



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 24th/25th Sept, 2022

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST 2022

WHEN: Saturday 15th October

WHERE: School Hall **TIME:** 6pm

BRING: Savoury or sweet food from your culture to share with everyone.

BUY: Soft drinks \$1.00 Juice \$0.50

- If you have any dietary requirements, then bring your own meal and keep it separate.
- Raffle tickets given out for Lucky Door Prizes.
- RSVP 8/10/22
- Please write the number of people from your family going and whether you are bringing a sweet dish or a savoury dish on clipboards provided at the back of the church this weekend.

PLEASE THINK OF OTHERS AND DON'T COME
IF YOU ARE UNWELL.

Would anyone like to sing or dance? Share something from your cultural background! (In traditional dress if they wish) Please know that someone will approach different tables and ask you to say grace in your native tongue as we have done in the past.

Planned Giving

Envelopes for our next cycle will be prepared in the coming weeks and will be available for collection from the parish office or the rear of the church.

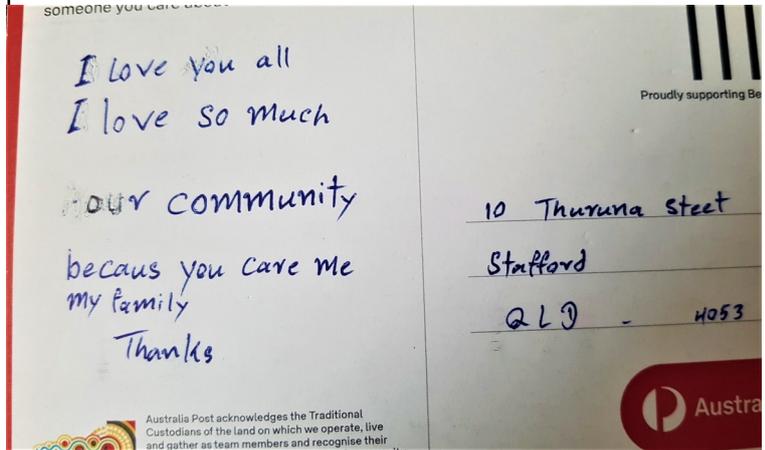
If you no longer wish to contribute via the envelopes, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you are wanting to set up a **direct debit arrangement** for your planned giving contributions. There are forms on our website or email me and I can send a form to you. You can have payments from a bank account or credit card—there are two different forms as these are treated differently.

Please also note that our planned giving contributions are not eligible as a tax deduction. Any concerns, please give me a call.

Thank you, Debra

The above Postcard was received this week. So gratifying to think we are having such an impact! - Denis
I guess our Validation actions are contagious!



Possums at Church

The *Presbyterian* church called a meeting to decide what to do about their Possum infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the Possums were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the *Baptist* church, the Possums had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the Possums drown themselves. The Possums liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many Possums showed up the following week.

The *Lutheran* church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their Possums and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the Possums were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

The *Episcopalians* tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the Possums with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk Possums can do.

But the *Catholic* church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the Possums and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the *Jewish* synagogue. They took the first Possum and circumcised him. They haven't seen a Possum since.



The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

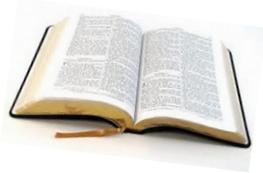
(Year C)

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2nd Reading: Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 26th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 27th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 28th		
Thurs 29th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 30th	9.00am 9.30am	Mass Season of Creation Prayer
Sat 1st	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 2nd	9.00am	Mass



Bring and Buy Table September 24 & 25

We are committed to offsetting the 9.08tonnes of carbon that our parish office and church produced in the past year. Our carbon offset will support The International Small Group and Tree Planting Program <https://program.tist.org/>

Our goal is \$136. Every dollar plants a tree and provides hope, dignity and independence within developing communities. Please bring an item for the table and buy a 'treasure' as you leave Mass.

