



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."

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 8th-9th June 2024

Fr Joe's Reflection

Love, Desire and Relationships

Jesus preaches about forgiveness and is accused of sitting with sinner, drunkards and tax collectors. Yet even Jesus seemingly draws a limit on God's forgiveness: To blaspheme against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven. What does he mean?

To sin against the Holy Spirit is to believe that we are too sinful for God to forgive us. The barrier in accepting God's love is often ourselves. God's ultimate desire is for us to realise that we were made in love, are loved and called to love in return.

Sin is very real in our world. It is the breaking of our relationship with God and the rejection of divine love. The story of the Fall in the Bible points to the tendency of human beings to place ourselves at the centre of the universe, rather than God. This stance not only breaks our relationship with the God but also with our neighbour and all of creation.

Humanity was built to receive the infinite love of God. In rejecting love, we are left empty and we try to fill our lives with power, wealth or self-indulgence. We make false idols of ourselves and the material world. Pride blinds us. Accepting love is the only desire that will remove the emptiness.

Even in the story of the Fall, God proclaims the fundamental goodness of humanity in what is called the "Protoevangelium." God tells the Serpent in Genesis that, even though humanity has fallen from the grace of heaven, human beings will still seek to oppose and fight evil. While the Serpent may have seemingly won this battle for humanity's soul, evil has not triumphed. Humanity was made fundamentally good! People fundamentally desire what is good, they are just unsure what it is! They seek it in the wrong places.

Jesus, true God and true Man, is the fulfilment of creation. Unlike Adam and Eve, he freely accepts the Father's love and humbles himself to follow the Father's will. He has no need to seek fulfilment in power or wealth for himself but acts so that others may experience the Father's love.

Jesus distractors accuse him of being in league with Beelzabub; with evil. These same distractors could not believe that Jesus could forgive sin. But by forgiving sin, removing shame and guilt. Jesus helps people see that they are loved by the Father. Jesus binds up and removes the power of the Evil One (the Strong Man) to tempt people away from God. Released from the bonds of evil people become free to restore their relationship with God.

Jesus' invitation is for us to enter into the family of God. Our desires in life needs to be more than self-advancement and self-protection, we need to seek out the common good. We need to desire what God desires. This is the divine and sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrates on the Cross and the love that we are invited into. To love as God loves.

Jesus sits with sinners, drunkards, tax collectors and us because he wants to give people an opportunity to experience love. He is not worried about his reputation or social standing but solely about leading people to the Father. He is binding up the Strong Man and is taking back what is rightfully God's. and we follow in His footsteps towards the promised Kingdom of God.



Fr Joe McKay OFM

Phone Message Scam

Please be on the alert for a phone message scam. A phone message claiming to be from Fr Joe has been sent to some parishioners asking for money. Please ignore.

Latte Ladies THIS THURSDAY

13th June at Mocha Bella, Flockton St, Everton Park at 9:45am

All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa', great conversation and companionship.

Enquiries - Truci Dove 3359 2267

Fr Joe on Mission Immersion to Timor Leste (15-30 June)

Fr Joe will be accompanying a mission immersion trip of students from St Laurence College and Padua College to Timor Leste. St Laurence College supports the Edmund Rice Foundation which has helped poor farmers form cooperatives to grow, process and package vanilla bean products. Padua College has annually raised money for the St Francis of Assisi College in Fatucahi in the Manufahi district for 18 years. The Australia Franciscan Friars help support the growing Franciscan presence in Timor Leste.

The students will be visiting several mission areas that their Colleges have helped support to get to know the people of one of our country's nearest neighbours. Timor Leste has a very young population (median age 20 years) and it is both the most Catholic (95%) and poorest country in Asia.

While Fr Joe is away his Franciscan brothers, Fr John and Fr Joseph from Kedron will be helping with most weekend mass. Fr Alberto, a visiting Carmelite Friar stationed in Perth will also say mass. Alberto has family in Stafford.

