



# 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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 27th/28th August, 2022**



**This year's Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'** We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

**If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you,** please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace,

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 62019845.

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*(There are printed copies of the statement and the prayer/Action sheet at the back of the church.)*

## Action

### How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse

-  • **Listen to, support, and believe** those who are experiencing violence and abuse.
-  • **Speak out** about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.
-  • **Publicise the support** available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.
-  • **Reflect together** on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.
-  • **Reject spiritual abuse** by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.
-  • **Connect with programs**, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.
-  • **Promote resources** on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

**IT'S THE LAW of the Land!** "Safeguarding" includes the policies and practices of our Church trying to ensure our children and any Adults who may be vulnerable to abuse are kept safe. We need to develop a reputation that **anyone who works in various positions in our parish** will have a Bluecard and/or Police Check (whichever is needed).

If you are on the Parish Missionary Council, Parish Finance Council, Sacramental Team, Children's Liturgy Team or other ministries requiring these certifications, PLEASE complete them **within the next two weeks.** (When you access the Archdiocese's Volunteer Portal, it will tell you what you are required to have.

We will soon be enacting a **"No Card and/or Police Check—no ministry" protocol.**

Sad to say we have to do that but **our Children and vulnerable parishioners deserve all the protection we can give them.**

Blue Card??  
Police Check??  
**Do you need them??**  
See **"Volunteer Welcome Portal"** under Quick Links on our Homepage.

## The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

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

Mon 29th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 30th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 31st		
Thurs 1st	8.30am	Mass
Fri 2nd	9.00am	Morning Prayers with Communion (Denis doing interviews for new Principal for QofA! — Sadly Nigel is retiring!!)
Sat 3rd	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 4th	9.00am	Mass



### Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse

In their Social Justice Statement for 2022-2023, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian Bishops add their voice to global campaigns to confront and call out destructive attitudes and behaviours that lead to life-limiting and long-lasting impacts on many vulnerable members of our families, churches, and society.

The voices of victims and survivors of violence and abuse are woven together with scripture, social research, and our rich Catholic social justice teachings. This theological reflection also invites us to contemplate the ways in which themes within our Christian tradition can be misused to justify, legitimise, or normalise violence, such as forgiveness, submission, and leadership.

The Statement **needs to be read slowly and reflectively**, individually, and collectively for its potential to be maximised. We pray that possibilities for response and action will become apparent when the Statement is considered in an open and supportive context. We invite you to practice self-compassion and awareness of the needs of those in our midst who are struggling as the implications of the Statement flow from your prayerful and purposeful deliberations.

**Share the dignity — Access to period products is a right**, not a privilege. We're collecting period products to help those in need this month, as part of @sharethedignityaustralia's #DignityDrive. We accept all products in original packaging. **There will be a box at the rear of the church for collections DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**



### PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Gianni

Hannah

Arthur

Ella

Edie

Lily

Frankie

Bianca

Zara

Ilina

Luca

Luci

Information about our parish gleaned from our last survey:

### Who we are

► 63 yrs is the average age of attenders over 15

► 73% are 50+



► 60% are female

► 40% are male



► 57% have been in the parish for 20+ years

► 16% are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



75% are born in Australia

25% are born overseas

22% speak a language other than English at home



26% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

49% are retired



### Most value



66% Celebrating the Eucharist/ receiving Holy Communion



38% Sermons and homilies



33% Wider community care or social justice emphasis



26% Praying for one another

### Want to give attention to:



37% Building a strong sense of community



28% Increasing the number of people at Mass



27% Supporting social justice and aid



27% Ministry to children and youth

Turn to page 3 for more information....

**Riddle:** Name three consecutive days without using Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or dates.

The answer is somewhere in this newsletter



### Validations from the church bowl...

**Sacristan (Blanca)** who ably and reverently prepare the Altar for our Eucharistic Celebration. Our weekday Sacristan (Blanca) who also prepares the Altar ably and reverently and also irons all the hangings as Church seasons change.

**Dianne Hoiberg** who is available to collect goods for our St Vincent de Paul who can then help many needy families during the week. Its very much appreciated.

**Maria Curry** for all the wonderful work she does as the mainstay of Care and Concern.

**Michael Good** for sharing his extensive AV knowledge with us.

**Glen** for always turning up early to Mass, saying "hi" to people and assisting with collections.

Thank you to those who accepted the challenge! Let's keep this going. I'd love to make this a regular feature in our newsletter. So much good in our parish. Let's celebrate it!

### More information about our parish....

#### Belonging Inclusive Friendly

► **91%** Have a strong sense of belonging

► **95%** Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people

► **81%** Found it easy to make friends in this parish

#### Children and young people

► **50%** are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

► **33%** are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

► **86%** agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church



### The Environment

► **95%** agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment

► **30%** are very active

Answer: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

A tip for you for this week:

"Be still and know that I am God!" - Psalm 46:10

Priesthood?? See <http://www.vocationbrisbane.com/canali>

### Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



### Innovation

**85%** agree that this parish is always ready to try something new

**75%** agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this parish

**16%** want to be more involved at this parish

**34%** of people are both aware of and strongly committed to the vision and goals or directions for this parish

**38%** are fully confident that this parish can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

### Leadership and Service

**91%** agree that this parish has good and clear systems for how it operates

**85%** agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this parish (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

**48%** of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role



### The Australian Blanket Exercise

*(I have done this exercise — it is very powerful and thought-provoking!! - Denis)*



Australian  
**Blanket**  
EXERCISE

Walk in the footsteps of Australian First Nations Peoples through storytelling and immersion facilitated by Thelma Parker, Alfredo Barahona and Connor Sarazin. Details: Time: 11am to 1pm  
Date: 6th October Location: John Paul II Building, ACU Banyo (1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo)

Cost: \$50pp Find out more and register your parish group here:

[https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22\\_BE](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22_BE)

### Celebrating the milestones of our community

Brian Flaherty is celebrating his 80th Birthday this weekend.

Happy Birthday Brian!



### BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

*Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?*

There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>



### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)  
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Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)  
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
Office Telephone: 3356 7155

### 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)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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School Principal: Nigel Bird  
APRE: Megan Conroy  
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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:

Carol Bohl, Rachel McGurk, Jeremy Willson, Timothy Willson, Marion O'Shea, 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,

#### We pray for those recently deceased:

Ann Mellick, Val Moorhead, Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Francis Savellon, John & Bridget Coyle, Jane Flaherty, Family and friends of Norman (dec'd) and Tess Hall, and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



The caring staff at Holy Cross Funerals assist families at the death of their loved ones, to ensure that the Funeral Services are conducted with dignity and compassion.

For however you choose to say goodbye.

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\*Pre-Arrangements \*Funeral Bonds

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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

Time: This is a recurring meeting  
Meet anytime

<https://zoom.us/j/93315882077?pwd=Vko3TIQ0TnFUUHRva2xnRTlmY2tWUT09>

Meeting ID: 933 1588 2077

Passcode: eucharist7

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