



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."

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 5th/6th Feb, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME VINCENZA!!

Vincenza Smith was Baptised in the Anglican Church up at Ingham. She has felt a call by Christ to join the Catholic Church in Full Communion. This weekend we welcome her into Full Communion with us as she celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. Our representative, her Sponsor who will form and encourage her faith for the rest of their lives is Amanda Madson.

"I have anointed you with the Holy Spirit and Fire and sent you..."

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Caregivers, The Queen of Apostles Sacramental Team is expanding and we would love to welcome you to the team!

Our first **team** meeting will be held on **Sunday 13th February at 11am in the Parish Meeting Room.**

This meeting will enable us to introduce ourselves to you and plan our Sacramental Program for 2022.



It would be wonderful for you to join us and if you have any new ideas to share, we would love to hear them!

The **Sacramental Program** is separated in two sections:

- ♦ Sacrament of **Penance** – is one meeting per week for three weeks during Lent (March)
- ♦ Sacrament of **Confirmation/Eucharist** – Typically begins in June, with one meeting per month until October.

Our program is guided by Fr Denis and the Team (currently Teresa Rotolone, Susan Sullivan, Lauren Higgs, Richard Valentine, Julianne Esler) with lots of resources to help us along the way. But **we need YOU!!**

If you are unsure whether this is for you, we encourage you to come along to the meeting on the 13th February. We won't bite...promise!

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

The Queen of Apostles Sacramental Team

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James A. Baldwin



"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 TWO definite!) Please email Fr Denis or ring the office if you are interested or have any ques-



tions. **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.

Why do we sing "Holy Holy Holy" at every Mass?

Where's it from? What does it mean? The following is from **'Break Open the Word'** – commentary for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (published by Liturgy Brisbane) – This is the annual publication we strongly urge ALL Readers to buy and refer to.

"A non-believer who chanced upon a Sunday Mass would hear the congregation sing or recite the **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** acclamation that concludes the Preface. Sad to say, the odds are that this visitor would fail to get a vivid impression of the awe and exuberance that the words originally embodied. They were born out of deeply felt religious experiences.

- ♦ The first was the vision of divine majesty that summoned Isaiah to his prophetic mission. He saw celestial beings lauding the glorious holiness of God with their chant, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" (Is 6:3).
- ♦ The second part of the text – "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" – comes from a hymn of jubilation sung as the king and priests and people entered the temple (Psalm 117/118:26).
- ♦ Much later it was changed enthusiastically by the crowds to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem as messiah (Lk 19:38).

Ideally, every time worshippers voice these words they glimpse the splendour of God as Isaiah did and join with the crowds of Jerusalem acclaiming Jesus as God's anointed one. Sung or recited with reverence they make a splendid confession of faith and praise."

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)



Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, **"Whom shall I send?"** Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Angelus Address of Pope Francis for Word of God Sunday

The original article can be viewed by [clicking here](#)



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

2nd Reading: Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

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

Mon 7th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 8th	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the church with Communion
Wed 9th		
Thurs 10th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 11th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 12th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 13th	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.

You can order your copy by

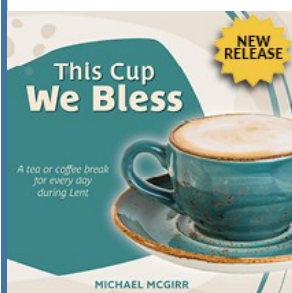
phone or email Debra in the parish

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!

[VIEW A SAMPLE](#)



THIS CUP WE BLESS
A tea or coffee break for every day during Lent!
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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

Your support is needed - Update 31st Jan

Eruption of volcano leaves Tonga in dire need for support



The Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai undersea volcano, which erupted on Saturday 15 January, has left the people of Tonga with no way to communicate with the rest of the world and in dire need for humanitarian support.

The Tongan Government has since declared a State of Emergency until Sunday 13 February and the number of casualties reported from the eruption remains at three people. It is estimated that 84 percent of Tonga's population (around 85,000) have been affected by the disaster and there are growing concerns over the fate of residents on some of the smaller islands, where many homes were destroyed.

"This volcanic eruption was up there with the likes of Krakatoa in terms of scale, so we remain extremely concerned about the impacts of the eruption and tsunami in Tonga. Unfortunately, as the telecommunications are still down we don't know how bad the damage really is yet," said Damaris Pfendt, Caritas Australia's Pacific Humanitarian Coordinator.

