



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 of Easter— Year C 21st/22nd May, 2022



Care for Creation

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

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



Laudato Si Week Actions Update



Letter Writing Campaign:

Thanks to all who joined the call to contact our local Federal MPs regarding Climate Action. Through your efforts, the local members will receive a deluge of letters from the Stafford community this week. Your action is the voice that will persuade our politicians to act bravely and decisively to counter the devastation caused by Climate Change.



Friday 20th May 9.00-9.30am

(tomorrow) join us for prayer in the **Contemplation Garden** to pray the beautiful *Laudato Si' Chaplet*, a meditative prayer with a focus on St Francis' Canticle of the Creatures. Enjoy morning tea; take some time to simply relax.

Our final activity for Laudato Si Week is the **Bring and Buy Table at the weekend Masses 21/22 May**. Please bring small items eg: jewellery, herbs, plants, jams and preserves or books. Cash and Credit Card facilities will be available.



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 30th MAY at 6pm. (RSVP: MONDAY 23rd 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 weekend 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

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)



Stewardship
a way of life

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

The Ascension of The Lord (Year C)

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Daily Mass Readings

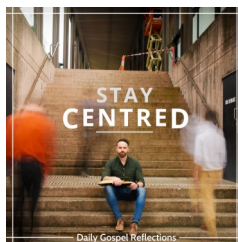


What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 23rd		
Tues 24th		
Wed 25th		
Thurs 26th		
Fri 27th		
Sat 28th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 29th	9.00am 10.00am	Mass Sea of Hands Activity

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



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 29th May we will create a *Sea of Hands*, a visual display of our support for National Reconciliation. The hand colours match those on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags. We will place the hands in a heart shape on the lawn near the church car park. The 250 hands 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 |](#)

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered this weekend at the 9am Mass this Sunday. All children from Prep (four years of age) to Year 4 (10 years of age) are welcome to attend.

Update on the church painting

The painting of the interior of the church is taking longer than expected. There has been sickness with a one painter and another has a hand injury, so that is also slowing down the project. I'm hoping that next week I will have much better news to share and perhaps the church will look more like a place of worship and not a worksite. *I'm sure the kids liked the big toy in the church!*

Communication with the parish office

There are many and varied reasons for me to be communicating you. It is more cost effective and sometimes more convenient to email rather than a phone call. I don't like to interrupt your day at work. If you would prefer a phone call than an email can you let me know. Sometimes my emails go unanswered for days, sometimes are never answered. 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 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 or 0409 524 283.

A Morning's Prayer

A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.

Time: 9am-1 2pm

Date: Saturday 4th June 2022

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

(267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: \$20

Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>



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World Communication Day 2022

I received this article through the week from Majellan Media.

Hope you enjoy it as much as I did - excellent reminder about the ratio of ears to mouth! Debra

It seems that we don't have time to listen anymore. We are often rushed trying to keep up with today's fast-paced world and we are bombarded with information. We are constantly on the go and constantly busy trying to catch up with the demands of everyday life.

May 22 is World Communications Day. A day to reflect on how we communicate. The theme this year is *Listening with the ear of the heart*.

Learning to listen with your heart is an art form that can enrich every relationship. It means listening to what the other person says and trying to understand their point of view, feelings, and concerns. It also means not just waiting for your turn to speak again but actively listening while they speak. Paying attention is one thing and deeply listening is another. Being present in the moment means paying attention to what's happening around you, in your body, heart and mind. In families this kind of active listening can help you become more aware of what's going on for your child when they talk to you—and it can make a huge difference in how much they trust you as a parent.

When we listen deeply, we must first make ourselves receptive to the voice of another. This means that our minds and hearts are free of prejudice, judgment, and mental reservation and allow ourselves to be open and receptive to what is being said.

Listening with the ear of your heart means tuning into what is being said and allowing yourself to hear beyond the words; it means having empathy for what someone else may be trying to convey through their body language or tone. This type of listening builds trust, and enables any relationship to grow.

Everyone has a deep desire to be heard and understood so listening with the ear of the heart is not only more rewarding it helps us really understand and respond with meaning and love.

As Pope Francis puts it: "The most important task in pastoral activity is the *apostolate of the ear* – to listen before speaking. Freely giving some of our own time to listen to people is the first act of charity." And as the Apostle James exhorts: "Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak".

I pray you feel you are heard with the *ear of the heart*.

Tony (Majellan Media)

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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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