



# Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

**Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> February 2023



The Church in Australia celebrates the **Sunday of the Word of God** on the first Sunday in February - February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A).

Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. One of the primary ways in which the faithful honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to their lives.



## Care for Creation

**Date Claimer 11&12 February following the weekend Mass**

Stay after Mass for a further 15 minutes NEXT weekend and watch an inspirational short movie, **Regenerating Australia**. A Damon Gameau film, the maker of 2040 and That Sugar Film, this film is set on New Year's Eve 2029 and takes the form of a news bulletin looking back at the, 'the decade that could be'.

The movie projects real possibilities for a healthier, greener Australia that embraces our ecological responsibility.

We invite you to give a small donation to help cover the cost of the screening rights.

[Regenerating Australia · Regenerators \(theregenerators.org\)](http://theregenerators.org)



**An "Examination of Conscience" for our Parish Community:** *(I invite you to email/talk to me or the Parish Councillors about where we need to change OR what we need to keep doing even better! – Denis)*

### Challenging Superficiality

*(Adapted from "Challenging Superficiality – Wayne Tinsey, EREA Letter, January 30, 2009)*

- What is celebrated in this parish? What is not celebrated?
- How are resources spent?
- Which voices are listened to?
- Who is welcomed? Who is excluded?
- How are we defining success as a parish?
- What values are continually reinforced in our assemblies, newsletters, emails, website?
- How is injustice challenged in this parish?
- How are the less able, the less articulate, and the less presentable cared for?



*Next Sunday's Readings*  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time,**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup>**



*First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20*

He never commanded anyone to be godless.  
*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*  
 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

*Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

God in his wisdom predestined our glory  
 before the ages began.

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37*

Such was said to your ancestors,  
 But I am speaking to you.

### What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

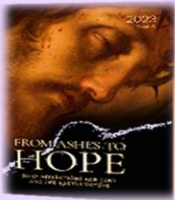
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b>	5.00pm	Mass (Ord 06)
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Mass (Ord 06)

### Lenten Discussion Groups

Would you like to join our Lenten discussion? We will follow the daily readings and reflections from The Spirit And The Cross. Three sessions are offered, join a Zoom Discussion each Monday evening during Lent at 7.00pm or meet each Monday at 9.30am in the Meeting Room, then again on Friday at 9.45am after Stations of the Cross. We will enjoy a cuppa and share our thoughts on the daily reading.

Click on the link to join the Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 944 3799 9915

Passcode: aat7WHBG

Come along for a night of enjoyment at  
**CURSILLO TRIVIA NIGHT**

Where? ST ANNE'S PARISH HALL, 127 NELSON ST. KALINGA

When? SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 7 - 9.30pm

Cost? \$20 per person includes Lucky Door prize and Supper  
 BYO nibbles and drinks

Tombola Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

COME ALONG ON YOUR OWN OR BRING YOUR FRIENDS,  
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Your booking is essential with ROSEMARY 0431 464 211**  
[rhaydock@live.com.au](mailto:rhaydock@live.com.au)

**Congratulations to**  
**BIANCA & LUCA PEZZETTA**  
 and **GIANNI ROTOLONE** who,

at 9.00am Mass this weekend become fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their first Communion! We the church thank their parents, Anna and Mark, Teresa and John and their older siblings, Chiara and Sophia and Eliana and Stephano for their example and commitment to their children's/siblings' faith.



### Latte Ladies



Latte Ladies will meet **this Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
 at **Mocha Bella, Flocton St, Everton Park at 9:45am.**

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

Enquiries - Truci Dove 3359 2267

### Anna's Group



Anna's Group will gather **this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
 at **Mocca Bella in Flockton St at 12pm.**

Any questions ring Dianne on 0407616637

### The Catholic Leader February 2023

- 11-page memorial feature remembering the life of Pope Benedict XVI
- Cardinal George Pell remembered in Australia and across the world
- Super siblings eager to explore St Kevin's new Prep playground as thousands of students return to school across the archdiocese
- Our Lady's College, Annerley students take to learning Auslan
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects after the death of Pope Benedict XVI
- Evangelisation is the 'oxygen' of Christian life, Pope Francis says
- Brisbane seminarians meet Pope Francis at the Vatican
- The hidden faces of domestic violence in Queensland homes
- The Bible is 'key to evangelisation' and soul of theology, US Bishop says
- Brisbane mum joins Gospel mission evangelising on the streets of Adelaide
- Columnist Pat Keady speaks on Christian hope in climate of discouragement
- Paul Desuara's search for meaning led to him saying, 'Jesus, I want you'

The **Parish Missional Council ("PMC")** would like to extend an invitation to our Parish members to attend the upcoming **Catholic Leadership Intensive Course for 2023**. Based on the positive feedback from our five Parishioners who attended last year's course, the PMC would like to send at least 10 Parishioners this year but depends on the interests received. The cost for the attendees will be covered through a grant funding secured from The Catholic Foundation Grant Award.

