



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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 9th/10th July, 2022

Sea Sunday 2022

Every year, over 28,000 merchant ships visit Australian ports. These ships are crewed by over 300,000 seafarers. Most of these mariners come from developing countries and are employed because they represent cheap labour for the ship owners. Even in the best of times, seafarers suffer harsh and demanding conditions aboard the ship. Having signed on for 8 to 10 months contracts, seafarers suffer from boredom, loneliness, constant noise and vibration, and the ever-present fear of suffering an injury or sickness whilst at sea. Every year, thousands of seafarers are injured and many die, many having taken their own life. Last year, more than 250 seafarers were hospitalised in Australia because of a medical emergency suffered on board a ship.

So, what is *Sea Sunday*? This is a national appeal undertaken by the Catholic Church in Australia each year across every parish on the second Sunday in July to raise awareness of the needs of seafarers – the often unseen, vital workers that keep our economies going, but often at great personal cost to themselves and their families.

When Jesus said: "...love the Lord, your God...and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27), the instruction was very clear.

But, quite apart from any wish to follow the teaching of Jesus, all Australians should be grateful for the work performed on their behalf by seafarers. All of the cars we drive came to us from overseas on ships. Most of the clothing we wear comes from overseas, brought to us on ships. Much of our furniture and white goods come to us on ships. The wealth we enjoy comes from the export of products on ships. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to overseas seafarers, but they are very largely forgotten – we never think of them.

Pope Francis in 2014 called on those who work for the wellbeing of seafarers and their families to "be the voice of those workers who live far from their loved ones and face dangerous and difficult situations."

Stella Maris seafarers' ministry has the largest number of centres and chaplaincies around the world. It sits within the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and its network headquarters is in Rome. In Australia, Stella Maris runs seafarers' welfare services centres in all the major ports and offers chaplaincy services in many others. Stella Maris Seafarer Centres are places where the stranger is welcomed. They are places where volunteers assist seafarers with their telephones and internet and

Wi-Fi connections to keep in touch with their families. Complying with COVID safeguards, some volunteers visit the ships in the harbour. And in pre COVID times, some volunteers transported men to and from their ships, the Centre and the nearest shops. They support the sick or injured seafarers in hospital and keep contact with their families overseas. Volunteers at the Stella Maris Seafarers Centres around the world have backgrounds as varied as those of the disciples. What they have in common is the wish to respond to the call of Jesus to spread His love for all people, to welcome and show hospitality to seafarers, to be open to them, to listen to their hopes, their fears, and their joys and to help in practical ways.

Today, we acknowledge the work of seafarers and pray for their safety. Today is also an opportunity for you to respond to the call to mission that we all share. In the famous Parable it's a Samaritan who helps the Jew who's been attacked and robbed. Because the Samaritan didn't see an enemy, but a fellow human being in need of help. At the end of the Parable, the expert in Scripture answers Jesus by saying that the Samaritan was a neighbour to the man who was attacked because he was: *The one who had mercy on him* (Lk 10:37). Jesus says to the man: *"Go and do likewise!"* (Lk 10:37). Those words of Jesus must make their home in us.



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>
We will have a leaving collection this weekend.

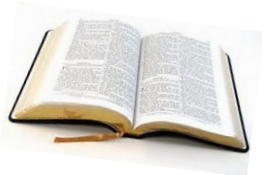
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



Daily Mass Readings

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 11th	6.00pm	Sacramental program
Tues 12th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 13th		
Thurs 14th	9.45am	Latte Ladies
Fri 15th	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion Men's Group
Sat 16th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 17th	9.00am	Mass

Christmas in July Postponed! New Date yet to be announced!

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 15th July** at Café 63, Stafford City 10.30am. All Welcome. Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.

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 **14th July**. All welcome!



Children's Liturgy of the

Word (CLOW) will be held this weekend at **9am Mass**. If you or your children haven't experienced CLOW before, please encourage your children to join us.

The children do what the rest of the community is doing at this point of the Mass. They listen to the scriptures proclaimed and applied to contemporary life and respond in various ways. It is an experience of prayer, of dialogue with God.

The approved book of readings for Children's Liturgy of the Word is the Lectionary for Masses with Children. The LMC adheres as closely as possible to the readings in the Lectionary for Mass, while adapting them to the needs and capabilities of children.



Care for Creation

Catholic Earthcare and Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia

Being with God in Nature ministries invite you to an online screening of "My Octopus Teacher."

This is a story about a man who has an ecological conversion and experiences at deep connection with an Octopus that he meets while diving.

Join us at 6:00pm – 8:00pm AEST on Thursday 14th of July 2022 for an online screening of the documentary. Eco-Jesuit Gabby Lamug-Nañawa sj will be sharing with us his reflection on the documentary.

Registrations are essential via <https://caritas.zoom.us/j/94782123456>

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.



Vinnies
good works

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

The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone Pope Francis, Laudato Si Chapter 2.

You are invited to share in a community forum where we can explore the message in Laudato Si and grow in knowledge so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Date: 30 July 9.30am - 12 noon

Venue: Kedron Parish Hall, 80 Turner Rd Kedron

Booking: Little Flower Parish Office, Kedron

Phone: 3357-6640

Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



Make every night 'date night' again with The Marriage Course

Whether you've been together for 6 months or 60 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers seven practical online sessions to help strengthen your most important relationship.

Seven practical online sessions in the privacy of your own home covering topics from the art of communication, to resolving conflict, to the power of forgiveness. No group sharing, just time together for you and your partner.

TIME: 7:30pm – 9pm

DATE: Thursday nights

beginning 4th August

2022 (for seven weeks,

finishing on 15th Sep-

tember)

LOCATION: Zoom (link

will be shared after reg-

istration)

COST: \$25pp (covers the cost of the course journal)

RSVP: Monday 25th July **REGISTER HERE**



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**. 26th to 28th 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

Registrations close 31st July.



"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

Adult Faith Opportunities

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>

Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat (Australasia)

28-30 July 2022

Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call to mission. But with the demands of parish work and a global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. It breaks our heart that many Catholics feel like they're just trying to survive, especially when God desires more for us. That's why DR Australasia and Parousia are hosting *Refreshed and Renewed*, an online retreat featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. James Mallon, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Ray, and many more — where you will encounter Jesus through prayer, be re-energized by amazing talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart.

Registration includes 30-day on-demand access to all the retreat content following the event.

So, register today!

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/refreshedandrenewed/530036/details>



Refreshed & Renewed

ONLINE RETREAT • 28-30 JULY 2022

FEATURING:



Dr. Edward Sri



Fr. James Mallon



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



Steve Ray

and more!

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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:

Cynthia Oxenham, John Mahony, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Mi-guela 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:

Don Muir, 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: Joyce Davis, 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.



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit
to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You
and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.*

*Open their hearts to Your Spirit
and bring to fulfilment the good work
that You have begun in them.*

Amen.



**This is now a
monthly
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available from
the first
weekend of the
month.**

**The June edition
will be available
this weekend!**

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