



# 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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 25th/26th June, 2022**

## Friday June 24, 2022 is World Priest's Day.

The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's an opportune time to reflect on Vocations. The following article expands on the many and varied vocations in life.

## EXPLORING YOUR VOCATION

Discovering the calling God has given you often begins with a sense of excitement. This is a moment of grace in which God invites us to offer our time and energy to think and pray about what it means to live the vocation God is calling us to. The discernment process reminds us that we are always called from within the midst of community (the Church) to respond to God, who invites each of us to bear fruit generously. The question of vocation isn't just about what God wants me to do. But, who has God created me to be. It is a question that encompasses our entire being and every aspect of our life.

Vocation is not first and foremost about doing something. It is about being someone, being a person who gives witness through every part of their life to the breathtaking reality of God's intimate



### Pray for Vocations!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our vocation and teaching young people to discern God's call is not easy, but it is joyful. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends; to be open should God call them to priesthood or religious life.



concern for all humanity. It is a response to the call placed on our hearts in baptism: the call to holiness, our primary vocation. Holiness is a gift from God and can be summed up in the great commandment to love God and our neighbours as ourselves.

*"The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism, have been constituted as the people of God. For this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church to fulfill in the world, in accord with the condition proper to each one"*

Catechism of the Catholic Church Paragraph 871.

At the heart of all vocations, whether to the ordained, consecrated, married or single life, is the discovery of the "pearl of great price" (Matt 13:45-46). When we get a glimpse of Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God, our being hungers for more. We want to be involved in a dialogue with Jesus and to share this great treasure with others. Discovering and then living our vocation has its challenges. We don't always know where to go or where to start. However, God will help us with this if we ask him to. Scripture reminds us that God can and still does call the most unlikely people to do extraordinary things. Those called often responded with doubt, feelings of inadequacy, and even fear. God is the master planner, and he has a role just for you, and he is on your side. Our personal vocation is ultimately a response to knowing the one who calls us. God calls us out of love so that we may have life and life to the full. (John 10:10).

Take time to sit with the words of St Catherine of Sienna, "When you are where God has called you to be, then and only then will you set the world on fire".

*An article from the Vocation Brisbane Website*

## 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.



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).

**Music practise is on this Saturday** at 10am in the church. Please come along and join in the fun. No minimum skill level needed — don't be shy!



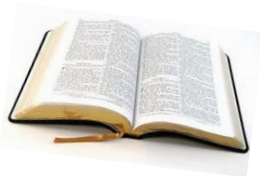
## The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



### Daily Mass Readings

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

Mon 27th		
Tues 28th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 29th		
Thurs 30th		
Fri 1st	9.00am 6.00pm	Morning Prayers with Communion Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Sat 2nd	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 3rd	9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Filipino Mass

### Vinnie's Winter Blanket Appeal

The cold weather is upon us, and our thoughts are turning to the battlers in our community.

If you have any blankets you are not using, could you please donate to Vinnie's and leave at the back of the church over the next two weekends.

We ask that the blanket you donate are in good condition.

No quilt covers please.

Many thanks for supporting your local Vinnies.



### The Peter's Pence Collection

will be taken up this weekend as a leaving collection at all masses. It gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.



## Christmas in July Tuesday 5 July 7.00pm

### Christmas in July -Get up! Stand up! Show up!

Taking our theme this year from NAIDOC Week and the liturgical year of Luke, ACU Biblical Scholar and QoA parishioner Ian Elmer will explore how Luke's nativity narrative challenged the social, religious and cultural structures of his day. Lukan Christianity was a multicultural community marginalized



by the political and social structures of Empire. Luke story of the birth of Jesus speaks the challenges of modern Australian society, especially as we move towards a more just relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and nonindigenous Australians based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.



**GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!**  
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### Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge?

Treat yourself to some quality time with God at **The Women of The Way Retreat**. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. Come to **Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite your faith**. **Theme:** *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*



**Retreat Leader:** **Rebecca Crouch**, an inspirational speaker, worship leader and Spiritual Director will lead the Retreat.

**Where:** Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship. For brochure or info phone **Rosa Montegrando**

ph 0400755516 email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com)

Registrations close 31st July.

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." Galatians 5:13*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

We like to celebrate that we are free to "live the good life." We can do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for laws. But, Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God's work on earth to glorify His name and not honour ourselves.



## We really do need your help!

Our local Tricare need more of us to visit those Catholics residing at their care facility. There is a roster of very loyal parishioners that give their time to our aged and frail that reside at Tricare Stafford Lakes. More volunteers would mean that the roster isn't under pressure. Our current volunteers have a rolling roster where some visit weekly, some on a 3 week roster and others on a 6 week roster. Most visits are on a Monday, others visit on a Sunday, we can be flexible with whatever time you have available. Seniors love seeing little ones, so those with small children, don't be put off because you have young children—bring them. Please consider joining this most rewarding ministry. All visitors need to be double vaccinated for COVID-19. Mask wearing is also mandatory for all visitors. For further information phone Marion 0407 764 292. Full training is provided.



## 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.

## Sea of Hands report from the organisers

With its genesis in 1993, marking the International Year of the World's Indigenous people, National Reconciliation Week highlights two significant milestones in our history - May 27 - marks the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum that removed two racist sections in our Constitution; and, June 3 - marks the High Court decision that dispelled the myth of Terra Nullius. Australia's history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence and racism. These are not the actions of a just, equitable and reconciled nation, not a nation that should, or can, accept if we are to be truly a people proud to call ourselves Australian. This year we are asked to "Be Brave. Make Change". This year we are challenged to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation. As a parish, we strive to be active in our resolve, to improve the lives of others through our actions, and to inform ourselves of what more we can do.



Organised by the Social Justice group, and supported by the Parish Missional Council, this year we celebrated National Reconciliation Week with a show of hands. As a visible sign of solidarity with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people, parishioners were invited to place a hand in the garden as a symbol of their commitment to *Be Brave. Make Change.* Sea of Hands campaign - [ANTAR](http://ANTAR).



# Palms Australia

We can help you grow strength and diversity in your community.  
Free webinar 30 June 2022.

Since 1961 Palms Australia has prepared individuals and organisations to work effectively in culturally diverse environments and situations.

Drawing on our experience we offer the [Neighbours Without Borders](#) 3-day residential cross-cultural training for advocates and leaders seeking to enrich their community by engaging the diversity of their people.

In today's world a community without diverse inputs struggles to find solutions to evolving issues. Participants in the course will be guided to [ascertain, analyse, and act](#) on the opportunities for their community to achieve the potential diversity provides to grow greater capacity.

You can learn more, including some practical and conceptual tools, at a **free webinar** at 5.30pm AEST on **Thursday 30 June 2022**.

Register [here](#).

## A morning's prayer



Instead of running a retreat for your parish, how about you let Evangelisation Brisbane do all the hard work and just take a group to the next A Morning's Prayer?

It's an easy sell -just a 3 hour commitment on a Saturday morning at the beautiful Santa Teresa

Spirituality Centre in Ormiston and just \$20pp.

The retreat will be led by the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team with facilitated input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. The next A Morning's Prayer is on Saturday 30th July from 9am-12pm. Find out more or register here [:https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer4](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer4)

**"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.



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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)

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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:

John Mahony, 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:

Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts, Titing Padayhag, Mary Backstrom, Andrew, Molly Rampa, Peter Muir, Bruce Willson,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Hodby, Maud Menezes, 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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