



# 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 of Lent (Year A) 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



Please Help Make Palm Crosses  
for Palm Sunday.

If you don't know how, we will show you.

Morning tea provided.

What.....Making of Palm Crosses

When.....31/3/23

Time.....9.30am

Where.....Parish Meeting Room



The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments. I am Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man possessed by demons at Capernaum, the paralytic in the house of Peter, the sinful woman pardoned, the woman afflicted by hemorrhages, the daughter of Jairus, the blind man of Jericho, Zacchaeus, Lazarus, the thief and Peter both pardoned. The Lord Jesus who dies no more, who lives forever with the signs of his Passion continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments. It is the concrete way, by means of his incarnation, that he loves us. It is the way in which he satisfies his own thirst for us that he had declared from the cross. (Jn 19:28)

Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* #11 On The Liturgical Formation Of The People Of God, 29 June 2022

## Our LENTEN preparation for EASTER: Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy? On **TUESDAY 28th March, 6.30pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance.



**How to do that??** In this Lent, where we have been considering **how to make more space for God in our lives**, you may wish to reflect on the ways you have no time for God but follow other God's.

(Spend some time reflecting on "**why** do I do these things") and **write them and your answer down on a piece of paper** BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!).

The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

**Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners!** (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)

**We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good.** -- St. Francis of Assisi

**Whoever is willing to serenely bear the trial of being**

## Yarning Circle

"The Yolnga concept of makarrata captures the idea of two parties coming together after a struggle, healing the divisions of the past. It is about acknowledging that something has been done wrong, and it needs to make things right."

Noel Pearson.

**What does Makarrata mean?**

*Next Sunday's Readings*

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

1 -2 April

*First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7*

*I did not cover my face against insult  
and I know I will not be ashamed.*

*Responsorial Psalm: 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

*My God, my God why have you abandoned me.*

*Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11*

*He humbled himself to become  
like us and God raised him on high.*

*Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66*

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.*



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

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 9.30am 7.00pm	Mass Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm) Zoom Lenten Discussion Group
Tues 28 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayers with Communion <b>Second Rite of Penance</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am 9.30am 9.45 5.30pm	Mass Stations of the Cross Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm) Stations of the Cross
April Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation <b>Mass (Palm Sunday)</b>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Mass (Palm Sunday)

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual



**CHRISM MASS**

Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese All Welcome  
car parking available from 6:00pm



**Help end period poverty**

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



**Fifth Sunday of Lent 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March:**

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

This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with

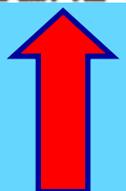
your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

You can donate through **Project Compassion boxes/envelopes**

[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or 1800 024 413



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*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.*

This article had copied extensively from Elizabeth Harrington's "Liturgy Lines" and published by the Brisbane Liturgical Commission (now "Liturgy Brisbane")

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM:** As evening falls on Holy Thursday we cross a significant threshold. Dusk ushers in the great three days of Christian observance, the Paschal Triduum. Like Jesus' garment, the liturgies of the Triduum form a seamless whole. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Easter Vigil and the Evening Prayer of Easter Day all celebrate one and the same great mystery of faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each succeeding liturgy begins and ends in silence. We are welcomed with a greeting when we gather on this Thursday evening and not dismissed until the Easter Eucharist comes to a close. Each celebration views the mystery through a particular prism - **the supper, the cross, the resurrection** - but it is one mystery from start to finish.



## HOLY THURSDAY

This evening's liturgy takes the form of a Eucharist, familiar in shape but distinguished in order and feel. Tonight we pray with *a heightened consciousness of the fierce dedication that gave rise to Eucharist*. **We know that to sup at the table with Jesus is to commit ourselves to love and live in this way.** The prayers and readings focus on the memorial meal. The rite is embellished with the washing of feet to manifest the gospel in symbolic action as well as in word proclaimed. And the liturgy of this night ends with the transfer of the sacrament to the altar of repose, not in triumph but in simple practicality, to allow Communion to be given at the solemn liturgy the following day. There is no formal end, no dismissal; we may remain in quiet adoration of the Lord before departing into the night in silence, all the while pondering the mystery until we meet again.

**GOOD FRIDAY** No other liturgy begins with the same combination of solemnity, simplicity and silence as does the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. The rite is stark. From the silence of the opening procession to the silence of departure the liturgy of Good Friday is elemental. It focuses successively on Word. Cross and Communion. The short opening prayer, declares that **it is the Paschal mystery we celebrate today** - the whole mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, not just his death on the cross. The Word is long and strong. All this paves the way for the proclamation of the Passion. In accordance with ancient tradition we read the story of Jesus' suffering and death as told by the gospel writer John. His is a unique version of the drama, recast in the light of the resurrection. In the Passion according to John, Jesus is already Lord; he is in command throughout. **The Cross in John is an emphatic sign of victory rather than an instrument of shame.** The liturgy of the word concludes with a lengthy set of intercessions in the solemn form of the early Church; this is truly the prayer of the faithful, interceding for the whole of humankind in every kind of need. We move from word to cross. For baptised believers it is the sign of God's love disarming the power of sin and death in our world once and for all. *We venerate the cross as a symbol of our salvation.* Communion completes the celebration. *Throughout these three days to share in the Body of the Lord is to commit ourselves to the dying and rising that discipleship demands.* The service has no formal dismissal.

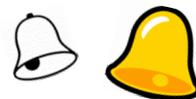


## Easter Vigil

We simply disperse until we gather again the following night to keep vigil with the Lord. Easter Vigil (**BRING YOUR BELLS TO ENHANCE THE CELEBRATION!!**) *We gather in darkness and silence for the flame of the great Easter candle to be lit from the fire.* Then we become again a pilgrim people like the Israelites of old where we follow the flickering flame that radiates the light of Christ. In our name the candle is acclaimed, revered, and praised extravagantly. By the light of Christ and at great length we proclaim the story of salvation, beginning with readings from the First (or Old) Testament. **From light and word we move to water.** The waters of the font are blessed in a rich memorial prayer. *In solidarity, the whole assembly renews its baptismal promises* and offers the prayers of intercession. **At last our three-day journey comes to its climax.** *The focus shifts to the eucharistic table where we break bread with the risen Lord. Joyful thanks and praise are offered over the bread and wine that they might be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Transformed by word and Spirit, the gifts are offered back to us in Communion.* Receiving them in faith we ourselves become more truly the Body of the Lord, bearing his life for the world. To that world we are finally returned, sent forth with Easter alleluias ringing in our ears. **So ends the Paschal Triduum; thus begins the Paschal season.** For fifty days the church immerses itself in the life of the risen One, to be renewed in heart and mission, until the celebration of Pentecost brings the season to an exuberant close.

**DON'T FORGET!!**

**Bring your BELLS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL**



Each (baptised) person will have a lit candle and holder during a part of the **Easter Vigil**. Please hold your candle vertical (it'll last longer) to **catch the wax** (we don't want it dripping on the carpet or the seats)

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**07 3324 3752)**

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**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:**

Gerard McGrory, Sr Regina Millard RSC, Sr Catherine Heffernan RSM, Sr Patricia Coyle RSC, Joanne Austen, Carlos De Leon, Miguela Savellon, Timothy & Jeremy Willson, Jo Haines, Eileen Matthews, Christopher Clarké, Bob Devine and Arthur (9 years young).

**We pray for those recently deceased:**

Ellen Jean Jones, Maureen Noonan, 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:** Bayliss Family, Sr Regina Millard RSC and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of

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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](#)

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