Children's Liturgy of The Word


CLOW



"Let the little children come to me"

NEXT weekend
5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Next Sunday's Readings
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15-16 June
First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
I have made the small tree great.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
Lord it is good to give thanks to you.
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

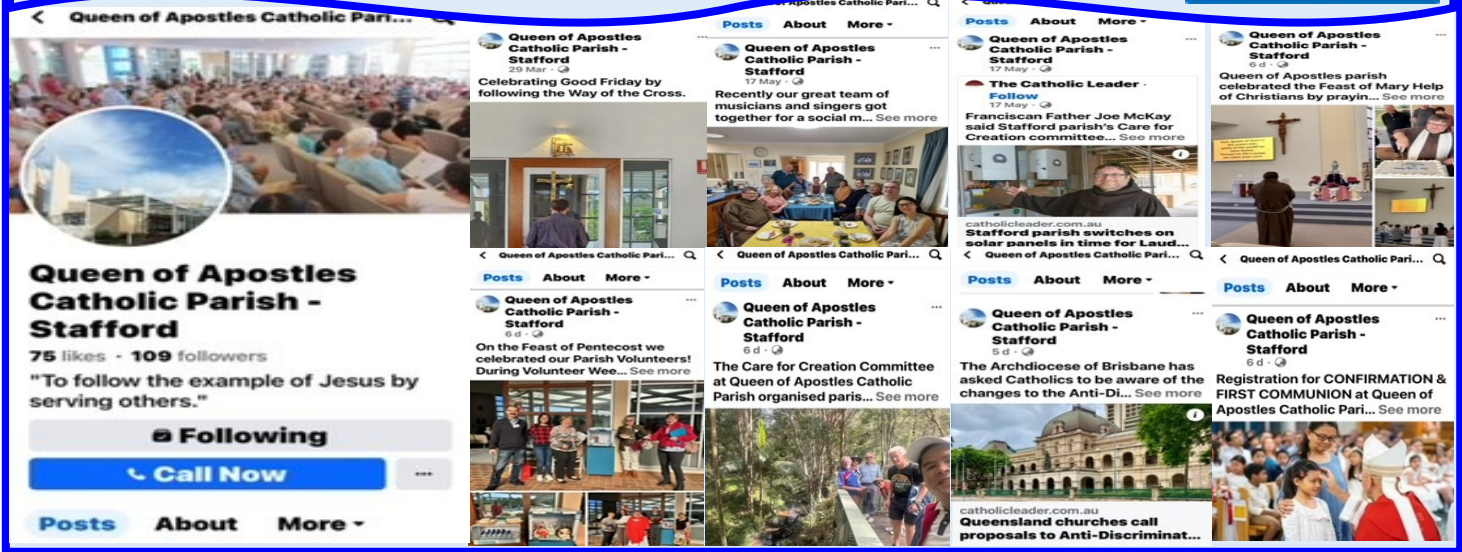


What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?

Mon 10 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 11 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 13 th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latté Ladies
Fri 14 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 15 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) CLOW
Sun 16 th	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) CLOW Anointing Baptism

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Care for Creation

For several years our parish has supported the Containers for Change program.

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



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:
C10195625

Over 8.3 billion containers diverted from landfill

...here are a few facts that will help us to understand the impact

194,263 tonnes of carbon emission reduction (in FY23)

Want to see the process of recycling? Have a look at...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5HqYanuLIM>

This past week we celebrated World Environment Day,...

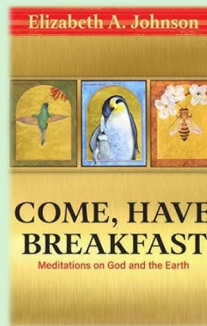
95% of Queenslanders know about container recycling

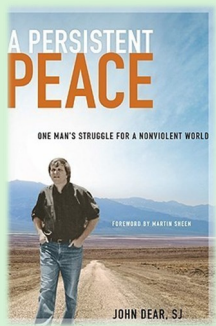
...we have when we commit to recycling.