The Tongan Government has stated that "immediate assistance" is needed, as the country deals with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption.

The Australian Government has responded to requests for assistance with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Department of Defence, coordinating critical humanitarian supplies for disaster relief. The Australian Government will work in partnership with other Pacific neighbours, including New Zealand, to support Tonga in a COVID-safe way.

Caritas Australia has been working to restore communications with local partner, Caritas Tonga, to better assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs.



Despite the difficulty in communicating with the country, supplies have been pre-positioned in warehouses on the island. These include hygiene kits and purification tablets for water.

Caritas Tonga is also working with the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) and Tongan National Youth Council to distribute stock.

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.

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Reflection for Word of God Sunday by Tom Elich

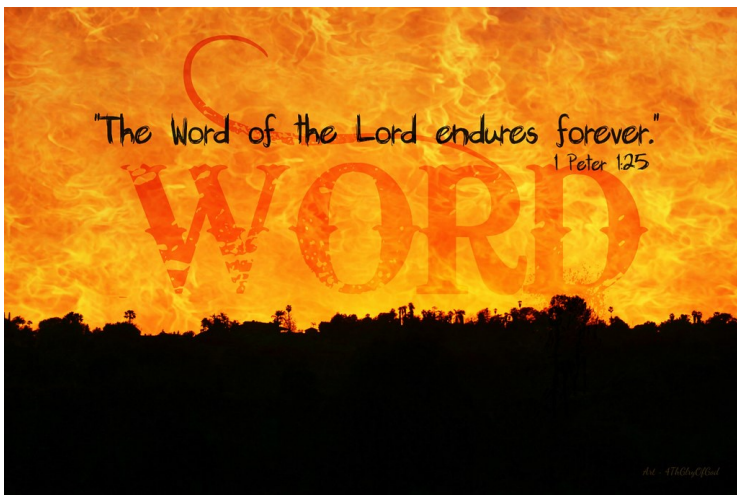
For many decades, the Catholic Church in Australia has taken part in National Bible Sunday organised on the third Sunday in July by Bible Society Australia. It is good that this is an ecumenical event since all Christian Churches hold the Scriptures in common. It is always listed among the special commemorations in the official Ordo, but I suspect in recent times it has been largely ignored in many Catholic parishes.

Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. This is why, many years ago, we moved the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to the time between Ascension and Pentecost, which is generally in May.

This raised the question of our date for the Sunday of the Word of God. It cannot easily be near to the Christian unity week because all the Sundays are taken up with Easter, Pentecost and the solemnities which follow. Should it coincide with National Bible Sunday in July? In any case, the Australian bishops have decided to keep it close to Pope Francis' day, so it will be the first Sunday in February. This means we can avail ourselves of any resources which the Holy See may produce.

The Importance of the Word of God

In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.



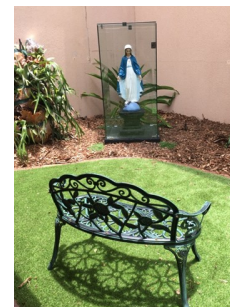
Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (*Dei Verbum* 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

'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!



Care for Creation

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.

STEP UP TO CLEAN UP
Harvey Park

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 11th February for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!



Contact Dianne 0407616637 for further information.

World Day of Prayer 2022

This year's service is being organized by St. Paul's Uniting Church Stafford, who have deemed their church unsuitable in the current COVID climate.

The Salvation Army have kindly made their church available for the service.

Date : Friday, March 4, 2022

Location : Salvation Army Church.

32 Hayward St, Stafford.

Morning Tea will be served from 09:45am.

Service to commence at 10:30am.

Cynthia and Toni are looking for 2 Readers from our parish to read on the day. If you are interested please call Toni on 0431705457 or Cynthia on 3350 2742.



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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:

Sandy Eglin, Eileen Matthew, Trevor Cavanagh, 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:

Kevin Mewburn, Veronica Nicholson, Fr Ellis Clifford, Wally Kusnierz, Norman Hall, Brian Wellman, Maurice Drake

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Greg Curry 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.

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the Parish during this
time of isolation, you can
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