

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."

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 22nd-23rd June 2024

Fr Joe's Reflection

Peter's Barque

The image of the Catholic Church as a boat is often used as a symbol for the Church in art.

Many of the disciples were originally fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. They knew the dangers of these waters. The Sea often looks like a tranquil lake but the hills around it can channel the stormy on to its surface and create a very choppy surface.

The sleeping Jesus was present in the boat yet the disciples drew no comfort from this. It was only by Jesus speaking and acting did he remove their fear.

Jesus remains present in the Church today in many ways. In the Word of God, in the Eucharist and all the sacraments. The Church itself is the Body of Christ. But is his Presence enough? Like the disciples do we want him speak and act? Or can we rely on faith in his words.

For the disciples in the boat Jesus showing his divine power when he stilled the storm. Jesus does not just still the storm, he silences and muzzles, the wind and the sea, with his words.

But then Jesus confronts the disciples with their lack of faith!

However Jesus does not ask to put our faith in miracles but in Him. Jesus often responded to those demanding a miracle or a sign with scorn! Jesus' healed people because they already had faith in him.

Even today there is often a demand for a miracle or a voice from heaven to reassure our faith. And there has been times that God has worked through the saints to provide a sign that does reignite people's faith. The Church recognises that at certain times in history these signs and visions maybe helpful to people's faith. However we are saved through the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Jesus asks us to walk by faith and trust in his words.

Jesus does not promise a tranquil sea on the journey of life. He asks his disciples to take up our Cross and follow him. We should take comfort from the presence of God who accompanies us on our journey.



Fr Joe МсКау ОFМ

WELCOME Fr Adalbert Imperial to our weekend masses—22nd and 23rd June. Link to an interesting read about Fr Adalbert's "calling" on p2. **THANK YOU** to Fr Luis CS and Fr Steve CS (Scalabrinian priests) for making themselves available again to preside our upcoming weekday masses - 24th, 27th & 28th June.



REFUGEE WEEK 2024 16-22 JUNE

Finding Freedom: Family To unconditional love To strength in times of adversity To unwavering bonds

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

Next Sunday's Readings 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29-30 June

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 Your abundance should supply their want. Gospel: Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 Young girl, I say to you, arise.



Former Brisbane doctor Fr Adalbert Imperial called to be a Carmelite

by PETER BUGDEN — 10 July 2023 Reading Time: 11 mins read



To read more, please click the link below: Former Brisbane doctor Fr Adalbert Imperial called to be a Carmelite - The Catholic Leader Fr Adalbert OCD is the son of our parishioners Merl and Tony.

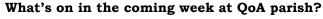




This year to celebrate

NAIDOC Week we invite parishioners to continue their Reconciliation journey by writing a message of support onto a heart shaped message stick. This will be planted on

the parish lawn, a message to all, of our support and acknowledgement of First Nations Peoples. Look out for our Sea of Hearts Stall on 6^{th} and 7^{th} July, we will have everything ready for you.



Mon 24 th	8.30am	Mass with Fr Luis Antonio Diaz Lamus CS
Tues 25 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 27 th	8.30am	Mass with Fr Steve Michel CS
Fri 28 th	9.00am	Mass with Fr Steve Michel CS
Sat 29 th		Reconciliation 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Sun 30 th	9.00am	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



Reclaim Retreat is 3 days and 2 nights to get out of town, meet up with friends, make some new ones and make space for God. When was the last time you gave yourself space to rest? To restore not just your body, but your mind, your soul, your heart. And when you aren't rushing, when you are unplugged and unoccupied – what will God say to you? Open to young adults 18-30. Where:Coolum Beach When:5-7 July Who:Young Adults 18-30, Cost:\$175pp More details available at <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>ReclaimRt24</u> More info and tickets available at <u>www.tinyurl.com/ReclaimRt24</u>

Do you know what NAIDOC stands for?

On 26 January 1938, while many Australians celebrated the 150th anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet, a group of over 1000 Aboriginal people gathered at Australia Hall in Sydney to call for full citizenship status' and laws to improve the lives of First Nations people. As one of the first major civil rights gatherings in the world, this day became known as the Day of Mourning. Since then, National NAI-DOC Week has grown to become both a commemoration of the first Day of Mourning as well as a celebration of the history, culture and excellence of First

Nations people. National NAIDOC Week is observed annually from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday.



EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

by Ríck Dalmau

Last Sunday with its gospel image of God The Gardener and wearing green with a backdrop of the icons of the Days of Creation by Dianne Minnaar at Sacred Heart Samford, Fr Nigel gave a homily like Elizabeth A. Johnson does in Come, Have Breakfast – Meditations on God and the Earth, "While never denying that God created the world and all its creatures, Western Christian teaching and practice for much of its history have focused mainly on human beings as beloved recipients of divine care. The rest of the community of creation formed a backdrop to the drama of human salvation". Douglas Young SVD Archbishop of Mt Hagen, over at Aspley celebrated mass later in the day for the PNG and Bougainville community. In the traditional Offering procession, fruit and vegetables were lovingly sung and danced up. Elizabeth



A. Johnson says, "In truth, Christian understanding about God's relationship....in light of ecological destruction, also needs to be expanded. It needs to bring forward the truth that the living God created an entire community of creation and is passionately in love with the whole shebang" (p. xii).

