



# 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."*

**Pentecost Sunday – Year C 4th/5th June, 2022**

## World Environment Day 5th June Laudato Si Launch 2022



Pentecost looks back to two moments early in the biblical story. First, it looks back to the very beginning when, we are told, the breath of God moved through the darkness and over the waters of chaos. The first sound of the Bible is God breathing in the darkness. But then the divine breath hits the divine vocal chords and we hear the first word of Scripture. God says, "Light!" and, we are told, there was light. This word, then, is power – power enough to create, to bring something from nothing, to bring light from darkness, fullness from emptiness, order from chaos. That's the first thing God does in the biblical story, and it defines what God will do throughout. The thing God is best at is bringing something from nothing.

It's this story that the Gospel of John echoes when through a locked door Jesus enters the room where the disciples are. It may have been daytime, but the room was full of darkness, because the disciples had seen Jesus die an atrocious death and they thought they could be the next to get the chop. But then, "Light!" The one whom they saw dead appears among them – unquestionably alive, though in some new way they couldn't understand. His first word is, "Peace!" And then his first action is to breathe on them. This takes us back to the beginning of the biblical story. Jesus breathes into them this time the Holy Spirit who, again though in a new way, brings light out of darkness, fullness out of emptiness and order out of chaos. This is the new creation that comes with Easter once Jesus rises from the dead.

The creation and the new creation bring order out of chaos, but sin, the Bible tells us, does the opposite. It brings chaos out of order. After the story of the Fall in chapter 3 of Genesis, we have a great narrative arc from chapter 4, with Cain's murder of Abel, to chapter 11, where we have the story of the Tower of Babel and the confusion it produces. That narrative arc tells of the uncreating power of sin, how it takes the order that God has brought from chaos and turns it into chaos once again.

That could well be the story of where we are now in assessing the condition of the planet which is our common home, the earth given to us by the creating God so that we might live from it and be its stewards within the great network of creation. Sin has done its work once again, bringing chaos out of God's order. The garden becomes a desert; the home becomes a death-trap; the gift becomes a curse.

Our task as God's stewards is to do all we can to stop and reverse the lethal process sin produces. As the Church, our task – never clearer than at Pentecost – is to receive more deeply the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes into us and then to breathe that same Spirit into a dying planet. Left to our own devices, caring for our common home will be not much more than politics, economics and ideology. That's when the bickering starts and nothing gets done. We're left with all talk and no action, as the creation begins to unwind and we head back into the darkness, the emptiness and the chaos.

That brings us to the second moment early in the biblical story which Pentecost evokes: the Tower of Babel. Building the Tower is an attempt by human beings to storm heaven, but it leads only to universal chaos, symbolised in the many tongues of people who can't understand each other. From this story we have the English word "babble"; and that's what we often hear in talk about the ecological crisis we face. It's just babble – a confusion that paralyses and makes the chaos worse.

That's why again we need the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the undoing of Babel. All the visitors to Jerusalem, we are told, hear the Galilean disciples speaking in their own language. "How is that we hear, each of us in our own language?" they ask. Instead of confusion there's understanding; instead of chaos there's order. But it's all the work of the Holy Spirit.

So too now we call upon the Holy Spirit – and who else but the Church would do this? and when better to do it on Pentecost Sunday? We call upon the Holy Spirit to give us words to speak that others will understand, so that all of us can move beyond the babble to work together with real action to care for our common home. A common language, common commitment, common action – to care for our common home: that's what we need now. That's what Pope Francis calls for in Laudato Si.

In chapter 2 of Genesis, the Bible makes a revolutionary claim about the human being. In the wider world that produced the Scripture, it was generally thought that God created human beings because he needed slaves to do the dirty work in the garden. But the Bible sees things differently. It has God calling the human being and asking him to name the newly formed creatures. This simple but revolutionary touch makes the human being not a slave but a co-creator with God – a creature yes, but a creature possessed of a unique and magnificent dignity as co-creator with God, working with God to bring light out of darkness, fullness out of emptiness and order out of chaos. The same God calls us now, his new Adams, in the same way. We are to work with God to order the chaos, to care for our common home: that's what it means for us to be God's stewards.

That's why on this Pentecost Sunday we focus more clearly than ever on the task before us at this time and commit ourselves to the task with the energy that comes from faith. Pope Francis has shown the way in Laudato Si, which offers a vision and a language which are deeply biblical and thoroughly Catholic. It's up to us to listen to the prophetic word he speaks as Peter and to act together as the co-creators God calls us to be. If we can do that, we will join in creation's great song of praise; if not, we will join in the great lament for the ruined garden.

