



# 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 22nd/23rd Oct, 2022



## Reconnecting our parish

Following the Leadership Intensive course the parishioners who attended have already met to plan how they might support and strengthen our parish. We wish to capitalise on this energy and enthusiasm. Our NCLS data shows that we are a highly relational parish but that connection with parish has declined by 50% since the onset of Covid. This project is aimed at reconnecting with those parishioners who have not returned to Sunday worship following Covid as well as reconnecting more broadly within the community. This project will reach out to existing parishioners to re-engage them with Church, initially with Christmas and Easter campaigns, followed by some locally provided opportunities for personal spiritual development. For



those interested in participating in the mail drop, please add your details to the sign on sheet at the rear of the church this weekend. More details will be given by the Pastoral Missionary Council this weekend.



**The Foodfest** was held last Saturday evening after a hiatus brought on by the pandemic. It was a lovely evening with lots of fun and food from all corners of the globe. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the hall much like a family reunion!

There were many involved in the planning and setting up and packing down too. I know it's dangerous to start with the list of names to thank so I'll just mention two—Di and James were involved in gathering the lists and ordering the crockery and cutlery, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. I know many others were also helping on the day and again after others headed home. Thank you to all those helping in any way—much appreciated!

It wouldn't have been the success it was without the community attending on the evening. Thank you all for making this a worthwhile event on the parish calendar! If you have left a container behind after the Foodfest, you may find it in the church kitchen this weekend.



**Social Justice News** - Update on the Queensland Path to Treaty Initiative

The Queensland Premier recently released the government's response to the Treaty Advancement Committee Report. As part of the state's [Path to Treaty](#) initiative, the treaty will be a signed, negotiated agreement between First Nations peoples and the Queensland government. The options being discussed include whether a treaty will take the form of a single treaty for the whole state or individual treaties with specific Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups.

All 22 of the Committee's recommendations were either accepted in full or in principle by the government. Similar to Victoria, the next steps will include legislating an independent First Nations Treaty Institute to work on the agreement and launching a truth-telling and healing inquiry. The inquiry will offer a chance to hear from Indigenous people about the injustices that continue to impact from historical government actions.

The Premier also signed a Statement of Commitment with First Nations leaders, stating -

"This Path to Treaty is a journey, not for the timid, but for those who are courageous to confront our uncomfortable past, the curious who long to find out and live with the truth, and the optimists who dream of the possibilities of a future where we live comfortably with the past, free of blame and rancour."

**Confirmation photos** have arrived in the parish office this week. They can be collected from Mary's room this weekend or from the parish office next week.

**Month of Remembrance** is coming up in November. The parish has a remembrance book which is placed in the chapel area for the month of November. If you would like a loved one to be added to this book before November, please let me know next week with their date of death and full name.

**Christmas Cards** This year I got in early and have ordered and received packets of Christian Christmas Cards from Christian Supplies. They will be available for sale from the parish office during the week and I will make arrangements for some to be sold after Mass during November if the need is there. If you'd like to reserve cards, please give me a call during the week and I'll put some aside for you. They are \$3 for a pack of 8 cards. Debra

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

## The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

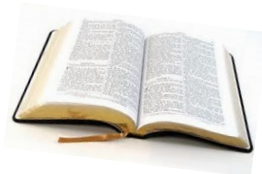
(Year C)

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

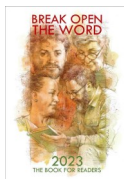
### Daily Mass Readings



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

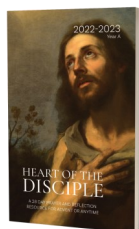
Mon 24th Oct		
Tues 25th	8.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayers with Communion Funeral Mass for Rosemary Reeves
Wed 26th		
Thurs 27th		
Fri 28th	9.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion Laudato Si Chaplet
Sat 29th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 30th	9.00am	Mass

**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 then send a payment link for all orders. Please place your order with me **before 24th October** to allow time for the books to be delivered in good time for Year A to begin (27th November). Thanks, Debra

**Christmas is coming and so is Advent!** While some of us are dusting off the tree and gathering ingredients to make the Christmas pudding—Catholics prepare during Advent with prayer and reflection for the much anticipated season of Christmas. Heart of the Disciple is a new 28-day reflection resource for Advent or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust him to lead us forward.



Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer. Heart of the Disciple is just \$5 each. Get a group of friends together or use it in your daily prayer routine this Advent. **I will be placing an order on 7th November** to have the books here before Advent begins on 27th November. Contact me to place an order by phone or email or just pop in to the office. Debra To view a sample or find out more, visit our website [here](#).



## Care for Creation

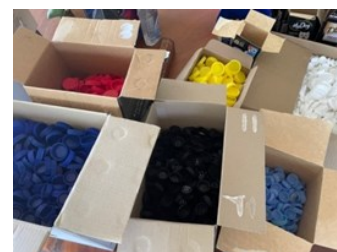
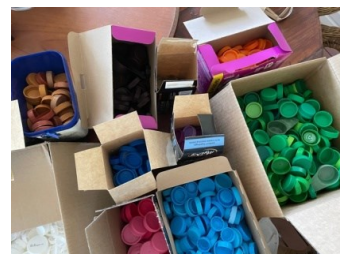
**Laudato Si Chaplet** We have rescheduled our gathering to pray the Laudato Si Chaplet to **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am** following Morning Prayers with Communion. Please join us in the Contemplation Garden for a time of reflection and praise for the gifts of Creation. Morning Tea will be served in the Meeting Room.



