



# 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 of Easter— Year C 7th/8th May, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners and Visitors,**

**"Happy Mothers Day ~ to all Mums and Care-Givers!!!"**

"Mum, look I am drawing a picture of God." "But no one knows what God looks like," responded the mother. The child handed her the drawing of a heart. God is love. We learn of this love through the Son. We know God when we love. Jesus speaks of the deep love He has for His disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you." So deep is His love for us that He calls us friends and offers us a dignity beyond our expectations: "This is my commandment; love one another, as I have loved you." To even consider that we have the power and the capacity to love in this way is staggering.

We all need to become 'lovers'. Love is willing the best for another person. Love is communicating with another. Love is a commitment to be with and for other people. Love is the sharing of joy, interest and understanding. Love is union. Can we really convey the love Jesus encourages us to have and to offer? This love (agape) has its beginning in God. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us. How astonishing. It is an overwhelming concept to be loved by Him and to be called to love as Jesus loves!

Once there was a young man who was having doubts about the existence of God. So one day he paid a visit to a monk who had a reputation for holiness. He asked the monk, "So you believe in God?" "Yes, I do" the monk answered. "On what evidence do you believe?" asked the young man. "I believe in God because I know Him. I experience the presence of God within me every day." "But how is that possible?" the youth asked. "When we love, we experience God, and doubt vanishes like early morning mist before the sun," replied the monk. The youth thought about this for a while, then said, "How can I achieve this kind of certainty?" "By acts of love," came the reply. "Try to love your neighbours, love them actively and unceasingly. As you learn to love them more, you will become more and more convinced of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. This has been tested. This is the true way." The monk was echoing the words "My dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

Love is the best teacher we have. But it does not come of its own accord. It often demands many years of persevering toil before a person can reach the point where he or she is able to love. There is a big gap between knowing God and loving God. Not to love is not to know God. But when we love, the gap is closed. To love is to know God. Where love is, God is; where God is, love is. There is no prerequisite for loving God. We don't have to be theologians, or Scripture scholars, or liturgical experts to love God and to know God's love. We are all capable of loving God and experiencing God's love. This is

God's gift to us and our gift to God and our neighbours.

Because we are all made in God's image we each have an innate capacity for love. For this to happen the heart needs to be right. We need to heal the wounds of the heart in order to produce the fruits of love. *"" Sister Josita*

*Sr Josita worked in our parish for many years. This has been reproduced from an earlier newsletter in honour of the wonderful role she had in our parish. May she rest in peace.*



## Principles of Motherhood

- If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called 'labour'.
- Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results.
- The best way to keep kids at home is to make the home a pleasant atmosphere — and let the air out of the tyres.
- The joy of motherhood: What a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed.
- Life's golden age is when the kids are too old to need baby-sitters and too young to borrow the family car.
- Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- Grandparents are similar to a piece of string—handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.
- There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, hire someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.
- Adolescence is the age when children try to bring up their parents.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Year C)

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35



### [Daily Mass Readings](#)

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

Mon 9th		
Tues 10th		
Wed 11th		
Thurs 12th	9.45am	Latte Ladies
Fri 13th	12.00pm	Anna's Group
Sat 14th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 15th	9.00am	Mass

- Oh, to be only half as wonderful as my child thought I was when he was small, and half as stupid as my teenager now thinks I am.
- There are only two things a child will share willingly: communicable diseases and his mother's age.
- Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.
- Adolescence is the age at which children stop asking questions because they know all the answers.
- No wonder kids are confused today. Half the adults tell them to find themselves; the other half tell them to get lost.
- The persons hardest to convince they're at retirement age are children at bedtime.
- Kids really brighten a household; they never turn off any lights.

**Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing** with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, **commencing with Mass at 11am, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022** followed by a book launch by Bishop Brian Finnigan of Fr Ken's most recent book **"The Our Father" Day** finishing 4pm; Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author. **St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill**, car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome, enquiries 0479 047 972

### Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement

Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community

by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Download a copy from [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

### Daily Gospel Reflections

Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up to receive a one page reflection each weekday in your inbox.

