



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."

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 1st / 2nd April 2023



(From the "Ordo" 2023):

The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall and should end before day-break on Sunday. It is an abuse to begin before it is dark simply so that the Easter Vigil can be scheduled at the customary time of the Sunday Mass on Saturday evening.

- The bonfire begins the celebration with a joyful proclamation of Christ's resurrection: the readings of the Vigil are heard in the light of the resurrection. If there is no priest or deacon who can sing the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet), it may be sung by a cantor.
- The paschal candle is left near the ambo or altar until Pentecost and is alight during liturgical celebrations.
- The reading of the word of God is the fundamental element of the Easter Vigil though, where pastoral reasons require it, the number of readings may be reduced. At least three readings from the Old Testament (or in very serious circumstances two) must be retained, including Exodus. Silence may replace the responsorial psalms.
- Bells may be rung during the Gloria, but this should not overshadow the more solemn singing of the Alleluia before the gospel.
- The renewal of baptismal promises is our annual opportunity as adults to reaffirm the faith and commitment of our baptism.
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the climax of the Vigil. Receiving the body and blood of the Lord from the altar is the ultimate sign of our belonging to the Church and of our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ.
- The dismissal with the double Alleluia continues for the Easter octave.

Marcia Langton's comments after PM Albanese introduced the Referendum Question for the "Voice":

"I want to acknowledge people who are not here today," she said. "You know, there's wonderful people who have been with us on this journey: Noel Pearson and, particularly, Galarrwuy Yunupingu.

He taught me many years ago that you know when you're being told the truth, because the truth burns. And truth is very much an Aboriginal value and a Torres Strait Islander value across the country. So that is a part, very much a part, of our thinking. That's why the Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for a Voice, makarrata, and truth-telling.

So before you all rush off and recite what was said yesterday by a person who has never participated in any of these processes, I would like you to look for the evidence for such assertions.

But believe us ... in each case, we have doggedly recommended changes to stop the deaths, the incarceration, the early deaths and the miserable lives, and it is so infrequently that our recommendations are adopted.

This is why we cannot report on many improvements in the Closing the Gap indicators. And each year, people like you come along to listen to that misery fest, and each year, people go away wringing their hands.

We're here to draw a line in the sand and say: this has to change; people's lives have to improve. And we know from the evidence that what improves people's lives is when they get a say. And that's what this is about."



VINNIES would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to each and everyone who turned up and supported our **60th Diamond Dazzler Celebration** on the 12th of March.

Thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffles, the people who brought food for the afternoon tea and the many helpers who setup the hall for the concert including **Father Denis**

and **Mark** for bringing the bins over and making sure the toilets had everything they needed for our guests.

Thank You!



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Care for Creation

We enjoyed a wonderful workshop last Saturday as we created our living Resurrection Garden. Grateful thanks to the participants and the Care for Creation Team.



We are currently looking for more volunteers to visit Tricare Stafford Lake to bring communion to the residents. We visit in pairs between every 4 and 6 weeks, and currently have 34 residents receiving a visit. Some are former parishioners. Not all of these take communion, some preferring just to have a chat. The amount of time spent with each resident is up to the volunteer. Training will be provided for the role and a "cheat sheet" of short prayers is also available. You could initially be buddied with an existing volunteer. All volunteers must complete the Safeguarding process as determined by the Archdiocese, which includes a Police Check. This is a rewarding ministry and the residents appreciate the visits and look forward to them.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?		
Mon 3 rd	8.30am	Mass
Tues 4 th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Thu 6 th	7.00pm	Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Fri 7 th	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat 8 th	7.00pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Supper after Mass
Sun 9 th	9.00am	Sunday of the Resurrection Cuppa after Mass
Sat 15 th	5.00pm	Second Sunday of Easter Supper after Mass
Sun 16 th	9.00am 2.30pm	Second Sunday of Easter Cuppa after Mass Divine Mercy Sunday

