



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."

1st Sunday in Lent (Year A) 25th/26th February 2023

Lent's a shuddery season, Lord --
all those ashes and purple and talk about penance
and mortification and self-denial.

A gloomy time --

I know the glory-light of Easter is at the end of it,
but does Lent have to be so rugged?



Well, beloved, it's rugged if you make it so.
Haven't you missed the point of self-denial in Lent,
of what the penance and mortification is really about?

You see, it's not for its own sake.
And it's not an obstacle course that has to be run.
It's not an endurance test either.
And yet my people so often see Lent as something to be endured.

Lent is not giving up, beloved -- it's giving.
Lent is putting yourself out for others,
when it is really hard for you to do this.
Lent is having an honest look at yourself,
tearing out the selfishness in you and developing the selflessness.
Lent is denying the evil in you, not letting it have its way.



Lent is purifying yourself, cleansing yourself,
so that I might shine through you more and more clearly.
Lent is not only not for its own sake --
it's not really just for your sake either.

Lent is for making me more present in you,
and through you in the lives of those in your life.
Lent is me growing in your life, sometimes painfully.
And remember, beloved -- Lent is only the way.
Lent ends in Easter --
the way of the Cross becomes the goal of the Resurrection.
And in your Lent you are not alone,
all my people walk with you --
and I walk with you.

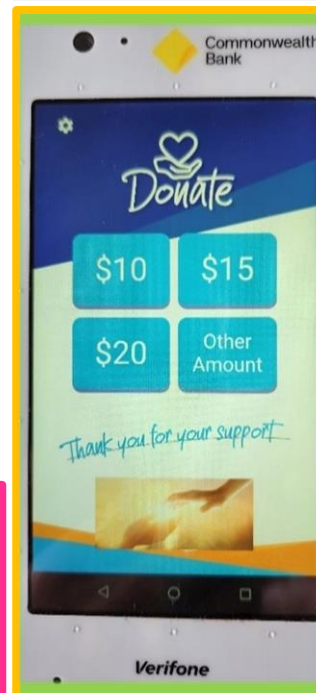


YARNING CIRCLE

In the Sermon on the Mount,
Jesus effectively demands
that we renounce anger, lust,
falsehood, revenge and
hatred in favour of
reconciliation, trueness of
heart and love of enemies.

May we open our eyes to the grace of God
that makes impossible things possible.

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Are you a VISITOR or
do not carry cash?
Now you can help our
Parish's Good works.

A "Smart Terminal" will
be at the front door.

CHOOSE ONE of the
pre-determined amounts
OR
your own preferred
amount
and THEN

"tap and go" 😊

Help end period poverty

PLEASE START BRINGING YOUR
DONATIONS NEXT
WEEKEND 😊



Donate to our **dignitydrive**
this March



First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Next Sunday's Readings
2nd Sunday of Lent
March 4th / 5th



First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you..*
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
*God has saved us,
 and called us to be holy.*
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 27 th	8.30am 9.30 7.00pm	Mass <i>Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg rm)</i> <i>Zoom Lenten Discussion Group</i>
Tues 28 th †	8.30am	Morning Prayer & Communion
Thu 2 nd	9.30am	Peter Chilvers' Funeral Mass
Fri 3 rd	9.00am 9.30 9.45 5.30pm 6.00	Mass Stations of the Cross <i>Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg rm)</i> Stations of the Cross Divine Mercy
Sat 4 th	9.45am 4.00pm 5.00	World Day of Prayer Reconciliation Mass (2 nd Sunday of Lent)
Sun 5 th	9.00am 4.00pm	Mass (2 nd Sunday of Lent) "Clean Up Day Australia"



**Vinnies
 Diamond
 Dazzler**

Concert with the
Second Wind Community Band



**60th Anniversary of VINNIES in
 STAFFORD**

Sunday 12th March, 2023; 2-5 pm
Queen of Apostles School Hall
 Cost \$15, \$5 Children, \$30 for a Family
 Afternoon Tea provided ... Raffle prizes
All welcome

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and celebration!!
 RSVP on a board at the church door or to Alison on 0421 449 167
 or with an email to michael.alison.golden@gmail.com
 Payment can be made at the church by cash or credit card
 Or by bank Transfer to BSB 064 786, Ac # 100026699
 (SVDP Stafford)

Stations of the Cross

commenced on Friday, 24th. We will
 again be using the Laudate Si
 version which has been adapted
 for our parish. Stations will be held
 following morning mass and at
 5.30pm each Friday during Lent.



