



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus in word, deed and service."

Sixth Sunday of Easter 4th–5th May 2024

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF

Mary



May is the month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month to honour Mary, Mother of God.

Fr Joe's Reflection - Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B God is love?

We don't love God like we love a good meal. The Ancient Greek-speaking world talked about love in many ways. *Philia* describes the mutual affection and obligations towards each other of close friends or brothers. A similar word in meaning was *storge* which described the bonds of affection and duty owed between members of a family. Wild romantic love was called *eros*. The Greeks viewed *eros* as a form of madness. It described the desire or need for another beyond rational thought. *Xenia*, or hospitality, was the care and friendship you showed to strangers and travellers. It demanded mutual respect between guest and host. It was given with a hope that if the positions were reversed that you would be treated the same. The word translated as love in today's *Gospel* and the *First Letter from John* is *agape*. This is the desire for the good of another without any expectation of reward. It is a love that demands no obligations in return. It is a self-sacrificial and self-less love. God is *Agape*. God gives without any need for reward. God's love is self-less. God does not love us because we are fault-less or sinless. God's love doesn't have favourites. God loves everyone. In a particular Franciscan vision of salvation Jesus didn't come because we had sinned. Jesus came to show God's love. It is through Jesus' love that we are forgiven and invited into God's kingdom. Jesus also wants us also to love him as a friend. He wants us to get to know him. He wants us to be bound in friendship. He wants us to have mutual obligations of care for each other. It is love as *philia*. Jesus does not command as one would to a servant or slave. He however points out the obligations and demands of being in friendship with him. His friends are to love selflessly, to love as *agape*, to love like God, thinking only about the good of the other. God's love is universal. God selflessly wants the best for everyone and everything. He loves the saint and sinner, the agnostic, the atheist, and all of humanity. God's love is also personal. To be called a Christian is to be a friend of Jesus. Friendship comes with obligations. That obligation is to love God and each other, selflessly like God. That is the sign of being a Christian.

*This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you.*



Fr Joe McKay OFM

SOS!!!!

Vinnie's Winter Blanket Appeal!!!

Please leave your donation of good quality blankets in the box at the back of the Church. Ta!



STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

ALL STAMPS -used or unused, Australian or Overseas. Please leave them in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry.



Please email the parish office at stafford@bne.catholic.net.au if you want to be added to the mailing list, resources and pop up news. :)

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary 2024

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary will be held at our church and in churches across Australia **on Saturday, 25th May between 2-4pm**. We invite all our parishioners to come together united in prayer with the Blessed Mother Mary for God's peace and love in our lives. This year, prayers will be focused on vocations and those in Australia who are suffering from conflict, famine, accidents, abuse, sickness, homelessness or natural disasters. For those who are unable to make it to our Parish, they can pray in their homes via zoom.

Our Lady Help of Christians has in the past come to the aid of Christians, especially when many people have prayed the rosary together. It is hoped that by praying altogether our faith will be nourished and strengthened by the fruits of the Holy Rosary and the intentions of Australia will reach the heart of our Heavenly Mother and given to her Son.

NATIONWIDE ROSARY

Saturday 25th May 2024

To honour

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
Patroness of Australia



To be held at

Parish: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm EST

This is a CHURCH or CHURCH ground Rosary not a public one.

Come on Australia, let us stand together in strength and unity to pray the Rosary all as one and ask our Holy Mother for protection and guidance in these troubled times.

You can invite family and friends from other countries to join on this day via **ZOOM LINK** and **MEETING ID** for logging in:

<https://bit.ly/437MVsu> OR ENTER

Meeting ID: 443 363 1440 and Passcode: eucharist via the Zoom app

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

**World Mission
May Rosary Prayers**

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280
Password: 876574

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

A Cursillo 3 Days
can be a life changing experience.

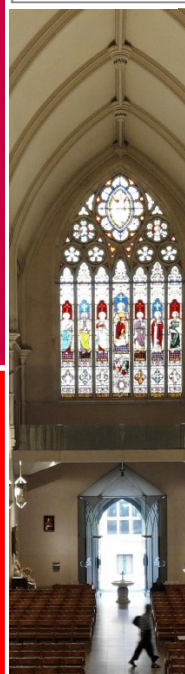
Cursillo is an opportunity to journey with others in developing a deeper relationship with God, through a series of talks and discussions as well as time for personal reflection and fun.

COME and SEE!

This year's live-out 3 Days will be held at **Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield Lakes, Qld**

For Men: 4 – 6 May 2024
For Women: 19 – 21 May 2024

For more information please contact
Lionel Outen (0417 786 542 or lout_home@gmail.com)
or **Rosemary Haydock** (0431 464 211 or rhaydock@live.com.au)



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Sara MacIver – soprano
Sofia Troncoso – soprano
Andrew Goodwin – tenor
David Greco – baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website:
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/>

SACRAMENTS of CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION is now OPEN



QR code or link below
for Enrolment form:

[Stafford Parish Sacramental Program Enrolment Form](#)

Closing date to register:
THURSDAY, 13th June

For more info, pls email:
qoasacs@hotmail.com



Next Week's Readings
The Ascension of the Lord
11-12 May

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven .

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ .

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God.

