



# 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."*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 12th/13th Feb, 2022**

**CONGRATULATIONS STAFFORD**—you have a great impact on those who meet us — see here for what VINCENZA emailed me last Monday after her Confirmation:

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful day yesterday, I was very touched (and emotional) by the mass and felt very welcomed by the entire parish - it was an incredible feeling to be surrounded by the church during my Confirmation, it's a feeling that is hard to describe and something I will never forget . It will definitely be a feeling that I can reflect upon when I'm feeling alone/lost or judged for my faith. I'm very proud to be a part of the church and know that this path was meant to be. Thank you for your continued guidance and allowing Ashton and I to be a part of a wonderful enriching community. **Vinni :)**"

"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 **TODAY (Sunday) 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!

**If you are unsure** whether this is for you, we encourage you to come along to the meeting.

Look forward to seeing you!!

The Queen of Apostles Sacramental Team

**"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 THREE definite!) Please email Fr Denis or ring the office if you are interested or have any questions.



**Have you pondered the meaning behind the Synod Logo?** Read on and be enlightened.

A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky. A sign of deep vitality and hope which expresses the cross of Christ. It carries the Eucharist, which shines like the sun. The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, at the same time, the Holy Spirit.

The people of God are not static: they are on the move, in direct reference to the etymology of the word synod, which means "walking together". The people are united by the same common dynamic that this Tree of Life



breathes into them, from which they begin their walk.

These 15 silhouettes sum up our entire humanity in its diversity of life situations of generations and origins. This aspect is reinforced by the multiplicity of bright colours which are themselves signs of joy. There is no hierarchy between these people who are all on the same footing: young, old, men, women, teenagers, children, lay people, religious, parents, couples, singles, healthy, disabled; the bishop and the nun are not in front of them, but among them. Quite naturally, children and then adolescents open their walk, in reference to these words of Jesus in the Gospel: "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children". (Mt 11:25)

The horizontal baseline: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission" runs from left to right in the direction of this march, underlining and strengthening it, to end with the title "Synod 2021 – 2023", the high point that synthesizes the whole.



*"Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."*  
(LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2nd Reading: Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

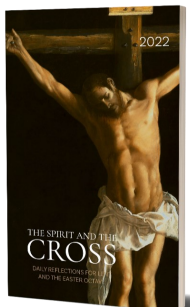


### [Daily Mass Readings](#)

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

Mon 14th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 15th	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the church with Communion
Wed 16th		
Thurs 17th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 18th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's Group
Sat 19th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 20th	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'.

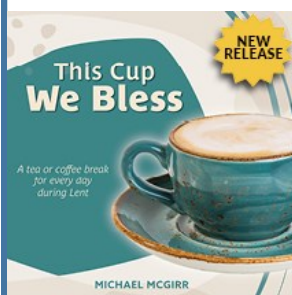


Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for Lenten groups (just like our sell-out 2021 Lent book, *Look to Jesus*), each day includes a scripture reading, a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and quotes from Pope Francis.

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](#)

**Last chance to 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!



**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

## 2021 National Church Life Survey

30 YEARS

**NCLS Survey – your views are important to us.**

As you are aware Our Lady Queen of Apostles parish is conducting the National Church Life Survey during February (deferred from 2021) with an opportunity for the congregation to complete the attenders survey during mass on the weekend of 26/27 February. We know that some of you may wish to complete this form online. The links to both the Child Survey (for children 8-14), the Attender Survey and Community Survey are listed below, together with the Church code for our parish. Online surveys should be completed by 25 February.

**Our Church Code is – TAB09801. Click the tile to be directed to your survey.**



The **Attender Survey** is to be completed by all church attenders aged 15 years and over

The **Child Survey** is for child attenders aged 8 to 14 years. It was optional for churches.



For **people in the local community** who are connected to a church but don't regularly attend.

We are aware that for a number of reasons some parishioners will be unable to attend mass on the designated weekend and may not have access to a computer for the online survey. As your views are important to us we can arrange for a paper copy to be delivered to you for you to complete at home. Please let Debra in the parish office know and we will organise to get a survey to you. Surveys should be completed and returned to the parish office by 25 February.

Additionally, we would invite members of the wider community for example family members, neighbours and friends who don't attend church to complete the community survey with the link above.

This is an important activity for us as a parish as we will be able to use information from this survey and make comparisons with data for the survey conducted in 2016. We hope you will support us in this endeavour.



## Ethical Celebration Gifts

Celebrations occur regularly throughout our social calendar where special treats are bought and prepared. This often means chocolate. Have you considered the environmental and social impact that is directly associated with your purchase of chocolate treat? Much of the world's chocolate is produced at the cost of the destruction of virgin rainforest and using child labour. It is heartbreaking to think that a 'first world' gift of chocolate, given with love, often has caused pain and suffering to families in 'third world' countries. As you prepare for Valentine's Day and Easter, make your purchase an informed one and buy Rainforest Alliance, UTZ or Fairtrade certified products.



Here are some links to help you learn more;

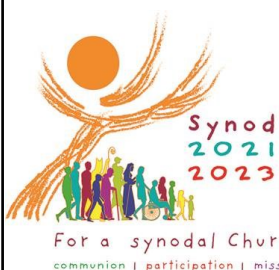
[Ethical Easter eggs | CHOICE](#)

[How Fairtrade Works | Fairtrade Australia & New Zealand | Fairtrade Australia New Zealand \(fairtradeanz.org\)](#)

[UTZ Certification \(Now Part of the Rainforest Alliance\) | Rainforest Alliance \(rainforest-alliance.org\)](#)

[Charity gifts & ethical gift cards - buy online! | Oxfam Unwrapped](#)

## Pope Francis wants to hear from us!



Until **27 February 2022**, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church.

All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a 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*.

Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kf0>

You can make your submission here: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**Our Parish Group Consultation meeting is being held on 20th February in the Parish Meeting immediately after 9am Mass. All welcome!**



## Care for Creation

### MILK BOTTLE TOPS!!

It's been wonderful having so many people save and bring along their (washed and clean) Milk Bottle Tops for charity and recycling. In future, could you **save them up at home bring them on the weekend of the 3rd Sunday of the Month please?** We will have a container for you to place them in **outside the Front door of the church**. Thank you.



**DATE CLAIMER:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> March. Join us at 4.00pm and help to care for creation. Register via the link [Clean Up Australia \(cleanupaustraliaday.org.au\)](https://cleanupaustraliaday.org.au) Just put in the postcode 4053 and you will see the Keong Park event.

STEP UP TO CLEAN UP  
Harvey Park

## 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 two readers from our parish to read on the day. If you are interested please call Toni on 0431705457 or Cynthia on 0404 923 930.



### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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**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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**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:** Eileen Mathew, Trevor Cavanagh, Peter Muir, Kevin Tyack, 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:

Sandy Eglin, Neville Lamb, 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.

To assist you to support  
the Parish during this  
time of isolation, you can  
now give via



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



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Time: This is a recurring meeting  
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