



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 3rd/4th Sept, 2022

"INDIVIDUALISM" and "COMMUNITY" - two very different ways of looking at the world and relationships. As Christians, we look at the world from a COMMUNAL perspective. Please reflect on the following from **"Discipleship and Society in the Early Churches"** – Tom O'Loughlin © James Clark & Co 2022

"We place a massive emphasis on the personal – it is my choice – and see this as the only way to be true and

**"I did it MY way" -
sung by Frank Sinatra**

authentic; by contrast, all the texts on discipleship from ancient Judaism and Christianity suppose that one joins a group as a disciple. One can only be really 'one of them' when you are part of, accepted by, and in harmony with a group. The next step is to think about individualism – and how it affects religion.

"Individualism" was a notion first mentioned in the mid-nineteenth century by Alexis de Tocqueville in his reflection s on American society, when he described it thus:

Each person, withdrawn into himself, behaves as though he were a stranger to the destiny of all the others. His children and his good friends constitute for him the whole of the human species. As for his transactions with his fellow citizens, he may mix among them but he sees them not; he touches them, but he does not feel them; he exists only in himself and for himself alone. And if on these terms there remains in his mind a sense of family, there no longer remains a sense of society." (A de Tocqueville, "Democracy in America" – NY, 1945 p45)

**"S/he is a SELF-
MADE woman/
man!!"
IMPOSSIBLE!!!**

1 Corinthians 12:14–26 (NABRE)

¹⁴ **Now the body is not a single part, but many.** ¹⁵ If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. ¹⁶ Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." ²² Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, ²³ and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, ²⁴ whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, ²⁵ so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. ²⁶ If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

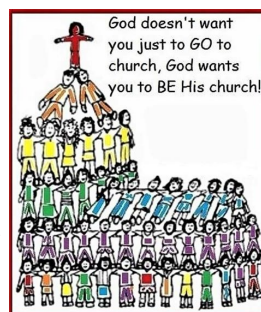
²⁷ **Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.**

In this perspective, only the individuals are "really real" and clubs, associations, co-operatives, groups of friends – anything which is a team activity for humans – not to mention any notions that we are social animals, society, or humanity

– are just accidental and secondary. This individualist view sets up a polarity between the individual and the society – and in such a polarity the individual has to look out for herself or himself (and, if lucky, strike a deal for mutual non-aggression and perhaps for even better trading with those around). Since the later Middle Ages it has become ever more acceptable not only in society but within religion....

We utter again and again the word "covenant" or speak of our relationships with God, but do not note that our ancient documents speak of God having chosen a people, and

so the relationship is with that community rather than 'us', a collection of individuals who happen to have the same perception about God's presence in their lives. ... (This paradigm shift of perception) "constitutes one of the primary challenges of Christian believing today." ... the disciples as we read about them are more than just loners in the same school. They form 'the school'. The school – all those disciples together – is the reality and the disciple is a part – a member of this bigger body and cannot exist apart from it. The part depends for its existence on the whole – and the whole is more than the sum of the parts. (Read and reflect once again on Paul's image of the Body of Christ)



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11; 13,14

2nd Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 5th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 6th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 7th		
Thurs 8th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 9th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat 10th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 11th	9.00am	Mass



**Listen to the
Voice of Creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush

Welcome to the Season of Creation September 1 to October 4.

This is an opportunity to consider how we respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor; how our everyday actions contribute to the health of our earth and of all of creation. The burning bush is the symbol of the Season of Creation for 2022. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action.

We have a wonderful calendar of events organised to celebrate this Season of Creation. Commencing with the screening of the 'doco-movie' 2040 following 5pm Mass on Saturday 3rd. Refreshments will be served. Join us and enjoy a message of inspiration.



PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Gianni

Hannah

Arthur

Ella

Edie

Lily

Frankie

Bianca

Zara

Ilina

Luca

Luci

(We celebrate their Confirmation on Thursday Sept 15th 7pm.)

Congratulations to ANTHONY DE ALMEIDA HILL who, at 9am Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Carolina and Christopher, his parents, for their example and commitment to Anthony's faith.



Laudato Si'

Caring for our common home



Parish Finance Council - Next weekend, the PFC will give its annual report. **This is a time for all of us to review our contribution to the operation of our parish.** If possible, it could be a good time to



change over from using the Envelopes (which cost about \$7 per packet) to Direct Debiting or Credit Card.—Contact Debra at the office for more information about how to do this.) We have no “money tree” — our parish is expected to be financially totally self-supporting.

Anna's Group has been put in place for widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 9th September** at **Mocha Bella Cafe**, Flockton Village, 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 **8th September**. All welcome!

Small request....we would love to hear from any of you that may have BBC Waste vouchers that you may not intend to use this year. We make waste here, and would prefer not to pay for the tipping of it. Just phone the parish office or hand them to Fr Denis after mass. We thank you in advance for this small favour!



Validations from the church bowl...

Rosemary Haydock for her calm spiritual demeanour, always ready to help everybody. Excellent proclaimer of the Word.

Daniel Mathew for his help everywhere he can assist. Sonya for her commitment to our music ministry.

Dianne Hoiberg for everything she does in the church and helping people—she is God's Disciple!

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!



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

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**

Blue Card??

Police Check??

Do you need them?? See "[Volunteer Welcome Portal](#)" under Quick Links on our Homepage.

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.**

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

to be celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge

*Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more
are invited to attend, together with family and friends*

Saturday 24th September 2022
11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 21st September
email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030

The Cathedral car park will be available.

Thank you for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.

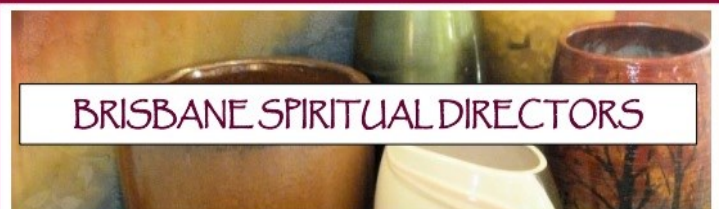
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*Are you seeking some spiritual direction or
spiritual accompaniment?*

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/>

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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:

Gerard McGrory, 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:

Barbara Jones, Ann Mellick, Val Moorhead, Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissan, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael O'Donnell, Roy Fraser, Francis Savellon, John & Bridget Coyle, Jane Flaherty, and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



Father's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all fathers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms. For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life. For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens. For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.

For the father uncles, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews. For all granddads, who love and support their precious grandchildren. For the foster dads that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones. For the Sunday dads who care for our children and lead them in faith.

For the dads who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you Lord for all our beautiful fathers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day.

Amen.

(a Father's Day prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

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

The September
edition will be
available this
weekend!

\$4 each

THE
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Meet anytime

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