The dates (all Mondays\*) for this Catholic Leadership Intensive are:

Week 1- 29 May	Week 2 - 5 June	Week 3 - 12 June
Week 4 - 19 June	school holidays - 26 June	school holidays - 3 July
Week 5 - 10 July	Week 6 - 17 July	Week 7 - 24 July
31 July - Week 8	7 August - Week 9	14 August - Week 10

\*If you cannot physically attend, then you can access a Zoom link to attend remotely.

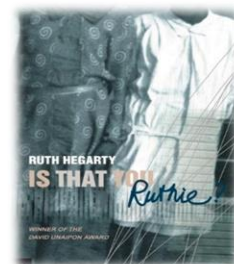
Please take note of the dates, and if you are interested in attending, let us know via a reply to the Parish Council email address (ppcstafford@gmail.com ), contact the Parish Office (stafford@bne.catholic.net.au ), or you can talk to either one of us after our weekend masses. From last years' experience, the starting time for each session will 6.30pm for a start at 7.00pm to 9pm. Venue: Xavier Conference Centre, at the Seminary in Banyo. If you have trouble with transport, we can help. Don't miss out – it's FREE and a great experience!!

### From the Social Justice/RAP Committee

One of the key actions in our Parish Reconciliation Action Plan is to provide reliable, authentic information regarding the process of Reconciliation, The Uluru Statement from the Heart and A Voice to Parliament. Here is a book written by a Queenslander, and a highly respected member of our community. This story helps us to appreciate the true meaning of 'having a voice' . **Is That You Ruthie?** is easily accessed, and available from our Brisbane City Council Library.

A synopsis of the story may whet your appetite...

In the Depression years Queensland's Cherbourg Aboriginal Mission became home to four-year-old Ruth until her late teens when she was sent out to serve as a domestic on a station homestead. Ruthie is the central character in this lively and candid memoir of institutional life. Her milestones and memories reflect the experiences of many dormitory girls. The strong and lasting bonds that developed between them helped to compensate for family love and support denied them by the disruptive removal policy of the day.



Ruth Hegarty has raised a family of eight children and lives in Brisbane, and for more than thirty years has been involved on a volunteer basis in projects for the elderly and youth. A founding member of Koobara Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Family Resource Centre, she is president of the Brisbane respite centre Nalingu, and a trainer with the Home and Community Care Resource Unit.

Aunty Ruth has written several children's books, telling stories of Australian bush animals. Beautifully illustrate, they are engaging, entertaining and educating. Here are some links for further information

[Is That You, Ruthie?](#) | [UQP The Creatures of Dryden Gully](#) by Aunty Ruth Hegarty | [Goodreads](#)

[Pip and Pim](#) by Ruth Hegarty | [Goodreads](#)

[Strange Friends](#) by Aunty Ruth Hegarty | [Goodreads](#)



### A reflection in preparation for this Sunday's Gospel:

**From Martin Luther King's Imaginary letter from Paul to the American Church – 4/11/56 Montgomery Ala.**

"I understand that there are many Christians in America who give their ultimate allegiance to man-made systems and customs. They are afraid to be different. Their great concern is to be accepted socially. They live by some such principle as this: "everybody is doing it, so it must be alright." For so many of you Morality is merely group consensus. ... You have unconsciously come to believe that right is discovered by taking a sort of Gallup poll of the majority opinion..... You have a dual citizenry. ... The Christian owes their ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God." – You are the **light of the world!**



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Parish Office**

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QRcode 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@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)**

***ANOINTING OF THE SICK***

If you are **going to the hospital unexpectedly** for an op OR develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Denis 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:***

Paul Horan, Eileen Matthews, Christopher Clarké, Christopher Clarke, Bob Devine, Rachel McGurk, Jessica Lehman, Wilson Villaflutete, Tina Watson, Cath Taylor, , Arthur (9 years young), Sr Joan Murphy, Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, Gerard McGrory, Carolyn Bohl.

***We pray for those recently deceased:***

Gran Acuna, Eileen O'Brien, Kathleen Hicks, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan, Joseph Ratzinger, Eris Smyth, Antonia "Toni" Pilz, Joan Good, Bernie Brady, Editha Weyh.

***And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:***

Domenico Antonaglia, Francesca Antonaglia and Angelo Di Mauro all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

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***BAPTISMS***

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

(**except** during Lent and OCTOBER).

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**

-- contact the Parish Office.

Further information on our website:

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



**TIME:** Weekend Masses (**Click on the underlined** sentence and follow on-screen instructions)



**[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend Masses](#)**

***Our Parish Religious Goods Shop***

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

(After Mass, ask Fr Denis and he'll unlock the Shop's Door for you.)



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with lights**

**CHEAP RATES!**

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9am-3pm

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