We ask for small items ...

- ◆ Jewellery
- ◆ Bric-a-brac
- ◆ Fresh garden produce
- ◆ Books



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Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush

Welcome to
the fourth
week of the
Season of Cre-
ation. We began

this special time with a screening of the docu-movie **2040**, it was an inspirational look at our future. Some parishioners were disappointed that they could not attend, so a second viewing is on the agenda. Our Care for Creation Group has prepared an interesting month of prayer and action for all to help us in our response to the 'Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor'

Weekend of September 24 & 25	Bring and Buy Table to offset this year's carbon footprint Presentation of Five Leaf Eco Award at Mass
Friday 30 th September	Season of Creation Prayer and Morning Tea in Contemplation Garden 9.30am

Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of All, From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures. We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures. We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen. In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For "faith comes from hearing." Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

Laudato Si'

Caring for our
common home



Amen

Volunteers needed – Eucharistic Ministry

Are you looking to give back to your community through your gifts of supporting the spiritual, emotional well-being of our patients through sacramental ministry?

Being a Eucharistic Minister in a hospital is a rewarding role that will see you visiting with patients to offer them communion or a blessing and companionship. To be successful in this volunteer role you must be an active member of a Catholic parish and have the support of your parish priest to provide Eucharistic ministry. We are looking for volunteers for one Sunday a Month, or perhaps during the week fortnightly. Contact Sharyn Smith for further information Ph 3326 3156 / sharyn.smith@svha.org.au

Is God's will in your Will?

Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.



"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26



Stewardship
a way of life

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Verse-for-Vinnies - Sunday September 25, Grovely Parish

Did you know there's a show where you really should go
As you certainly will have a ball.
Billy Kearns is the star and you'll get "Ha-ha-ha"
as hell laugh you right out of the hall.
I can confidently say that the poems this day
will be ones that you wish you had more.
Bill will have you all smile, you'll forget for a while
any problems you brought through the door.
Now this concert's not free, fifteen bucks is the fee
but it goes to those really in need.
and as part of the fee there'll be
afternoon tea
but the 1.30 start you must heed.
Pay cash at the door. 67 Dawson
Parade Grovely.

Use email:
noel@noelstallard.com
to book seats.



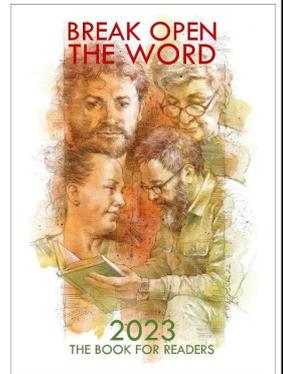
Calling all Men!! A Parish mission for men By menALIVE is being hosted by Corinda/Graceville Parish on the weekend of 15/16th of October. See details and Register here

<https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-weekend/>



BREAK OPEN THE WORD

contains readings and psalms for each Sunday with NEW commentary providing fresh and insightful background to the text and assistance on how to read it, along with a section entitled "The Ministry of Reader". The popular pronunciation guide is also included. Break Open the Word is a vital publication for readers. They are still \$24 per book.



Orders for BOTW can be placed by phone or email to the parish office. I will them send a payment link for all orders.

Thanks, Debra

The Annual Multicultural Mass celebrates the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane by sharing the cultural faith expression of the migrants and refugees within our Archdiocese.

The Mass will be held on Sunday 25th September at the Cathedral in observance of World Day of Migrant and Refugees (25 September), highlighting this year's theme, Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees.

It will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

Please encourage any parishioners in your parish to attend both those with a strong cultural background and those without are welcome to join in this celebration and experience the richness of our diverse Archdiocese.

Find out more or to register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CM22>

MULTICULTURAL
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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:

Jacinto Gloria, Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, 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,

We pray for those recently deceased:

Antonio Bonomo, Elizabeth Windsor, Veronica Strong, Barbara Jones, Ann Mellick, Val Moorhead, Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alben Tolentino 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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