



# 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."**

**The Ascension of the Lord 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**



## NEWS FROM DENIS:

My retirement has been approved.

**When?** As of the end of this year.

**Where will I go?** No idea but the Archdiocese is helpful in these matters.

## More importantly, what's the future for our parish?

**The Parish is the Parish** – not the priest -- as we can see with all the work our Parish Missional Council is doing with the wider parish *"in light of current social and ecclesial climates to better reflect how we respond to today's challenges and how we and other parish ministries may work together"* – a quote from their report this weekend.

**What's to happen** with our beloved Parish as we move forward?

There are **two bodies** involved in supporting the parish in its transition:

The **College of Consultors** (A body of Bishops, Priests and Lay men and women who advise the Archbishop on planning options for the Archdiocese among other things)

Two members of the College of Consultors will come out to the parish in about a month to run a listening session with the parish to gather some understanding of who the parish is and what its needs are. This is usually advertised in the parish newsletter for the 2 weekends prior to the session.

There are generally two questions that are posed to the parish:

1. Over the years, what are the things you have done well as a parish community?
2. Looking into the future, what are the goals you think you should set for yourselves as a parish community?

This informs their discernment process for the new appointment for the parish and allows the parish's voice to be heard.

**"Evangelisation Brisbane"** and its support with Strategic

Planning Process (which our Parish Missional Council has already begun)

The Archdiocese recognises the significant lay leadership that exists within our parish and sees it for the gift that it is. They understand that role of the baptised in the mission of the Church is critical for our parishes into the future and needs to be encouraged. Therefore, as we step into this time of transition for our parish, the Archdiocese wants to support parishes through these transitions whilst seeking to work alongside the current work of the Parish Missional Council. In light of this announcement of my retirement, Evangelisation Brisbane would like to offer additional support to the Parish Missional Council and will look to meet with them soon to discuss how best to move the parish and all it's doing through this current time of transition.

As discernment is undertaken for any new appointment of a parish priest, the unique gifts of this parish are going to be taken into consideration and there will be an opportunity for the parish to speak to its strengths and hopes for the future in the discernment process.



Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare invites you to an ecological action event online. In 2 hours take 10 actions to care for creation in your home. Wednesday May 17th from 4pm AEST, 3:30pm ACST, 2pm AWST, Bookings are essential via the link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CHVPE>



## Sacred Pilgrimage

**"Everything is interconnected and we are on a wonderful pilgrimage bonded with other creatures" (LS 92).**



Join us for breakfast in the Meeting Room on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7am-8.30am** and participate in a unique prayer experience, a *Sacred Pilgrimage*. We will be guided by *Judith Keller*, an accredited *Laudato Si Animator*. Using poetry and the *Chartres Labyrinth* and in communion with participants from around the world, we will reflect on the call to care for creation. Breakfast is provided.

We will conclude in time for Friday Mass at 9.00am .

Please register by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, session materials will be printed for you.

**SIGN UP Sheet at the back of the Church**

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**Pentecost Sunday**

27-28 May

**First Reading:**

**Acts 2:1-11** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

**Responsorial Psalm: 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.



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

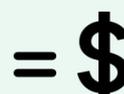
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Mass
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fay's FUNERAL
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00am 9.00am	Sacred Pilgrimage followed by brekkie Mass
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Music Practice Reconciliation Pentecost Sunday <b>*Bring and Buy Table</b>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Pentecost Sunday <b>*Bring and Buy Table</b>

**Bring and Buy Table May 27th/28th**

'Caring for Creation is an integral part of our Faith-Action. It is not an optional extra for members of the Catholic Church. We have a special privilege, duty and responsibility to care for the Earth (our common home) so that human life and all God's creatures may be sustained in harmony.'

This is the opening statement of our Environmental Sustainability Policy, launched in 2020. One of the focus areas within our policy is Biodiversity. This year our action is to respond to the needs of our iconic marsupial, the koala. From deadly disease to catastrophic wildfires, floods, and rampant deforestation - koalas have been hit from all angles. Now up listed to ENDANGERED status along our east coast, they're at a critical crossroad. We will fundraise to support the World Wildlife Foundation Adopt a Koala program. <https://www.wwf.org.au/adopt/adopt-a-koala/>

We ask for small items ...Jewelry, Bric a Brac,  
Fresh garden produce, Books



**FAY ROBERTSON**

Fay's funeral is on this Tuesday morning at 10.30am.

May she rest in peace and as the scripture says, "Her good deeds go with her."

**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

**Priority Six: Implementing Integral Ecology**

Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other.

Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm.

The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.



Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)



**Music Practice**

**NEXT SATURDAY**

(27<sup>th</sup> May) 10-11am

Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!



**ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING**

**FOR CASUAL HIRE** Click link below:

[www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts](http://www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts)

or scan:



**Terms and Conditions**

Please contact the parish office for PERMANENT BOOKINGS.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

21- 28 May 2023

**"Do good; seek justice."**

(cf Isaiah 1:17)



**Learn to do good – Seek justice – Rescue the oppressed –**

**Defend the orphan, plead for the widow**

"When we stop talking and listen, we hear that the church in Australia is built on stolen land, Indigenous land, and shares in a history of racism, massacre, abuse, stolen children, imprisonment and death in custody, and ongoing disadvantage. We hear that this legacy is really ours because we have explained, justified or remained silent in the face of this reality. When we stop talking and listen, we make space to realise anew that we have acted in ways that deny the worth of some of God's people, equally made in God's image." (Rev. Radhika Sukumar-White's sermon from Day of Mourning service, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Leichhardt Uniting Church)



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Do not be afraid, for I AM with you always  
**HAPPY ASCENSION DAY**

## LAUDATO SI' WEEK

16th – 24th May

is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress

the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

### 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!



### Why I will be voting Yes in The Voice referendum

My understanding of The Voice is that it will be a mechanism to advise Parliament on Indigenous issues, so that our elected representatives can make more informed decisions on these issues. As such, I see The Voice is a big step forward on the journey to reconciliation. This is something that has come from Indigenous people – the outcome of years of discussion and consultation – and it is not something that has been imposed on them. Of course, not all Indigenous people are in favour of The Voice (it would be impossible for this to be the case, as Indigenous people are not a homogenous group and naturally there are different viewpoints), however I believe a majority do support it – which was confirmed in a poll that was taken in January. I also think that The Voice will provide significant help with “Closing the Gap” – and ensuring that the gap remains closed as well. While there has been some progress, much more is needed to ensure that all targets are met, and these improvements are sustained. *Kathleen O'Brien*



### OUR MISSION

We donate 50% of our profits to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime. And with your help, we'll get there.

Available at the parish office:

Toilet paper roll: \$2.00  
Paper Towel: \$3.50  
Tissue: \$2.00



It's a brand new look!

*Saving The World,  
One Wipe At A Time.*

*You may have heard the exciting news that from 1 November 2023 we will be accepting glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!*



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:  
C10195625



## LAUREL BLOW SPEAKER SERIES

FINDING THE

# HEART OF THE NATION:

THE JOURNEY OF THE ULURU STATEMENT TOWARDS

## VOICE, TREATY & TRUTH

WITH THOMAS MAYO

### Finding the Heart of the Nation: The journey of the Uluru Statement towards Voice, Treaty, and Truth

Are you aware of the conversations happening around the Voice to Parliament but not really sure what it's all about? This session of the Laurel Blow Speaker Series will help you understand what's really being asked and navigate the noise that is surrounding the issue. Since the Uluru Statement from the Heart was formed in 2017, guest speaker Thomas Mayo has travelled around

the country to promote its vision of a better future for Indigenous Australians. Through the story of his own journey and hearing the stories of others, Thomas taps into a deep sense of our shared humanity and makes clear what the Uluru Statement is and why it is so important.

**When:** Thursday 1 June, 10am- 12:30pm **Where:** Guadete Centre, ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo **RSVP:** Monday 29 May

**You're invited to engage in this important conversation and listen with an open heart by registering now at:**

[app.tickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow)



Fr Chris Alar, MIC

# UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY

Australia Tour 2023

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

6.30pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

FREE ENTRY

(NO Tickets Required)



Author of Understanding Divine Mercy



with Special Guest  
Anna Nuzza, Catholic Singer Songwriter



*“Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts.”  
(Matthew 5:16)*

We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish or our Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

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

QR code to access



site:



**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):**

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

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: **07 3324 3752**)

**STOPline** Service: 1300 304 550 or

[AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

**SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORMS may be accessed from the brochure table which is at the left front corner of the church.**

## 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**



**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, Trevor Cavanagh, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade, Gerard McGrory, Bev Lofgren, Geraldine Hurley, Rachel Oxenham, Sr Regina Millard RSC, Sr Catherine Heffernan RSM, Sr Patricia Coyle RSC, Joanne Austen, Carlos De Leon, Miguela Savellon, Jo Haines and Eileen Matthews.

### **We pray for those recently deceased:**

Fay Robertson, Sr Elizabeth Wall RSC, Irene Rynders, Kath Shanahan, Sr Judith Christy RSC, Alf Gow, Ellen Jean Jones, Maureen Noonan and Tore Manai.

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

## 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>



Weekend Masses are **streamed live on Zoom**. Click s [Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#) or enter Meeting ID:



960 3512 3700 and Passcode: *eucharist* via the Zoom app.