Sign up here:

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



### Do you like a cuppa after Mass?

Let's regain some of our social activities which we all enjoyed pre-COVID. **To make this happen on a regular basis we need more volunteers to complete the COVID SAFE TRAINING COURSE produced by TAFE QLD.** This is a free course and is done online. The course will take around 30 minutes to complete. A certificate is issued at the completion of the course. Send the certificate to me, for our records and you will be able to assist in the preparation and service of morning tea and supper. This is not a huge commitment as it happens only a few times per month depending on what is happening in the parish. With enough interest we could make it a weekly event!

This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will endeavour to assist you. The link to the course is here. Debra

<https://covidsafework.tafeqld.edu.au/course/126/covid-safe-work-training-for-dining-in>

**Anna's Group** has been put in place for widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 13th May** at Mocha Bella Cafe, Northwest Plaza, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!

**Latte Ladies** meet on the second Thursday morning of each month at 9:45am at Mocha Bella, Northwest Plaza, Flockton St Everton Pk. They will meet again on **12th May**. All welcome!



## Registration of Volunteers in ministry

There have been changes to the requirements of the various ministries in parishes some time ago. We do still encourage all volunteers to register on the Welcome Portal (link below). However, there are only a select few ministries that still require a Working with Children Card (Blue Card) and a Police Check. These include the following areas of ministry in our parish

- ♦ Local Safeguarding Representative
- ♦ Pastoral Council
- ♦ Finance Council
- ♦ Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ Sacramental Program
- ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to sick (hospitals etc or private residences)
- ♦ Care and Concern—home visits

[Welcome Portal - Home Page \(brisbanecatholic.org.au\)](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au)

If you are currently involved in these ministries and have not yet completed your registration process, please do so as **a matter of urgency**. For those that have registered on the Welcome Portal, please take note of the instructions to finalise the process. **I do need a Statutory Declaration for all the above ministries and there are some outstanding at the moment.** If you are unsure about any of the processes and requirements, please contact me via email or phone to discuss further. Thank you, Debra

## The Gifts of Visitation—a retreat for women

God visits us, we come to know God; we come to know ourselves; we come to know each other. A weekend of learn-



ing to be open to visitation and the gifts it brings us. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

**Dates: Friday 17 June - Sunday 19 June 2022**

The program begins on Friday at 6pm and concludes on Sunday at 3pm. It will be held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

**To register or enquire contact: [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."*

(ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



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## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

"The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenceless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community."

(Apostolic Letter issued 'motu proprio' by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, 4 June 2016)

## Purpose

To promote a culture of safeguarding within the Archdiocese and reduce the risks of abuse and harm.

## Scope

This policy applies to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Brisbane and to Associations of Christ's Faithful or Public Juridic Persons which freely opt in to its application and which enter into an agreement with the Archdiocese accordingly. The policy applies to all Archdiocesan workers (including clergy, religious, employees and volunteers).

## Policy

### National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Archdiocese adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

## Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

## Safeguarding Principles

- ♦ Safeguarding is a shared responsibility.
- ♦ Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- ♦ Prioritise the protection and best interests of children and adults-at-risk.
- ♦ Provide safe physical and online environments.  
Actively identify and manage safeguarding and abuse risks.
- ♦ Monitor compliance with safeguarding standards, policies, and procedures.  
Respond promptly and effectively to abuse concerns, suspicions, disclosures, complaints, reports, and incidents.  
Comply with all legal obligations to report suspected



### 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

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford  
School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
School Principal: Nigel Bird  
APRE: Megan Conroy  
APLE: Leonie McCormack  
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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.

There are celebrations of this Sacrament on the **third weekend of the Month** (ex April 23/24th)



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

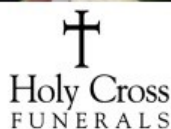
#### We pray for those who are unwell:

Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Eileen Matthew, Trevor Cavanagh, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, & Norm Ward.

#### We pray for those recently deceased:

Katrina Roberts, Titing Padayhag, Mary Backstrom, Andrew, Molly Rampa, Peter Muir, Bruce Willson, Anne Stevens, Patricia Schonrock, Marry Rah, Alma Campbell, Nola Costello, Rita Sorbello, Da Dia, Maria Del Rosso,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick McKewin, Pina Padayhag, Gloria Patalinghug, Margaret Roberts and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



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