Please bring a plate to share for our Easter Supper / Morning Tea

After

Saturday 7pm Mass

Sunday 9am Mass



COVID UPDATE—restrictions relaxed!!! The **BIG NEWS** is that we can re-start **SHARING the Cup at Communion**—I know many have missed it. We can start on Holy Thursday but for rostering and other reasons, we will start a couple of weekend after Easter Sunday. **SIGN OF PEACE**—we can **shake hands** again (one thing we learnt over the last few years is to keep our hands clean (Dispensers will stay at the front doors) to avoid spreading the Flu or other bugs. **GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF CROSS**—NO KISSING of the Cross permitted.

Readings on The Sacred Paschal Triduum to Sunday of Resurrection

	Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Sunday of the Resurrection
Readings	1 st : Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 2 nd : 1Corinthians 11: 23-26	1 st : Isaiah 52:13-53:12 2 nd : Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9	1 st : Genesis 1:1-2:2; or 1, 26-31 3 rd : Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 5 th Isaiah 55:1-11 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11	1 st : Acts 10:34,7-43 2 nd : Colossians 3:1-4
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 115:12-13, 5-18 Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.	Psalm 30:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Father, I put my life in your hands.	1st Psalm 103:1-2,5-6,10, 12-14,24,55 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. 3 rd Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory. 5 th Isaiah 12:2-6 You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. Epistle Psalm 117:1-2,16-17;22:23 Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.	Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Gospel	John 13:1-15	John 18:1-19:42	Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:1-9

What's happening at the Triduum (6th – 9th April)

It's the celebration of the Easter TRIDUUM – The most important liturgy of our whole year.

It goes for three days – Starting at 7.00pm Thursday with the Holy Thursday “Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper”, continuing through 3pm Friday for the “Celebration of the Lord’s Passion”, then on to 7pm Saturday with “The Easter Vigil” and finally to Easter Sunday with its Mass.

It's all about Christ's Resurrection and our participation in it. Try your best to come along Thursday, Friday AND Saturday or Sunday. To just come on Sunday is to miss out on the whole story. It's inconvenient, it's interfering with your long weekend, the ceremonies (especially Saturday night) are longer than the usual one hour, it's just not what most people do at Easter – but it **is the most important** liturgical expression of our faith, our baptism, our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ, and our identity as Christians in the Catholic tradition.

What do I need to do or bring??

Holy Thursday (7.00pm):

What to bring??	Yourself and family.
What to do??	<p>Involve yourself in the action of service during the ceremony. In John's Gospel, there is no mention of Jesus' saying “This is my body ... This is my blood” – instead Jesus washes the disciples' feet. – A powerful reminder of what our mission and the Eucharist is all about.</p> <p>After Mass, the celebration of the Triduum continues with a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, -- so stay for as long as you like up to 9.15pm for this and</p> <p>As you leave the church, do so quietly and try not to make too much noise outside the church and disturb those still in prayer.</p>

Good Friday (3.00pm):

What to bring??	Yourself and family and an attitude of solemnity.
What to do??	<p>This is the continuation of the Triduum and so, as you left quietly the night before, now arrive with that same attitude of quiet.</p> <p>When you enter the church, do so silently and wait for the ceremony to continue.</p> <p>The atmosphere for today is SOLEMN but NOT MOURNFUL. Jesus is risen.</p> <p>Come forward for your individual veneration of the cross (kids too!) and either bow your head, genuflect towards the cross or touch it. For COVID reasons, do NOT kiss it, then, celebrating Christ's Resurrection, come forward for Communion. As you leave do so quietly and try not to make too much noise outside the church and disturb those still in prayer.</p>



Divine Mercy Sunday

focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”

Please join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles' Church from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 16th April. *Everybody most welcome.*

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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:

Rachel Oxenham, 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 and Bob Devine.

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: Josefina Padayhag, John Daniel Coyle, Bridget Coyle and 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).

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



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