All are welcome to join us.

Divine Mercy

(every First Friday
 of each month)

March 4, Friday
 @6.00pm



**PARISH
 ENDOWMENTS**

Planting the Seeds For
 A Faithful Legacy

Leave Your Legacy.

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Our
 Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish? Naming the parish in your
 Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a
 meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made
 to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund.
 By learning more about these and many other giving options,
 you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community.

To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at
 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

Are you thinking of reserving a **NICHE**
 or **A SPACE** in our **COLUMBARIUM??**

Now is the time to make a decision and act because
PRICES are going UP (from **Monday 13th March**).

New prices:

NICHE* -- \$1200 SPACE** -- \$500
 (Plus the price of a PLAQUE when required)



*A 'niche' is for the inurnment of Ashes.

**A "space" is on our memorial wall when someone has been
 buried elsewhere.

World Day of Prayer 2023 TAIWAN

The Salvation Army : 32-54Hayward St.



Friday, March 3rd
Morning Tea at 9.45am
Prayer Service at 10.30am

For more information contact
Toni Evans on 0431705456 or
Cynthia Oxenham on 33502742

Clean Up Australia Day, 2023
4.00pm, Sunday 5th March
meet at Keong Park, Quandeine St,



Pre-register:

<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>

One of our Parishioners "Letting the light shine!!"

I visited the Piety shop last Tuesday, One thing I bought was a wooden cross, just in case!

Today I had a cleaning lady, in the course of doing a great job, she told me her little boy goes to a Catholic School. She said Tuesday was Shrove day, so we mentioned Pancakes they had had at school.

So as she worked, I thought of the Cross. When she had finished working, I mentioned the Cross and I explained Lent and then we reflected on Jesus dying for us.

I offered her the Cross she was grateful to have it, so there you are!

Then on the table was the calendar from the brown envelope we received. We talked about Holy Week, and in the mail I had received another brown envelope so I offered this to her and she was happy to have it. She attended Salvation Army -- so there you are all the parish's planning, hard work and generosity for one little family.

There is no Father she mentioned.

I shall return for another cross just in case,
also books etc.,



From the Social Justice Committee

Children in Detention



In the news recently there has been a lot of discussion about youth crime and detention. Children as young as 10 are arrested, tried and detained in prison. In just one year almost 600 children aged 10-13years were imprisoned in Australia. First Nations children are disproportionately impacted.

Children thrive when they are supported and nurtured in a loving environment. They develop confidence in themselves and the society in which they live when they have the benefit of education, healthy relationships with their peers and security of shelter.

Child imprisonment has a long tradition in Australia, yet the statistics clearly show that it has not reduced child crime. There is another solution and it is up to the citizens of Australia to advocate for the rights of children and to bring about change.

The national #Raise the Age alliance is actively working to make positive change for children in detention, for society and for the health of our nation.

The Social Justice Committee invites you to become familiar with the action of #Raise The Age and to consider supporting change by signing the petition. Here's the link to learn more.

[Raise The Age](#)



Did you watch the movie **Regenerating Australia** with us last weekend?
Perhaps you could take a few minutes to send feedback, here is the [link](#)

<https://forms.gle/pqULabuDQUAgg5C38>

As we enter the season of Lent, you might like to take time to reflect on your interaction with creation and the ways in which you could better live a respectful relationship with our world. The Columban Mission Society produced a wonderful document that provides weekly Lenten reflective material on the atmosphere, the oceans, fresh water, land, plant life and animal life. Here's a link to the resource

[Grace of Earth - Lenten Resource \(Year A\) 2020 \(columban.org.au\)](http://columban.org.au)



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QRcode to access site:



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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>



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:

Timothy & Jeremy Willson, Jo Haines, Eileen Matthews, Christopher Clarké, Bob Devine, Rachel McGurk, Jessica Lehman, Wilson Villaflutete, Tina Watson, Cath Taylor, , Arthur (9 years young), Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, Gerard McGrory and Carolyn Bohl.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Peter Chilvers, Sr Joan Murphy, Paul Horan, Gran Acuña, Eileen O'Brien, Kathleen Hicks, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan, Joseph Ratzinger, Eris Smyth, Antonia "Toni" Pilz, Joan Good, Bernie Brady and Editha Weyh.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Paulina, Greg Curry and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

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.)



**Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights**

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office

Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

9am-3pm

Tel No: 3356 7155

Email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

