



# 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 30th/31st July, 2022**

## Farewell and Thank You

This weekend we find ourselves at the end of Fr Tom Elich's three months with us. It has been an absolute joy to welcome him as part of our community. Fr Tom your presence each weekend to celebrate Masses with us will be sorely missed.



Your enthusiasm for the many activities we have had on our calendar during your time here is very much appreciated.



## Reflection on the readings

There is a tension in maintaining things in balance. We cannot consume everything as soon as it comes to hand, and it is prudent to set things aside for the future, so we harvest in summer and autumn, or at any time of plenty, and store the produce so as to have something to eat during winter or other times of want. It also frees us from having to search for food daily. In my childhood memories the pantries and cupboards



of the extended family were filled each year with preserved fruits and vegetables of all kinds. Today's perennially stocked supermarkets are our pantries, and so the habit of larding has diminished or vanished. After cyclones have destroyed shops and closed supply lines people suddenly remember, too late, the benefit of stocking at least a few days worthy of emergency supplies. Today little is left in larders or cellars upon death, though the bank account may be full.

Several bird species, and more famously squirrels, cache nuts and seeds, but inevitably the day comes when they die and whatever was stored is lost to them. Is their caching folly, and vain wastage? It is true that the store may then be pilfered by another who thus gains easy pickings from the other's hard work. But some troves are never found, especially those that are buried. Was the time spent doing it in vain? From the perspective of the individual alone, yes, but it could not be known when the activity would become superfluous—and in the case of buried seeds, trees have benefited in having the next generation more widely propagated. The system requires the creative tension of prudent storage for future survival against the inevitable superfluity. It would be a gift indeed to know the hour of death so precisely as to be able to cease working at the right time and to live off one's goods to leave the world with a balance of zero. But that is a very selfish view.

The first reading's "Preacher" laments the system's inevitable "wastage"—and that may be the book's weakness; it seems to have the selfish preoccupation that is prominent in modern times. When society and cultures focus more on the family or community than the individual, what is worked for and stored continues for the benefit of the family or community after the death of the individual. In the gospel parable the focus is entirely on the wealthy man. But the given context for the parable is avarice, the disordered desire for goods beyond need, or purely for self-interest. This is not the same as the wise use of one's goods, which will appear later in the gospel to be read on Sundays 24C and 25C, indirectly in the parable of a division of a future inheritance (or the parable of "The Prodigal Son") and the parable misnamed as "The Rich Man and Lazarus", told in response to Pharisees mocking Jesus for his teaching on the use of wealth.

By coincidence, the little-used word for "avarice" in the gospel is also found in our second reading (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11) translated as "greed", as Paul advises Christians in Colossae to put aside earthly qualities, "especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god". Just before that we hear "Let your hearts be on heavenly things" that a direct translation would read as "Consider (or ponder) things above (or on high)". When those two translations are considered together we may be reminded of the opening dialogue to the Eucharistic Prayer, "Lift up your hearts", though our Latin text's *Sursum corda* more literally reads "Hearts on high (or upward, or above)". The tone of this part of Paul's letter to the Colossians does indeed resonate with the impetus of the Eucharistic Prayer, the "Anaphora" or "Lifting up" of "Offering", which is most clearly spelled out in the dialogue and preface, culminating in the conscious joining of the song of the angels. What we express in the Eucharist and put before us as our model of right living is that selfless self-giving of Christ, the very quality missing from today's parable's rich man. This is true also for all who consider their material acquisitions to be their measure of wealth instead of treasuring the immaterial wealth that surpasses earth and the earthly.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C*

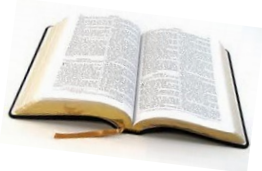
## The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-9

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

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

Mon 1st		
Tues 2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 3rd		
Thurs 4th		
Fri 5th	9.00am 6.00pm	Morning Prayers with Communion Divine Mercy Prayers
Sat 6th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 7th	9.00am	Mass

### 60th Anniversary Celebrations

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week here at our parish school. The school held a beautiful liturgy marking 60 years of education here at Stafford! Many parishioners and past principal's and teachers attended along with the current students, staff and families.



**Give the Gift of Faith.** Your generosity towards Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.



*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* Luke 12:15



The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

### PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Gianni	Hannah	Arthur
Ella	Edie	Lily
Frankie	Bianca	Zara
Ilina	Luca	



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.





## Catholic Leadership Intensive

### 2022 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

We have six members of our parish community embarking on the Catholic Leadership Intensive Program which continued this week and continues for another eight weeks. This is an impressive commitment of time and energy by those that have welcomed the invitation to attend. The focus of the course is to explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers. This week the topic was around building a team. So many pearls of wisdom were shared with us. Here's something to ponder...

Right people, Wrong place

Right people, Right place

Matching the right people to the right task,  
team or role allows people to shine!

Are you with your 'right' people?



## Palms Australia

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

## Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the  
office Monday to Thursday



## Adult Faith Opportunities

### Going Deeper

An online series exploring the heart of the Catholic faith

### Going Deeper - Two options

Going Deeper is a **ten-session online series** about the loving relationship with God at the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?'

There's so much to know about the Catholic faith that it's easy to get caught up in catechising ourselves while we forget about what it means to implement the faith in our daily lives. In this new Catholic podcast, join Shane Dwyer (Associate Director Adult Formation, Evangelisation Brisbane) and a special monthly guest in an organic discussion about Catholicism, theology and life. If you're interested in learning more, experiencing more or just getting some perspective on Catholicism, tune in for a weekly chat!

The **Going Deeper Podcast** can be found on all mainstream podcasting services or head to:

[https:// goingdeeperpodcast.buzzsprout.com/](https://goingdeeperpodcast.buzzsprout.com/)

### 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.*

**Where:** Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd Dakabin. For brochure or info phone **Rosa Montegrando** ph 0400755516 email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com) Registrations close 31st July.



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Celebrated at 10.00am on Monday, 8 August

Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane

Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge invites you to a special celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, patron of the Archdiocese, on her feast day, Monday 8 August. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am in the Cathedral followed by morning tea in the surrounding grounds.

To RSVP, email [rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 07 3324 3200.

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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:

Marion O'Shea, Cynthia Oxenham, 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:

Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts, Titing Padayhag, Mary Backstrom,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick Sommerville, Joyce Davis, John Hodby, Maud Menezes, Michael O'Donnell, 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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An Outreach of the Catholic Church

Funerals with Faith

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

The August  
edition will be  
available this  
weekend!

\$4 each

THE  
CATHOLIC  
LEADER

### Live Stream Mass via Zoom

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Meet anytime

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