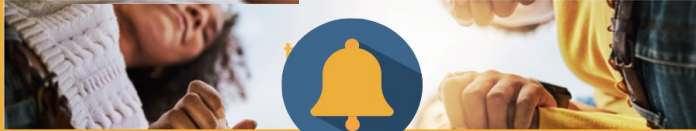


What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?

Mon 6 th	8.30am	Mass (<i>Public Holiday</i>)
Tues 7 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 9th	9.00am	Mass (with QoA Mother's Day Liturgy)
Fri 10 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 11 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation The Ascension of the Lord
Sun 12 th	9.00am	The Ascension of the Lord Baptism of baby Hazel within Mass



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Reminder

YOU OWE IT TO YOUR SPOUSE TO BOOK
YOURSELF ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND

21 - 23 June, 2024

The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes

For more information, contact:
Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen
Phone: 0481 307 821
Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12



2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen
and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction
with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

corpuschristibrisbane.com



Synodality and the Life of the Parish

Details on parish
bulletin board

St Ignatius Church
30 Kensington Terrace
Toowong

Friday, 24 May 2024, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

All welcome! Also online...

Leading African theologian and 2 local experts!



The Society of Jesus in Australia
Care for our Common Home Committee



Ideas to Inspire Laudato Si' Week May 19-26 2024

Theme: Seeds of Hope

Quotes and reflections this week to inspire us to be Seeds of
Hope in our world, rooted in faith and love.

The ideas come from "[Our common home - A guide to caring for
our living planet](#)"

Pope Francis in Laudato si' (LS)	Reflection to Action
 Our living planet	<p>"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect" LS #42</p> <p>*Jesus call that we "love our neighbour" is an invitation to cherish all of creation. *Can you take time to appreciate your garden or a local park?</p>
 Our water	<p>"Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right" LS #30</p> <p>*In Australia, water must be treated as a scarce and precious resource. *How can you embed water-saving practices?</p>
 Our air	<p>"Our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters" LS #2</p> <p>*The Holy Spirit is often linked with breath and life. *Take a deep breath and be aware of all who share this air with you.</p>

Please pray for Earth:

Adapted from Joseph Carver's Ecological Examen

All creation reflects the beauty and blessing of God's image: in our climate, the weather that shapes our planet, the seasons that give a rhythm to our life, and our own internal fluctuations. We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land on which we live, work and worship.

In September and October, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is holding SYNOD 24 to discuss, debate and vote on action plans that will help us implement the decrees of the Australian Fifth Plenary Council. We have been on this Plenary Council journey since 2018, when thousands submitted responses to what they heard the Holy Spirit asking of the Australian church at this time. It is important to remind ourselves of what has been said up until now, so head to "What is SYNOD 24" at www.aobsynod2024.com to watch the takeaways of the 2019 Brisbane Plenary Assembly and to read the contents of the Plenary Council Decrees.



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SYNOD24
1200 making all things new



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Click link below:

www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)



Are you a VISITOR or do not carry cash? You can help our Parish's Good works. A "Smart Terminal" is at the front door. CHOOSE ONE of the pre determined amounts OR your own preferred Amount and THEN "tap and go" THANKS!

Glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:

C10195625



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Joseph McKay OFM**

Parish Priest's E-mail: mckayj@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

Office Hours: **Mon, Tues & Fri: 9am-3pm**

QR code to access site:



Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email: lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or

AOB@stoline.com.au

SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORMS may be accessed from the brochure table which is at the left front corner of the church.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

School email: pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au

School Principal: **Troy Parsons**

APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

Phone (Thuruna St): **3352 9200** Phone (Chuter St): **3326 0400**

BAPTISMS are celebrated at 10.30am on the **Third Sunday of each Month.**

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**, contact the Parish Office.

Further information on our website:

<https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



Our Parish PIETY Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. Below are samples of Confirmation & First Communion memorabilia.



Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after week-end Masses. Thank you.

OUR MISSION

We donate 50% of our profits to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime

And with your help, we'll get there.



WE'VE DONATED OVER...

11,222,000 AUD

It's incredible! But we still have a long way to go.

Available at the parish office:

***Toilet paper roll: \$2 Paper Towel: \$3.5 Tissue:\$2**

ANointing OF THE SICK

If you are **going to the hospital unexpectedly** for an op OR develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Joe know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand. Celebrations of this Sacrament are on the **THIRD WEEKEND** of each Month. You may add a **sick person's name to the list by phoning the Parish Office (3356 7155).**



NOTE: To keep our "unwell 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. Thank you.

Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Diane Stevens, Esther Decklam, Nicki Goodman, Celestino Garcia, Felicisima Medrano, Brian Scanlan, Sr Madonna F.M.M, Eileen Matthews, Madelynn Martin, Frank & Maria Pirrotina, Bob & Tim Willson, Bunny Vargas, Miguela Savelon, Sr Patricia Coyle, Zina Di Mauro, Sr Catherine Hefferan rsc, Bev Lofgren, Gerard McGrory, Sr Dorothy Bayliss, & Rachel Oxenham.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Ted Cavanagh, Bob Devine, & Edward Taylor.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret O'Kane, Titing Padayhag, Gloria Patalinghug, Alfred Gow, Des O'Brien, Pina Padayhag, and our other deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



Weekend Masses are **streamed live on Zoom.** Click

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#) OR enter

Meeting ID: **443 363 1440** and Passcode: *eucharist*

via the Zoom app.