+Archbishop Mark Coleridge

To find out more about our plan, visit

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/laudato-si/>



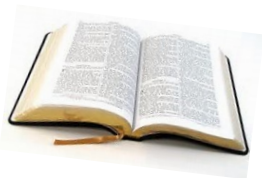
## The Most Holy Trinity

(Year C)

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15



### Daily Mass Readings

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

Mon 6th		
Tues 7th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 8th		
Thurs 9th	9.45am	Latte Ladies
Fri 10th	9.00am 12.00pm	Morning Prayers with Communion Anna's Group
Sat 11th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 12th	9.00am	Mass

## PENTECOST

Ideas for Kids



### Pentecost Ideas for Kids

Pentecost is coming ! It marks the birth of the Church, that day 2000 years ago when the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples empowering and equipping them with the gifts that they were going to need to take the Gospel far and wide, and the Church was born!

Of course, the really special thing about Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit came for everyone so the Archdiocese of Brisbane is sharing a few resources to engage the children in your family, faith community, and school in the celebration of Pentecost as well!

Find out more about these resources via this video here:

<https://youtu.be/6dlhK5tRh5Q>

**Anna's Group** has been put in place for widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 10th June** 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 **9th June**. All welcome!



### World Meeting of Families-Family Festival

The World Meeting of Families, created by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1994, has been celebrated every three years in a variety of host countries around the world. Like World Youth Day, the World Meeting of Families is a gift to the Church that invites each diocese to place families at the centre of pastoral attention during a kind of "Family Week" in unity with dioceses around the world.

To mark this special week, bring your parish along to celebrate at the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Family Festival on Saturday 25th June!

This event will begin with the celebration of a Children's Mass with Archbishop Mark and be followed by family activities on the Cathedral Green. This is sure to be a day of faith and fun as we come together as a community.

To find out more about the Family Festival or to register for free, head to [www.WMOFFamilyFestival.com](http://www.WMOFFamilyFestival.com).

**Laudato Si interactive event - 30 July  
10am - 12 noon, The Parish Hall, 80  
Turner Rd Kedron (corner Wayland St)**

During the 2 hour session, Alice from Catholic Earthcare will help us to understand the '8 steps to ecological dialogue' and how you can participate in the Earthcare Families & Individuals program and how to live Laudato Si at home. We will also discuss the 7 Laudato Si goals that have been outlined in the encyclical, brainstorm how we can work towards those goals, and how we can overcome the challenges that we all face in doing so. *More information coming!*

## 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>

## Volunteer Pastoral Care (Hospitals)

Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility criteria please email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." John 14:26*



The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



## PNG Mass at Zillmere Parish

SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022 at 11:30am, Reverend Paul Cahill will celebrate mass with the Papua New Guinean Catholic Community on the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) Day at St Flannan's Catholic Church, Zillmere. All welcome!

## Guided Retreat

Experience spiritual renewal and growth at this Friday evening to Sunday midday guided retreat at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in August.

There will be an opportunity for input, prayer, time to walk the grounds and the chance to chat with one of the Adult Formation

Team from Evangelisation Brisbane, as well as occasional group discussions.

Throughout the course of the retreat, you'll be guided by spiritual director and Evangelisation Brisbane's Associate Director of Adult Formation, Shane Dwyer.

Find out more and register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatAugust2022>

## Verse for Vinnies - June 26

There's a bush poets' show where you really should go at St Williams on Dawson Parade,

Verse for Vinnies the gig, it will be really big as the funds go to those needing aid.

And Ray Essery's the star and he'll come from afar just to entertain you for the day.

He's a poet renown and can be quite a clown at the end you will wish he could stay.

And with Noel and with Ray we are sure you will say that we thank them on Vinnies behalf

But unless you are there you won't hear this mad pair and you'll miss out on having a laugh.

And the fifteen bucks fee goes to Vinnies you see, so you're helping those people in strife.

So now please come along, join the bush poets' throng and assist those who struggle with life.

BOOK USING email to [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)



**Project compassion tax receipts** have been prepared and will be at the rear of the church for collection this weekend. For anyone making contributions via credit card, those receipts are issued by Caritas directly to you. Donations through the parish totalled \$9357.15. Thank you for your generosity.





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### 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

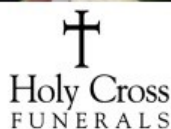
#### We pray for those who are unwell:

Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, 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:

Tom Donohoe, 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, ,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael O'Donnell, Matthews, Robotham, Ketter and Horne families, 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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For however you choose to say goodbye.

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will be available  
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