### Bottle Top Collections

Single use plastics are a danger to our environment and to us. They are not biodegradable but they do break down, eventually becoming tiny pieces of plastic that enters the food chain. Sea birds, turtles, fish and aquatic mammals ingest the plastic, often resulting in animal death. Because plastic particles cannot be digested and excreted from the body, large fish like shark, marlin and tuna store the toxin in their body; people who live on a fish based diet are at risk of plastic toxin overload.

We can help stop the plastic waste pollution of the oceans by collecting and recycling our milk bottle tops. Our Care for Creation Group encourages parishioners to collect their milk bottle tops and deposit them in the container provided at either the Parish Office or outside the church after weekend Masses. Caps need to be LDPE or HDPE (low/high density polyethylene) these are #2, #4 on the recycling chart.



Remove the foam inserts from inside the lid, wash in warm, soapy water, keep your caps in a clean dry place and drop them off to us each month



Thanks to the regular contribution of our parishioners, we have amassed another impressive load of bottle tops which will be delivered to the recycle program. Keep saving the plastic bottle tops; we put out our collection trolley on the third Sunday of each month, coinciding with our cuppa after Mass.

**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.





## HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS

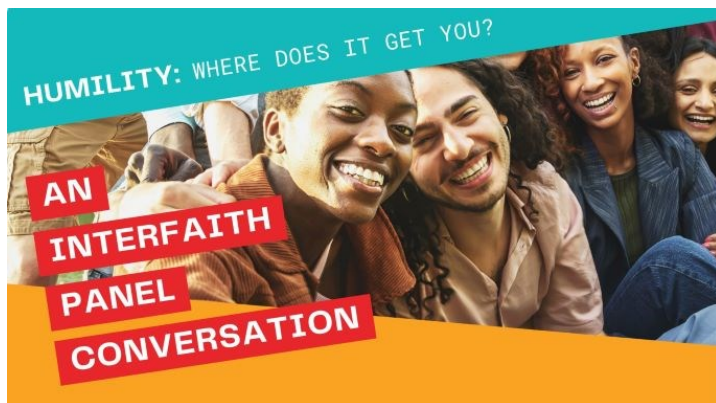
Are there patterns of sin and/or trauma in your family tree? Bring your family tree Genogram to the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist at the **Healing of the Family Tree Mass to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon, on Friday, 4th November, 2022 at 7.30pm.** Fr. Neville Yun will be the principal celebrant. Preparation information for the Mass and a Genogram are available on the CCR Brisbane website under "Resources" [www.ccrbrisbane.org.au](http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au) This information will also be available at the Church on the night. The Genogram will be presented as part of the Offertory during Mass. Arrive at the Church early. For more details, contact Len on [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com) or by mobile 0421 977 849. (Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Bardon.)

## Queensland Faith Communities Interfaith Panel: Humility, Where Does it Get You?

Instead of perpetuating a fractured, isolated society which is damaging our mental health, let's explore humility and find our common humanity!

In this interfaith panel conversation, our guests will discuss the role of humility in our personal development and in building stronger relationships.

If you've never been to an interfaith event before, this is a great place to start. There will be time for chatting with those of other faiths (and finding out how much you have in common), yummy new foods to try, and the panel conversation itself.



Queensland Faith Communities would like to extend a particular invitation to young adults who have never attended an interfaith event before. Please share about it with your network.

Details:

7pm Thursday 27 October

Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

Register at [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/ifpanel\\_oct22](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/ifpanel_oct22)

## Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday

## WOMEN OF FAITH

*a guided retreat*



## Women of Faith Guided Women's Retreat

Could you use a time of prayer and retreat away from your busy routine in the company of other women? In November, we will be hosting a Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime retreat for women entitled **Women of Faith**. Read on to find out more.

### What to Expect

Have you ever pondered the real women of the New Testament, some of the first disciples of Jesus? *Mary of Bethany, Mary Magdalene, Mary Mother of Jesus, Phoebe* - each have a unique story that can inspire our journey as women disciples. To spend some intentional time reflecting upon their lives and the implications for our own as women, register now for the **11-13 November** weekend retreat for women at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Throughout the course of the retreat, you'll be accompanied by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation Project Officer, **Lisa McKerr**, Evangelisation Brisbane's Associate Director for Children & Families **Chantale Wilson** and **Sr Liz Weimers S.G.S.**

### The Details

**Date:** 6pm Friday 11 Nov– 1pm Sunday 13 Nov

**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre  
([267 Wellington St, Ormiston](https://www.santateresa.org.au/267-Wellington-St-Ormiston))

### Price:

- Live in attendees - \$400  
(includes all meals and accommodation)
- Live out attendees - \$220 (includes morning tea, lunch and dinners)

*Live-in retreatants are encouraged to arrive in time to register and be allocated their room (i.e. by 6pm latest). Meals are Friday evening through to Sunday lunch inclusive.*

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

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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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**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:

Cath Taylor, Kathleen Hicks and family, Arthur (9 years young), Sr Joan Murphy, Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, Gerard McGrory, Carolyn 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,


#### We pray for those recently deceased:

Rosemary Reeves, Eduardo Bernedo, Jacinto Gloria, Antonio Bonomo, Elizabeth Windsor, Veronica Strong, Barbara Jones, Ann Mellick, Val Moorhead, Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan,

#### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Collette Horn, Francesca & Domenico Antonaglia, Angelo Di Mauro, 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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