On average 4 million containers returned each day

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED
by Rick Dalmau

“New relationships, not based on ties of blood or tribal allegiance, but on responsiveness to God”. So theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson CSJ says in her book, *Come, Have Breakfast – Meditations on God and the Earth*. (Orbis 2024 p. 109) commenting on Mark 3: 33-35, “Here is my mother and my brothers, for whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother”. She asks, “What would it be like if we emulated the gaze of Jesus? Try looking at the world with this kind of regard. The whole cosmos would come clear as God's Beloved creation. The natural world down to its least member would appear as a wonder. We would see and be rightfully angered by injustice rather than ignore or deny its brutality” (p. 110) See John Dear SJ, Marie Denis and Beth Johnson discuss violence, non-violence and emerging theological perspectives: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks6q4RB3wZg> Johnson in this new book is offering ‘contemplation’ on the connections ‘cry of the poor’ and ‘cry of the earth’. Laudato Si’ decries, “wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims. (LS 33)





OLD CONVENT WORKING BEE

THANK YOU to those who have signed up. Sign up sheet is at the back of the church if you're able to assist. Clean Up starts on Saturday, 22nd June. We will be in touch as soon as details are finalised. **THANK YOU!**



SACRAMENTS of CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION

QR code *or* link below for Enrolment
[Stafford Parish Sacramental Program Enrolment Form](#)

Closing date to register:
THURSDAY, 13th June

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

Anti-Discrimination Act QLD

The Queensland Government have released a draft Anti-Discrimination bill, that would be the most restrictive regime in Australia for religious freedoms. It would significantly restrict the ability of churches, schools and other faith organisations to choose who we employ, as well as introducing other harsh restrictions.

Key Concerns:

- Restrictive employment standards for religious organisations.
- Invasive secular definitions of 'genuine occupational requirements'.
- Disproportionate limitations on our religious practices.

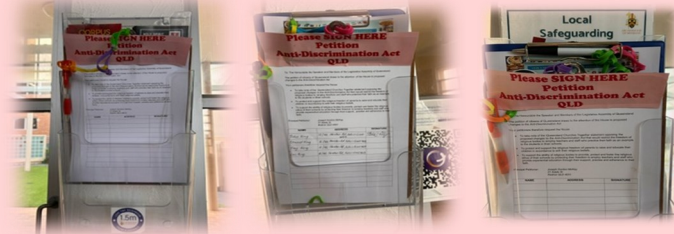
Stop the anti-faith Anti-Discrimination Bill

CONTACTyourMP.ORG.AU/QLD



OR

SIGN the **PETITION LETTER** placed on the parish bulletin wall holders...



SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and
silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.



GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

His Eminence
Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC

Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission in Action as we hear Cardinal Giorgio Marengo share how we can help support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Cardinal Marengo, who first went to Mongolia in 2003, is a strong believer in interfaith dialogue. It is through the grace of God he continues his ministry in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Donations are welcome and will support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Dialogue

Monday,
24th June
6-7.30pm
Hanly Rm-
St Francis
Rush
Centre
(196
Charlotte
St.,
Brisbane)

Mass

Tuesday,
25th June
10am
Holy
Spirit,
New Farm
(16 Villiers
St., New

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IGNITE HIGH PROGRAM

Stafford Parish and Franciscans will help subsidise a group of young people from our parish to attend the Conference. The Early Bird full price is \$305pp.

If interested please contact Fr Joe McKay by 9th June



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
SYNOD24
I am making all things new

In three months, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will hold **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New**. This significant gathering of 150 people from across the Archdiocese will take place at the Holy Spirit Seminary's Xavier Centre on September 6 and 7 and October 11 and 12. The **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New** Opening Mass and Closing Mass will be open to public with more information to

be made available in the coming weeks. The synod will be overseen by Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Bishop Tim Norton SVD as Chair, and mission of the Risen Christ.

Visit <http://aobsynod24.com> for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Stafford parish offers a program called the **RCIA**, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, that helps people learn about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God. The program is for newcomers to the Christian faith, members of other Christian churches that would like to become Catholic and baptized Catholics who have not received confirmation or holy communion but would like to become full members of the church. **If you or anyone you know would like more information, contact the parish office by telephone or email.**

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

ALL STAMPS -used or unused, Australian or Overseas. They can be left in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you & God bless!



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"

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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

QR code to access   site: 

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email: lrs.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or

A0B@stopline.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

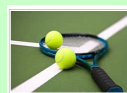
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APRE: **Megan Conroy**
APLE: **Leonie McCormack**
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BAPTISMS are celebrated at 10.30am on the **Third Sunday of each Month.**

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

Further information on our website:

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



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

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Our Parish PIETY Shop



Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after weekend 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:

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 Savellon, 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:

Diane Stevens, Ted Cavanagh, Bob Devine, & Edward Taylor.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hugh Rodger (Maree's Dad) 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.