OLD CONVENT WORKING BEE THANK YOU to the FIRST GROUP of VOLUNTEERS for this weekend! :)

We are having a different set of volunteers from Vincent's Private Hospital staff from Chermside and Kangaroo Point painting the old convent on Thursday, 27th June & Friday, 28th June. *We need some volunteers from our Parish to make sandwiches on both days.* We will have 15 to 20 people on Thursday & 12 to 15 on Friday. Sandwiches could be made at home or come and join us in the Church kitchen. If sandwiches are not your "thing," you could supply sweets/cakes/slices. Please contact he parish office if you could be of help for this request.





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 Mak***ing All Things New* Opening Mass and Closing Mass will be open to public with more infor-

mation 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 <u>http://aobsynod24.com</u> for more information.

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.

Parish Planned Giving

THANK YOU to our parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

 The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one off giving. SCAN TO ACCESS PARISH GIVING APP. OR go to this link: <u>https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au</u>





Pilgrimage to Marian Valley on Saturday, 29 June 2024 celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Bus transport is available for \$30pp return (payment upon booking). Pick-up time/venues: 6:30am Holy Spirit church, Bray Park; 7:00am Sacred Heart church, Sandgate; 7:15am Bus Stop along Handford Rd opposite St. Flannans church, Zillmere; 7:30am Bus Stop along Appleby Rd. opposite Queen of Apostles church, Stafford. *For booking and further info, Jima* 0432374239



IGNITE HIGH PROGRAM

We have now secured our registration! Please confirm your availabilities and a meeting with families and Fr Joe will be organised when he gets back, thank you. See igniteconference.com.au for details on the event.

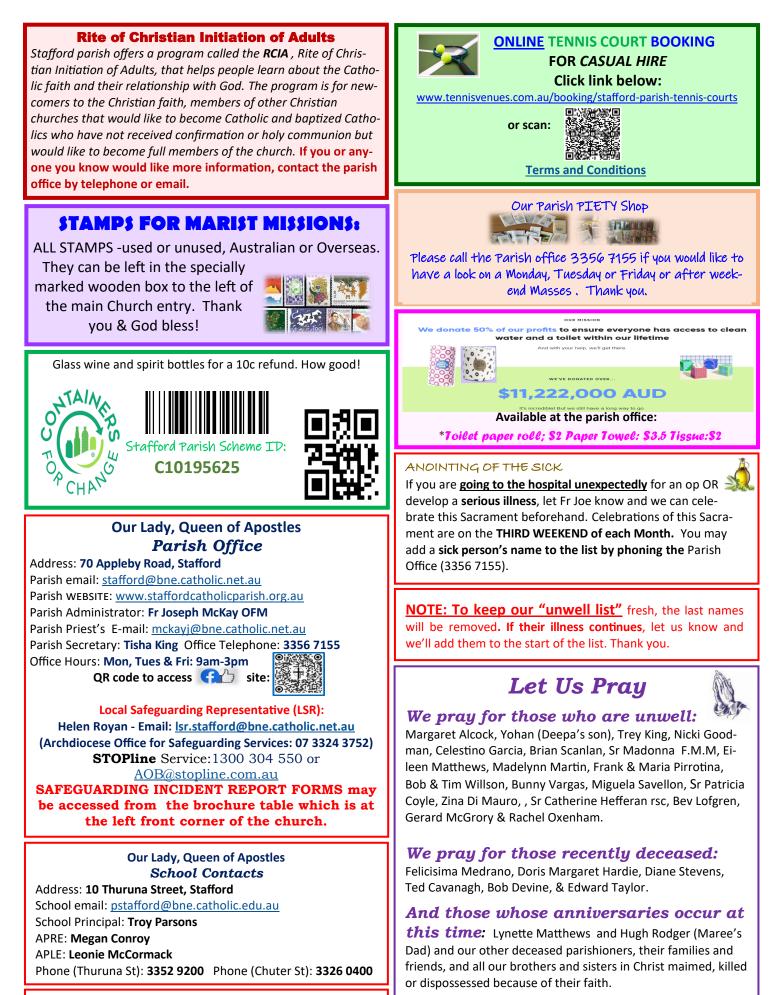
 Direct Debit: You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account:

Stafford Parish

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- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver the weekend Mass collection plate
- Tap N Go Machine at the middle entrance of the church
- The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically)

Once again, a huge thank you for your continued support! -Stafford Parish Finance Council



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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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.