



# 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."

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A) 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic. Magic is the opposite of the logic of the sacraments because magic pretends to have a power over God.... . In perfect continuity with the Incarnation, there is given to us, in virtue of the presence and action of the Spirit, the possibility of dying and rising in Christ.

Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter—*Desiderio*

## Safeguarding update: March 2023

At its core, safeguarding is about promoting the safety and wellbeing of others, creating and maintaining safe activities and environments, and preventing abuse and harm.

Our Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. Our parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative whose role it is to ensure that the whole parish is aware of the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; promote safe practices including articulating for others what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour; and assist the Parish Priest and staff in the implementation of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy in the Parish. Following audits in 2022 we plan to fine tune our risk assessment documentation and role descriptions for volunteers. Our LSR is Helen Royan and she can be contacted at [lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)



Help end period poverty

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

Donate sanitary items here

## Last Chance!!

Yamaha powered mixer (below) with feedback speaker and two main speakers: Yours for a small donation.

(whatever you like!!).

Next step—recycling!!!

(RSVP: Friday (17th@3pm.)



## Yarning Circle

The indigenous leaders who authored the Uluru Statement from the Heart invited all Australians to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples towards a better nation.

How does "walking together" make Australia a better nation?

## Music Practice

SATURDAY FORTNIGHT (25<sup>th</sup> March) 10-11am

Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!



Third Sunday of Lent 11th/12th March:

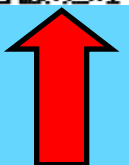


Please donate to Project Compassion 2023—help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

(This week's video after Mass will be about Priscilla's (from Zimbabwe) story).

You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

or 1800 024 413



OR



### Next Sunday's Readings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

18-19 Marc

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

*In the presence of the Lord,  
they anointed David king of Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm: 22**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.*

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*The blind man went off*

*and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*



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

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm)
	7.00pm	Zoom Lenten Discussion Group
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
	9.45	Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm)
	10.30am	Men's Group
	5.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.00pm	Mass (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)
		Anointing of the Sick SUPPER AFTER MASS
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)
		Anointing of the Sick CUPPA AFTER MASS

*Everyone is invited for  
Supper-Mar 18, Saturday and  
Morning Tea -Mar 19, Sunday  
after mass*



**CHURCH CLEANERS (Any RECOMMENDATIONS?)  
MUST HAVE ABN, insurance, COVID vaccinated, etc  
Please call the PARISH Office (3356 7155)**



### MEN'S GROUP

Meets on the third Friday of the month (17th Mar). It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. **Café 63, Stafford City at 10.30am.** All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more info.** You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates- Catholic or not.

### STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

All stamps are welcome, especially undamaged recent ones - 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 and God bless!



## Vinnies Diamond Dazzler

Concert with the  
Second Wind Community Band

## 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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



### ROSTERS:

**HERE IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING I'M ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER** -- please make yourself available for one of the Easter Liturgies especially the Easter Vigil - **Saturday 8th April at 7pm.**

#### Things to consider:

There are more ministries required than usual (including Readers and other "unique" ministries for the Vigil.) As usual "Churchbox" assumes you are **AVAILABLE** for your chosen ministries -- It is **most important** that if you are not available, you mark yourself as "**Unavailable**" in Churchbox --it'd be a tragedy if someone was rostered but did not turn up. The need to set yourself "Unavailable" is **the usual** procedure where you help us all by **marking for yourself** the Masses every weekend that you cannot serve. (If you are **not sure how to set yourself "unavailable"**, please see instructions **below**).

There will be some ministries during the Easter Liturgies e.g. "Jug" we will have to **manually allocate**, so don't worry about them.

#### How do I record dates and times when I am not available?

From the 'Rotas' tab select the 'Your Availability' menu. You will see the dates and times of all the services and your availability. Click on 'Change' to update your availability.

Thanks all for all you do for our Parish's Worship over the year. I couldn't ask for people to do a better job!! Thanks, **Denis**



### 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)*

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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Parish Missionary Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary: **Tisha King**

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

Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

QRcode to access site:



**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):**

**Helen Royan - Email:** [lrs.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lrs.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

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07 3324 3752)**

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**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles  
School Contacts**

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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:**

Carlos De Leon, Miguela Savellon, Timothy & Jeremy Willson, Jo Haines, Eileen Matthews, Christopher Clarké, Bob Devine, Rachel Oxenham, Jessica Lehman, Wilson Villaflutete, Tina Watson, Cath Taylor and Arthur (9 years young),

**We pray for those recently deceased:**

Tore Manai, Florence Ryan, Peter Chilvers, Sr Joan Murphy, Paul Horan, Gran Acuña, Eileen O'Brien, Kathleen Hicks, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan.

**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.)

