



# 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 of Easter— Year C 14th/15th May, 2022**



## Care for Creation

**Laudato Si' Week  
Australia: 16 – 24  
May 2022**

**Office for Social  
Justice  
(catholic.org.au)**

Laudato Si Week is fast approaching. This year we reflect on our progress in the spirit of Eco-conversion, we consider our response to the Cry of the Earth and The Cry of the Poor. Looking for support as you and your family consider your eco journey? Try the link, it has a wealth of resources and ideas. *Link is here* [tinyurl.com/Laudato-Si-Resources](https://tinyurl.com/Laudato-Si-Resources)

Our parish will celebrate Laudato Si Week with three actions.



**Prayer and morning tea in the Contemplation Garden at 9.00am – 9.30am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.** We will pray the beautiful Laudato Si Chaplet, a meditative prayer with a focus on the environment and elements. Share

morning tea in our refurbished meeting room, take time to have a chat and simply relax.

**Bring and Buy Table following Mass 21/22 May.** Please bring small items eg: jewellery, herbs, plants, jams and preserves, books. Cash and Credit Card facilities will be available.

**Contact Federal MP re Climate Action.** In line with the National Church Leaders Easter Statement on the Environment <https://t.co/rWcvqiq760>, we encourage parishioners to contact their local federal MP advocating for bold, courageous climate change action. Letter starter template and MP contact details will be provided at weekend Masses.



**The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together ... for we know things can change.**

LAUDATO SI', N 13

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### Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist 2022

*(for children who are seven years or older in 2022)*

The Introductory Meeting for the new programme is on **MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY at 6pm.** (RSVP: **MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY**)

*(For your calendars: Parent and child meetings will be the **second Monday of every month – June to November**).*

This meeting will inform you about the programme, what's required and show you how to enrol. Our parish looks forward to helping parents in this most important responsibility. No date is going to be convenient for everyone, however it is **ESSENTIAL** that at least one parent **organise their diary to be present at this meeting**.

Please register for this meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/39DcbjK> before 23rd May. For background about your child(ren)'s formation go to our website <https://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/> (go to "Sacraments" heading).



**PLEASE NOTE:** This programme is for **families who live and/or worship in Stafford Parish** as the core of the programme happens in the context of our week-end masses. If you have difficulty enrolling online, please ring the parish office.

### 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](https://www.catholic.org.au)

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbour" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

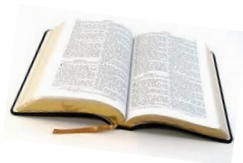
## Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Year C)

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29



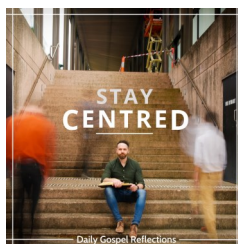
### Daily Mass Readings

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

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| Mon 16th   |                   |   |
| Tues 17th  |                   |   |
| Wed 18th   |                   |   |
| Thurs 19th |                   |   |
| Fri 20th   | 9.00am<br>10.30am | Prayer and Morning Tea in garden<br>Men's Group |
| Sat 21st   | 5.00pm            | Mass  |
| Sun 22nd   | 9.00am<br>10.00am | Mass<br>Bring and Buy Table                     |

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



**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

**The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group** meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 20th May** at Café 63, **Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**

**Volunteer pastoral care assistants** are required to support people living with a mental health issue for 3 hours of a Friday morning each week, 9am -12pm with Mass celebrated at 11.30am

During the morning those who attend for spiritual and pastoral care enjoy conversation, some board games, prayer and morning tea. You would be volunteering in an existing group of trained pastoral carers.

Some experience of supporting people in their faith who have a mental health condition would be particularly suited to this very valuable role.



For more information contact Seamus Baldwin on 3324 3299.

### National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June

Reconciliation is important, serious and challenging work. It is also uplifting and inspiring for all generations and all Australians as we recognise that Reconciliation is the business of every individual.



This year's artwork has been created by Torres Strait Islander illustrator Tori-jay Mordey. She depicts a variety of bold, brave characters from all walks of Australian life. They are a visual reminder that Reconciliation is everybody's business.

"I sought inspiration of what that kind of brave change might look like from many different people; people I know that are around me, people I see every day. And people I see living bravely every day, in their own lives- from fierce little kids to older people working with more established mindsets and environments. We can make change, but we can't do it alone. Be brave and start the conversation today."

### Parish Action: *Sea of Hands*

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May we will create a *Sea of Hands*, a visual display of our support for National Reconciliation. Write a message or a prayer on the sticky labels provided and place that on the hand. We will place the hand in our lawn near the church car park. We have 200 colourful hands, which will make a vibrant display of our unity as one proud nation and one proud people of God. *The Sea of Hands* is an iconic symbol of Reconciliation, a way for all communities around Australia to engage in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. *The Sea of Hands* was first used in October 1997 in front of Parliament House, Canberra. A gold coin donation will help offset the cost of the hands. The hands are recycled, and will be returned to ANTAR. [ANTAR](#)

### 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 learning 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.



**A Climate Action Letter** has been prepared by our Care for Creation Group. There will be copies available at Mass this weekend. More information about this on page one.

Dear Member of Parliament,

As an Australian Citizen and member of the community which you represent, I am writing this letter to express my deep concerns about the severe and tragic effects of global warming within our country and across the globe. Whole communities, businesses and homes have been decimated with extreme rain events and fires. Climate change, accelerated by a dangerous dependency on fossil fuels is a key contributor to these catastrophic events. The challenge of climate change is a global responsibility, one which requires courageous and responsible decision making by each and every individual.

Our country is well positioned to take on the challenge of global responsibility and leadership in climate change action. We are a skilled, talented and inventive society. I urge you advocate for bold action

- ♦ Halve carbon emissions this decade in line with the recommendation of scientists and targets of major trading partners
- ♦ Transform our energy systems towards 100% renewable electricity whilst delivering a planned and just transition for energy workers
- ♦ Invest in programs to support communities on the frontlines to plan, prepare and adapt to the extreme weather events.

Thank you for your service, please look to our future with a bold spirit for change and healing to our world.

*Joseph & Mary Carpenter*

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Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
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### 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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**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

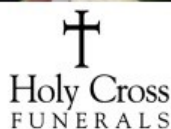
#### We pray for those who are unwell:

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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