your copy by phone or email Debra in the parish office by 15th February. They will be \$5 each and will be available for collection from 21st February. Please don't delay ordering as the Lenten program was so popular last year that supplies were exhausted!



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Another option for Lent. We will place an order for anyone interested in purchasing this book. Orders must be placed by 15th February. Thanks

COVID is restricting us in many ways. I'd like to restart "Children's Liturgy of the Word" a couple of times a month if possible. I need at least 4 volunteers who will lead the kids about once a month. The parish will help them with Blue Cards etc. Please email Fr Denis or ring the office if you are interested or have any questions. **By the way, parents** - every week under the "Liturgy and other types of Prayer Resources" section in the

Friday email, there is **information to help the kids** with preparing to listen to this week's Gospel.

Your support is needed



You can provide vital relief to communities impacted by natural disasters, such as the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga, along with the current COVID-19 crisis in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. With your support, our partners on the ground can respond immediately when crises strike.



Tonga has been cut off from the rest of the world following a violent underwater volcano eruption on 15 January that triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the Pacific island nation in ash.

There are reports that some coastal communities in Fiji and Vanuatu have been damaged by large waves and tsunami warnings were also issued across the Pacific, Australia, US and Japan.

We are currently working to restore communications with our local partners to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs. The volcanic ash is hampering emergency flights into the country and the damage to telecommunications infrastructure has made it difficult to get in contact with affected communities.

There are fears that the volcanic ash and saltwater inundation from the tsunami waves may contaminate drinking water and threaten the health and safety of vulnerable communities.

Your urgent support is needed today to help communities affected by this disaster.

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SYNOD 2021-2023 -

CONSULTATION PHASE STILL OPEN

On Sunday, October 17, dioceses around the world launched local preparations for the Synod of Bishops. The Catholic Church in Australia is inviting the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that is now open. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church globally.



The three dimensions of the Synod are **Communion, Participation and Mission**. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the pillars of a Synodal Church. There is no hierarchy between them. Rather, each one enriches and orients the other two.

All group and individual submissions will be focused on one of the three dimensions. Participation can be via a small group discernment process utilising the **Listening and Discernment Adult Guide** or individually with the **Individual Reflection Guide**.

To access copies of the **Listening and Discernment Adult Guide** and **Individual Reflection Guide** please visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

The Synod Listening and Discernment group process is very similar to what was used in the Archdiocese of Brisbane during the Plenary Council Listening and Discernment phase. Therefore any parish that facilitated the group Plenary Council sessions will be familiar with the flow of the Synod consultation process. The recommended time for each group Listening and Discernment process is 1.5hrs.

For those wanting to participate in the consultation period as an individual can do so with the **Individual Reflection Guide**. This guide is based on Lectio Divina. The Individual Reflection Guide is made to be used with the **Questions for Reflection**. The recommended time for each Individual Reflection process is 30mins.

The submission process

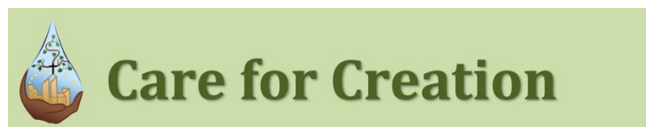
Individuals and groups are asked to submit their summarised reflections directly to the National Centre for Pastoral Research via the website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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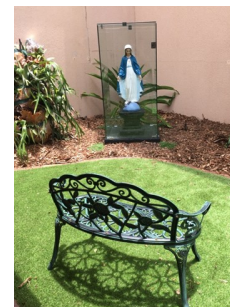
The consultation period with local churches has now been extended to allow more voices to be heard in the synod process. Submissions are currently open until Sunday 27 February 2022.

To see a detailed timeline for the Synod journey please visit https://www.catholic.org.au/images/Synod_of_Bishops_Plenary_Council_Timeline.pdf

'Who Gives a Crap' paper is in stock in the parish office. We have ordered more supply of toilet paper, paper towel and tissues. I've noticed some of the shops look like the locusts have been! If you are caught short, pop in next week or see Fr Denis after Mass for VIP shopping!



DATE CLAIMER: Sunday 6th March immediately following 9.00am Mass. We invite our parish to join together in thanksgiving as we bless our Contemplation Garden. This outdoor space, offers a place for peaceful reflection, where immersed in the wonder of nature we may take the opportunity to sit quietly with our Creator God.



The Care for Creation Group has registered for Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 6th March. Join us at 4.00pm and help to care for creation. Register via the link [Clean Up Australia \(cleanupaustaliaday.org.au\)](https://cleanupaustaliaday.org.au) Just put in the postcode 4053 and you will see the Keong Park event.



Position Vacant – Housekeeper

Applications are open for a part time of Housekeeper to assist in the cleaning of the Holy Spirit Seminary. Specific responsibilities include dusting, vacuuming, mopping floors, bathrooms, kitchens, bedrooms, changing linens for 18 hours per week Monday to Wednesday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications close: 11 February 2022

Position Vacant – Finance Officer

Applications are open for a position at the Burpengary Parish. A person with excellent finance experience required for a part time position of Finance Officer working 8 hours a week, Monday & either a Thursday or a Friday with the flexibility of increasing these hours in the near future.

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Applications close: 31 January 2022

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

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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, Trevor Cavanagh, Caitlyn, Andrew & Lucas Lengkeek, Peter Muir, Kevin Tyack, Neville Lamb, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle, Nola Costello, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, Timothy Willson, Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn and Norm Ward.

We pray for those recently deceased: Fr Ellis Clifford, Wally Kusnierz, Norman Hall, Brian Wellman, Maurice Drake

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Domenico Antonaglia, Francesca Antonaglia, Angelo Di Mauro, John Blumke, and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



Our faith sustains us through challenging times.
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to
help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral
activities and to provide ongoing sustainability.



To assist you to support
the Parish during this
time of isolation, you can
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<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



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