



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."

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 6th-7th July 2024

Fr Joe's Reflection

Power in Weakness. Prophetic witness.

The Catholic Church in Australia has created influential and powerful institutions in education, health and social services. However they can easily become like the ancient kingdoms of Judea and Israel if they pay only passing attention to the Word of the Lord. These Kingdoms lost the presence of God when service in the Temple was neglected, idols worshipped and God's justice and mercy ignored. They collapsed and the people sent into the Babylonian exile to regain their sense of being God's people.

Our worship today cannot become only external rituals nor can our institutions divorce themselves from prayer and the worshipping community. The Church today needs to regain a sense of being prophetic witness to the Word of God.

Jesus in the Bible is often seen as coming from a position of weakness and is ignored and misunderstood by those around him. In his home town of Nazareth he was still seen as the carpenter's son. They thought they knew him all too well. Similarly Jesus embraces powerlessness when he takes up the Cross in the Passion.

The ancient Prophets bridged the gap between ritual and the heart. They often stood outside the power structure of the civil or religious authority. In their weakness they were sensitive to the needs of the poor and the marginalised. In their weakness they experienced the misuse of power by the powerful. They took time to listen to God in prayer. They fearlessly proclaimed the Word of God and were often persecuted or isolated because of their actions. They aimed to educate and change hearts by their words and symbolic actions. They placed God and God's ways at their centre of their life.

People do not like to be told that they are wrong or have the light of truth shined on their actions. This is true in our time as it was in the time of the prophets. Evil and injustice cannot be silently ignored. Often the prophets pointed out to the people the consequences of injustice and faithlessness to their community. When the Church speaks up against immorality, economic injustice or on behalf of our First Nation People or Refugees and Migrants it is not always loved! When it preaches the sacredness of all life, it is often denounced. Yet it cannot be silent just to be popular. That was the sin of the ancient kings of Judea and Israel as they made compromises to the surrounding pagan powers.

Today the Church in Australia is challenged to be prophetic. It no longer holds political or social power in society and often not even over nominally Catholic institutions. What it does have is a community which desires to bring alive the Word of God and from this community comes the prophetic voices calling for God's justice, mercy and compassion. There are many things in our world that should be celebrated and praised but prophets also seek to shine light on the darkness which we tolerate or ignore. They seek to expose what opposes God's Word.



Fr Joe McKay OFM



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 THIS WEEKEND, we will have everything ready for you.



PRIESTS THIS WEEKEND

We warmly welcome

Fr David Willis OP (Saturday 5pm) and

Fr Jojo Eloja MI (Sunday 9am)

Praying for Fr Joe's quick recovery from his finger surgery. 🙏😊

Latte Ladies

Latte Ladies will meet **THIS Thursday, 11th July** at **Mocha Bella, Flockton St, Everton Park at 9:45am.** All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa', great conversation and companionship.

Men's Group CUPPA

THIRD Friday (19th July) 10.30am-12nn
Café 63, Stafford

You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates (Catholic or not) and enjoy each others company plus a drink and something to eat.

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. :)



Next Sunday's Readings
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
 13-14 July

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15
Go, prophesy to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14
*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-10
*Before the world was made,
 he chose us in Christ.*

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.



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

Mon 8 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 9 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 11 th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 12 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 13 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Sun 14 th	9.00am	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



POSTER WINNER 2024 Poster title **Urapun Muy** Artist **Deb Belyea**

SAMUAWGADHALGAL, TORRES STRAIT 'Urapun Muy', from the Kalaw Kawaw Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'.

The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. After all, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

SAVE THE DATES

750th Anniversary

Death of St Bonaventure (15th July)

Cardinal, Bishop, Theologian, Mystic,
 7th 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. ***Note change of Venue

Date: Saturday 13th July

Time: 12.30pm

Venue: Wynnum Parish Meeting Room
86 Chestnut St, Wynnum

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 15th July

Time: 6pm

Venue: Padua College Auditorium. Kedron



SEASON OF CREATION
CONVOCATION 2024
 wonder • weave • heal

Join us during the Season of Creation.

12-14 September 2024

- keynote presentations
- discussions
- workshops
- spiritual experiences

Online and in-person options.

www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

by Rick Dalmau

Mark, whose name comes from a blacksmith's hammer, is the only gospel writer to call Jesus a carpenter. We know Middle Eastern buildings were and still are largely masonry ones with only openings involving timber lintels and posts and doors. It has been guessed that Joseph and Jesus were involved in carpentry needed in the town of Sepphoris very near Nazareth. When we consider Laudato Si', that is "Praise be..." to all Creation as the words of St Francis' Canticle of Creation, we also know St Francis was instructed to "rebuild my church". At first taking a literal construction message from this divine appearance, St Francis eventually gets that it is metaphorical. We too are charged by Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum with rebuilding our whole approach to our place in Creation (and the church) and 'getting' the message that we are co-creators and deeply involved in an integral ecology of humans, trees, animals, stones, air, water, fire. We have models of how to have an ecological approach from indigenous peoples everywhere but especially right here. July 7 starts NAIDOC week and will be celebrated by a mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/06/26/naidoc-week-and-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-sunday/?mc_cid=3af69168ad&mc_eid=0f1b0c1574

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

**Listen,
 Learn, Love**

A New Engagement with Aboriginal
 and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Feast Day Dinner

FRIDAY, 23RD AUGUST 2024

OPEN DOORS 6PM SIT DOWN 6.30 PM

DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM

ASPLEY HORNETS
FOOTBALL CLUB
(50 GRAHAM ROAD,
CARSELDINE)

COST \$35 P/P
(Tickets sales start NEXT week-
end)



MULTICULTURAL MASS

"God walks with
His People" Pope Francis



25 AUG 2024

2pm, Queen of
Vietnamese Martyrs
Catholic Church,
54 Flint St, Inala

FIND
OUT
MORE
→



ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE

CELEBRATED BY
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE



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.

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>



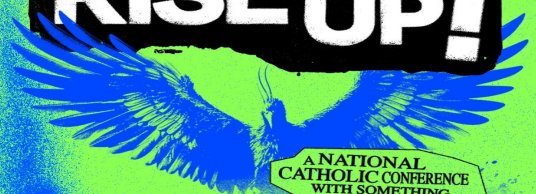
MODULE FOUR
**A PEOPLE
ON MISSION**

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 - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisa-

IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

RISE UP!



A BOLD VISION
FOR THE FUTURE
OF THE CHURCH

A NATIONAL
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
WITH SOMETHING
EVERYONE

BRISBANE
19-22 SEPTEMBER

igniteconference.com.au

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
BSB: 064786 A/c: 100 000 072
Or use BPoint link [BPoint Stafford Donations](#)
 - ♦ 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.**

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!



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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

or scan:



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



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.

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@stopleveline.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>



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:

Barry Peter Lutvey, 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.



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.