



# 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."**

**The Ascension of The Lord – Year C 28th/29th May, 2022**



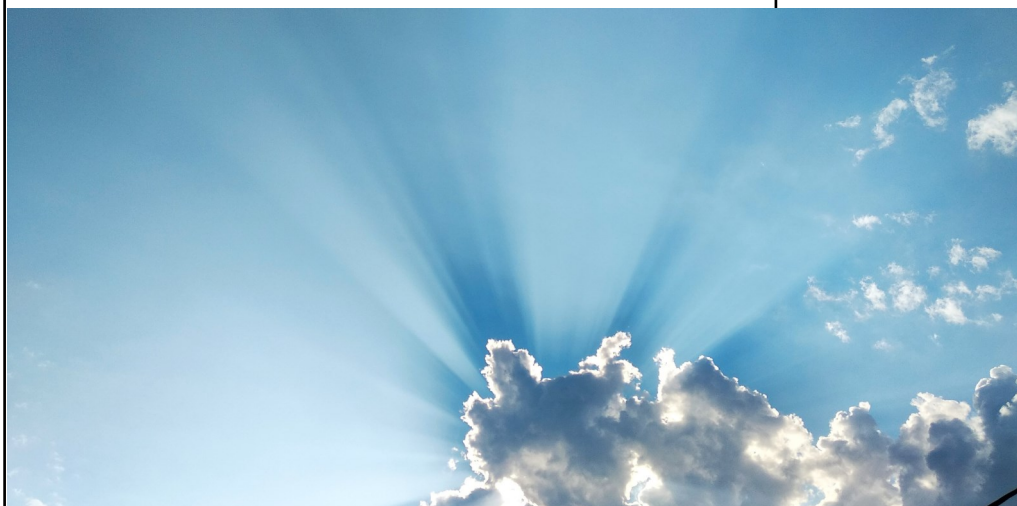
## Care for Creation

### Reflection on the Readings

*Acts 1:1-11; Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53*

Jewish movements other than the early Christian Church were also antagonistic towards the Temple's cultic priesthood and sacrifices. Some, if not rejecting of the Temple itself were at least ambivalent towards it, since God who makes all things cannot be contained by the cosmos he has made, let alone by a small shrine within it. This sentiment was expressed before the foundation of Solomon's Temple when David's prior offer to build one was rejected. Even earlier the Presence of God that accompanied the Ark of the Covenant

but most notably in Mark 14:58 when Jesus is accused of having said "I will destroy this *man-made* shrine, and in three days I will fashion another not-made-by-human-hands". Such a statement contains a claim to divinity, but there was another sting in it for anyone familiar with the Septuagint Greek translations of the Hebrew Scriptures: the New Testament's nuance is new, for in the Septuagint it is used as a noun for idols. The New Testament reference thus appears to be calling the Jerusalem Temple an idol, and the imperative in the Abrahamic faiths is to destroy idols.



It is therefore curious to hear today's gospel reading (Luke 24:46-53) end on the mention that the now joy-filled disciples "were continually in the Temple praising God". This may simply reflect the primitive Church's earlier mentioned ambivalence about the Temple, both rejecting its cultic practices and priesthood yet honouring it as a place of prayer and worship. This possibility is definitely supported in Luke's sequel, the Acts of the Apostles, but here at the end of the gospel it may also indicate the disciples' unity in Christ as the new Temple. Now consider how things would be if Christ did not ascend, did not depart from our sight: though the appearances indicate his not being captive

was conceptualised as the empty space between or above the wings of the Ark's decorative cherubim. The Ark was transferred from its former tent to the new Temple's innermost enclosure, the Holy of Holies, and even then a substantial veil hid the interior from sight. The Temple therefore always embodied something of a paradox: whereas pagan temples housed idols made by human hands, the Temple in Jerusalem elaborately pointed to something not made by human hands, to what we may call the "non-image" of God. It established a distinction between the human-made and the uncreated.

by the material constraints of the world, he is nonetheless visibly tangible during the encounter as the embodiment of the Presence of God. With his departure from sight we find the mystical Temple fully built: the Church, the Body of Christ, at prayer both visibly but temporarily manifests the Temple in the gathering of its members, and at its heart is the One who cannot be seen. The Church, like her Lord, is then a Temple begotten, not made.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Ascension of the Lord - Year C*

The New Testament bears repeated testimony to a decided rejection of the Temple's sacrificial cult, the Letter to the Hebrews containing a sustained criticism and rejection of it as the author explains how Christ replaces all aspects of it. The opening line of today's second reading (Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23) employs a key adjective, *cheiropoiētos*, most directly translated as "hand-made", but this always implies having been made "by human hands" and hence a common translation is "man-made"—it is never used of anything God makes, not even when God refers to "things my hand has made" (Isaiah 66:2). Its context here indicates the Temple, as it does elsewhere (Acts 7:48; 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 9:11)

**"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts."** (Matthew 5:16)



We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish or our Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

## Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26



### Daily Mass Readings

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

Mon 30th	6.00pm	Sacramental Program Meeting
Tues 31st	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 1st		
Thurs 2nd		
Fri 3rd	9.00am 6.00pm	Morning Prayers with Communion Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Sat 4th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 5th	9.00am	Mass

### Laudato Si Week Actions Update

The Bring and Buy stall held after each mass last weekend was a great success. The stall raised \$312.00. Thank you to the organisers and to all who supported the concept. This money will be used to offset the cost of the banner for Climate Action.



### 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*

This Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.anta.org.au/)

## 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 weekend masses. If you have difficulty enrolling online, please ring the parish office.

### Update on the church painting

The painting of the interior of the church is finished! There are many things still not in place. One more week is needed to get everything back in place - be patient! There is a lot of cleaning to do after having such a big job done and all areas were involved. I hope you enjoy the new look of our worship space.

### Sorry Day Celebrations have been postponed due to the wet weather.

The planned Sorry Day event staged at Teralba Park has been postponed until 9th June. Other local events have also been postponed. Check with organisers for new dates.





## Skills For Pastoral Care course

The Church of the Resurrection Anglican Church in Bridgeman Downs has kindly offered to host a LAB1 course. I have attached a flyer and tri-fold brochure.

The course is open to all denominations.

### Skills For Pastoral Care course (Learning the Language of Healing) – also known as LAB1:

An interactive course which will develop your general skills in pastoral care, help you understand how people relate to faith communities in times of stress, and encourage you to be a better listener, particularly in being less defensive in dealing with negativity.

The course will take place over two weekends:

Fri 29 July 9.00-5.00

Sat 30 July 9.00-5.00

Sun 31 July 1.00pm-4.00

Fri 12 August 9.00-5.00

Sat 13 August 9.00-5.00

Sun 14 August 1.00pm-4.00

The cost for the training is \$150



Registration if through trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZQYD>

Course brochure available here: <https://qct.org.au/images/Caring/Skills-for-Pastoral-Care-Brochure-Aspley-Albany-Creek.pdf>

## 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>

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (29May-June5,2022)

*"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." (cfMatthew2:2)*



The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cfMatthew2:2).

More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in Brisbane will be hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane on Friday 3 June at 11am at St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, City.

All Christians are welcome.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end."*



(REVELATIONS 22:13)

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

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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:

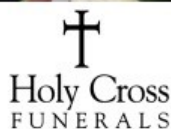
Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Eileen Matthew, Trevor Cavanagh, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, & Norm Ward.

#### We pray for those recently deceased:

John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, 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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