



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."

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A) 4th/5th March 2023

PRAYER FOR PEACE

(composed by The Dominican Sisters and Associates of Grand Rapids)

God of all People,

We pray for peace today and every day,
especially for the people of Ukraine.

Send your Spirit of wisdom upon our world leaders.
May the decisions they make be in the interest of all Earth's citizens.

Send your Spirit of compassion upon those who bear arms.
May they turn instead to reconciliation and dialogue.

Send your Spirit of healing upon those who are injured.
May they know your touch through the hands of those who care for them.

Send your Spirit of welcome upon those who are killed in this act of war.
May they know the embrace of your love.

Send your Spirit of consolation on those who have lost loved ones.
May they know comfort in your promise
that one day they will see them again.

Send your Spirit of protection on those who have lost their homes.
May they find shelter and security.

Send your Spirit of hospitality upon all nations.
May they welcome refugees into their midst.

Send your Spirit of hope upon your world.
May we live into your vision of a future of justice and peace.
AMEN.

Yarning Circle

Lent calls us to break open
our hearts of stone.
To assist us, what challenge
or inspiration do we hear in
the Uluru Statement from
the Heart, as an Australian
and a Christian?

"Only a heart of stone could allow the indigenous peoples to become aliens, exiles, and refugees in their own land." + Mark Coleridge

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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 PLACE YOUR
DONATIONS IN THE
DESIGNATED BOX
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



Second Sunday of Lent 4th / 5th March



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. (This weeks video after Mass will be about Tereesa a young Aboriginal Woman).

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.

Don't forget!!!!

Prices for our Columbarium are going up NEXT SUNDAY (12th March).

See the notice later in this newsletter.

To enjoy current prices, you need to sign a contract and pay BEFORE close of the Parish Office 3pm NEXT Friday (10th).



Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

11-12 March

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink,

Responsorial Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Gospel: John 4:5-42

*The water that I shall give
will turn into a spring of eternal life.*



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 6th	8.30am 9.30am 7.00pm	Mass Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm) Zoom Lenten Discussion Group
Tues 7th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 8th		
Thurs 9th	8.30am 9.45am	<i>Gran Acuña's (Tisha's Dad) Funeral Mass & Inurnment of Ashes</i> Latte Ladies
Fri 10th	9.00am 9.30am 9.45 12nn 5.30pm	Mass Stations of the Cross Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm) Anna's Group Stations of the Cross
Sat 11th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation Mass (3 rd Sunday of Lent)
Sun 12th	9.00am	Mass (3 rd Sunday of Lent)

Latte Ladies



9:45am, Thursday, 9th March
Mocha Bella, Northwest Plaza,
Flockton St, Everton Pk

Enquiries - Truci Dove 0403726584

Anna's Group has been put in place
for widowed women in our parish.

Ladies meet the *second Friday*,
12pm, at Mokka Bella Cafe,
Flockton Village, Everton Park .
Phone *Dianne 0407616637*.

Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!

March 2023

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Pope Francis prayer intention for March Using Lent to grow God-given talents* The effect of Francis' papacy has been prodigious, Cardinal says* Tips on how to minimise stress in your relationship* Pope visits Africa – "the future is in your hands"* Farewell brother George* Letting faith guide our hope for the future* A little help is sometimes all it takes to stay independent* The one constant is Jesus* Mum of 13 shares inspiring family stories in a new book* Reflecting on how lucky we are to live in this country

Congratulations to LUCINDA



SCHMIERER who, at 5.00pm Mass this weekend will be fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank her parents, Colleen and Daniel for their example and commitment to Luci's faith.



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)



From the Social Justice Committee

We eat chocolate for comfort, celebration and indulgence. Do we know whether the product we buy has caused others harm in its production? Be Slavery Free is an organisation that seeks to solve the global problem of modern slavery by preventing it from occurring in the first place. The organisation seeks to educate consumers, lobby governments for better regulation of labour and networks with civil society to put an end to child labour. Be Slavery Free has produced a Chocolate Scorecard that addresses the issues of modern slavery, pesticides and environmental damage in the production of chocolate. Here's the link to download your scorecard and learn more.

Ethically Sourced Products



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.



Planting the Seeds For A Faithful Legacy

Give the Gift of Faith

The dedication you have for Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office (33567155)

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.

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

Resurrection Garden Workshop Saturday 25th March 9.30am Parish Meeting Room Cost \$5

Here is an opportunity to watch the Easter Story grow. Join us to make this unique Easter Garden. We will commence with morning tea and prayer, and then begin the garden construction. This is an activity that will capture the hearts of children. Parents and Grandparents bring your school aged children and enjoy a morning together.

You will need to bring:

One large planter 'saucer' around 30 cm in diameter

One small terracotta or plastic pot plant/ container.

The rest of the materials will be supplied

Bookings essential,

please contact the Parish Office



Care for Creation



**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
Parish Office**

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Office Hours: **Mon, Tues Fri: 9am-3pm**

Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

QRcode to access site:



Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email: lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

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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 Villafutete, Tina Watson, Cath Taylor, , Arthur (9 years young), Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, Gerard McGrory and Carolyn Bohl.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Florence Ryan, Peter Chilvers, Sr Joan Murphy, Paul Horan, Gran Acuña, Eileen O'Brien, Kathleen Hicks, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan, Joseph Ratzinger and Eris Smyth.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Barbara Cavanagh, Patrick Hoi-berg, John Blumke, Mary Paulina 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](#)

Our Parish PIETY 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.



Fifty percent of all profits go towards water and sanitation projects, helping to **provide people in developing countries with access to toilets**. Since its inception, Who Gives A Crap has donated over \$10 million to help improve global sanitation for the 2.3 billion people in need.

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