



# 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."**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

## Fr Joe's Reflection

### Sickness, Death and God's healing touch

In Australia we live in a culture of endless youth, where illness, aging and death are almost hidden from public view. Australia had one of the highest life expectancy in the world. The main causes of death are heart attack and dementia. Almost half of deaths under 75 years were potentially avoidable.

In Australia we have a very mobile culture and family are often moved for work. With smaller families it has become difficult to care for our sick and aged relatives in our homes. It not uncommon for frail relatives to be moved to care or a nursing home. There is now a real separation of young people from the realities of aging.

If you go to visit our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbours you cannot avoid seeing aging and death. Several generations of a family often live under one roof and the young know the struggle of the aged relatives. When death occurs the family will often bring the body of the deceased into their homes or the Church for several days to pray around the body. Neighbours and friends will share stories about the deceased to comfort each other.

There is a growing trend in Australia to rush to have the funeral of a loved one. This often leaves little time for family and friends to truly mourn and come to terms with the reality of our common mortality. We avoid the reality of death. We avoid the sick and the dying.

The Church has many sacraments and rituals around illness, dying and death. These remind us that our Saviour came, saw and shared with us the experience of suffering and death. These sacraments help us to see more clearly the reality of life. They encourage us to see the importance of relationships in our lives. They help us see God's mercy and the healing presence of God even in the most difficult of struggles.

The miracles in today's Gospel involved touch. The haemorrhaging women reached out and found healing by touching Jesus' cloak. Jesus gave life back to the little girl by taking her hand. It is through kind words and close contact that healing happens today. It is in relationship that we truly live.

The reality of sickness and death entered the world through sin but eternal life is restored in relationships and journeying through life together. Our Saviour came and experienced the highs and lows, the joys and struggles of our human existence, to show us the way to eternal life.

In this earthly realm we experience the limitation of life and we are reminded that every moment of life is precious. When we know this we can truly appreciate the Resurrection and eternal life. We are in preparation for living our immortal life in the love of God.



Fr Joe McKay OFM

**13th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**29th – 30th June**

*Be a Witness of*  
**Charity**

SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE  
**Peter's Pence Collection**

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection is taken this weekend (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time). The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

**WELCOME** Fr Bavin Clarke  
to our weekend masses—29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June.



**Fr Clarke will also be in church on Saturday at 4pm to listen to Confessions. Thank you.**

**Anna's THURSDAY Group**

**4<sup>th</sup> July at Rosetta's Stafford City at 12pm**

Any questions ring the Parish Office :)



*Divine Mercy*  
**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**July 5, 5.30pm**

*my heart rejoice wholly in Him.*



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



*Next Sunday's Readings*  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
 6-7 July

**First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5**

*The people are rebellious;  
 they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122**

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

*I will glory in my infirmities  
 so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-6**

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*



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

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Mass
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 12pm	Mass <i>Anna's Group</i>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 5.30pm	Mass <i>Divine Mercy</i>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**RECLAIM RETREAT**



**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 <https://tinyurl.com/ReclaimRt24> More info and tickets available at

**YOUNG ADULTS SUNSHINE COAST \$175**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Death of St Bonaventure (15<sup>th</sup> July)**

Cardinal, Bishop, Theologian, Mystic.

7<sup>th</sup> Minster General of the Franciscan Order,

**Secular Franciscan Chapter Presentation**

Speakers Fr John Cooper OFM Cap and Fr Joe McKay OFM (National Spiritual Assistants to the Secular Franciscan Order) who will talk about the spiritual and theological outlook of St Bonaventure.

**Date: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: Midday**

**Venue: Little Flower Parish Hall, Kedron**

**Bonaventure Lecture**

Speaker will be Dr Matthew Beckmann OFM

Friar, Historian, Theologian and Lecturer

University of Divinity, Melbourne

He will talk about St Bonaventure writings on the life of St Francis, particularly on the Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi.

**Date: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 6pm**

**Venue: Padua College Auditorium. Kedron**



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**  
 7-14 JULY 2024

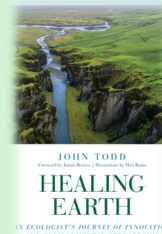
This year to celebrate **NAIDOC Week** we invite parishioners to continue their Reconciliation journey by writing a message of support onto a heart shaped message stick. This will be planted on the parish lawn, a message to all, of our support and acknowledgement of First Nations Peoples. Look out for our Sea of Hearts Stall on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July, we will have everything ready for you.



**EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED**

*by Rick Dalmau*

Mark tells fascinating stories of women this week: the healing of the woman suffering from hemorrhages and Jairus' daughter being given life anew. Both depict Jesus reintegrating the marginalized into a new family of God. We have images of crossing boundaries, cultural (closeness to women) and natural (the Sea of Galilee) in the midst of storms and the human production and operation of boats. We may well think of the boats of fishing and of war, old and new. As Mark recently in the Sunday readings, portrayed God (in Jesus the Christ) as Gardener and as seafarer again here; even as creative head-caterer, the meaning of the Markan parables is all about this broad, inclusive 'Kindom' of God -of gathering all into the Family of God. The Godhead planting seeds, calming seas, healing women, cooking breakfast, multiplying bread and fish, going to the margins, all should give us breath and hope. Laudato Si' is addressed to all people of good will. Strengthening goodness and will, body and soul is what we need for healing earth (See the eBook Healing Earth) and waging peace (See Pax Christi and the Society of Friends – The Quakers).



## News from Fr Joe on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

Hi.

In Dili, myself and students from Padua College and St Laurence College stayed with the Canossian Sisters in Belida. We visited sites associated with Timor Leste Independence including Cheda, the human rights museum, and the Santa Cruz Cemetery. We visited a trade school in a very poor area of Dili.

We went up into the hills above Dili to villages supported by the Mary MacKillop Centre and Edmund Rice Foundation. The villages have developed a cooperatives selling coffee, vanilla bean and a small kiosk.

I am currently in Bacau and we have visited a school supported by the Salesians in Australia, a trade school for women run by the Canossians, and the Marist Teachers College.

The best thing I have seen is how the Australia religious organisations have acted to empower the local communities. Most of the charitable foundations are now staffed by the Timor Leste people. The community projects are now starting to be self-sustaining and moving to help new areas. The Marist Brothers doing a great work running a teacher college. Adios.



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.

### 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: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



MODULE FOUR  
**A PEOPLE ON MISSION**

We have a couple of parishioners interested in attending **Module 4 - A People on Mission**. Please call or email the office if you would like to attend and avail of the group ticket price (minimum of five attendees). Link for further details:

[tickets.org.au](https://tickets.org.au) - [Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations](https://tickets.org.au)

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### 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](https://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**

**BSB: 064786 A/c: 100 000 072**

Or use BPoint link [BPoint Stafford Donations](https://bpoint.org.au)

◆ 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**

### 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.**



### ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

#### FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

[www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts](http://www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts)

or scan:



### 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!



### 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.

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



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:  
**C10195625**



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

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**  
Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
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QR code to access site:



#### Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

**Helen Royan - Email: [lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)**  
**(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)**  
**STOPline** Service: 1300 304 550 or  
[AOB@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopleveline.com.au)

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

### 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:

Margaret Alcock, Yohan (Deepa's son), Trey King, Nicki Goodman, Celestino Garcia, 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 & Rachel Oxenham.

#### We pray for those recently deceased:

Alison Drake (Marian's Mum), Felicisima Medrano, Doris Margaret Hardie & Diane Stevens.

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Lynette Matthews and 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.

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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>



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.