



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."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th-16th July 2023



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST 2023

WHAT? Shared food from all our cultures~!!!

WHEN? Saturday 22nd July 6PM

WHAT TO DO? Sign up ON/BEFORE 16th July (THIS SUNDAY!)

WHERE? Parish Hall

WHAT TO BRING? Savoury or sweet —food from your culture to share with everyone.

BUY: Soft drinks \$1 or Juice \$0.50

- If you have any dietary requirements, please bring your own meal or food to share you can eat.
- Raffle tickets given out for Lucky Door Prizes.

SIGN UP—How many are you bringing? Are you providing a Sweet or Savory dish(es). Use the CLIP-BOARD at the back of the church THIS WEEKEND! Thank you :)



MARK YOUR DIARIES!!! This year's Stafford Parish preparation journey for the Sacraments of **CONFIRMATION** and **EUCARIST** will start with a **Parent Meeting**

on **TUESDAY 18th JULY at 6pm**. This meeting is a **MUST** for all parents considering celebrating the sacraments with their children (**7yrs or older this year**). If you miss this meeting, you will **need to wait** until next year (2024) to join in this journey of faith with your child(ren).

NOTE: If your child was **NOT** Baptised at STAFFORD, you will need to **contact the place of Baptism**, giving the child's name and approximate Date of Baptism for a copy of the certificate. The Mass is the **SOURCE** and **SUMMIT** of our Christian life. **Start a routine** of bringing your child to worship with us (Sat 5pm, Sun 9am) – It is an essential

part of Sacramental preparation.



Music Practice

NEXT SATURDAY

(22nd July 10-11am)



Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!



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Register for our Summit

This weekend we invite you to register for our parish summit on 6th August. This is an important event as it will provide an opportunity for each of us to shape the future direction of our parish. We are in for big changes as Fr Denis heads towards retirement at the end of this year. Our summit will enable us to give voice to what we think is important for our community and the subsequent development of our 5 year plan will provide clear direction for the years ahead and hopefully provide a smooth transition into the changed reality that 2023 will bring. [Register here](#) OR




QofA Summit 2023

Come Dream With Us

📅 10:30am - 3:00pm

🕒 Sunday 6th August

📍 Parish Hall

📍 Register at Office or via:

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Next Sunday's Readings
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22-23 July

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:5-6,9-10,15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 17th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 18th	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer PARENT MEETING (Sacramental Prog)
Thu 20th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 21st	9.00am	Mass
Sat 22nd	10.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	Music Practice Reconciliation 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time FOOD FEST 2023
Sun 23rd	9.00am	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer.

The Prayer of the Faithful is actually not a prayer addressed to God at all but a series of intentions that worshippers are invited to pray for. The pattern of the Prayer of the Faithful is:

The presider begins by addressing the faithful and inviting them to pray.

The intentions are read out, using a form of words such as "Let us pray for/We pray that...".

The faithful pray about the announced intentions in the pause that follows each one. The petitions only become the 'Prayer of the Faithful' when we, the faithful, respond to the invitation, formulate a prayer in our hearts and bring them together in the "Lord, hear our prayer".

For example, if the reader says: "We pray for those experiencing violence or hunger or homelessness", each of us prays in silence for those we are aware of in those situations – perhaps for the people of Ukraine, or in Yemen where there is famine, or for the homeless in our own city.

After a cue (e.g. "Lord, hear us"), the community responds together (e.g. "Lord, hear our prayer").

The presider concludes with a collect that sums up the prayer of the assembly.

THE EUCHARIST: DOING WHAT JESUS DID

The Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass is based on what Jesus did at the Last Supper. The Gospel accounts tell us that Christ **took** the bread and the cup of wine and **gave thanks** to God for them; he **broke** the bread and **shared** the bread and wine with his disciples.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Gifts when the bread and wine are **taken** forward, placed on the altar and prayed over. Along with the bread and wine we offer ourselves to God and as the bread and wine are blessed, we too are blessed by God.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the centre and high point of the celebration of the Mass, we **give thanks** to God for the gifts of bread and wine and for the whole work of salvation.

After the sign of peace, the celebrant **breaks** the bread. Early Christians considered that this part of the ritual was so important that they called their Sunday gathering "the breaking of the bread". The breaking of the bread into many pieces signifies that we are made one when we receive Communion from the one loaf. The Lamb of God litany accompanies the action of the breaking of the bread.

In the communion procession we walk and sing together as we go to the altar to **share** in the paschal meal. By taking and eating the Body of Christ, the faithful become the Body of Christ, united in service to the world and in working for the Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

CATHOLIC
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GRAND PLANS FOR GRANDPARENTS

Celebrating world day for Grandparents and the elderly



Evangelisation Brisbane is hosting a morning that celebrates the important role grandparents play in shaping the faith of their grandchildren and children including morning tea, a time of input and sharing. Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am where they receive as special blessing, reaffirming the impact they have on their family's spiritual journey.

When: Saturday 22 July, 9:15-11:15am (followed by Mass at the Cathedral)

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$15 RSVP: Monday 17 July Register here : <https://app.tickets.org.au/>

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.



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



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As I continue to hear the discussions around the Voice to Parliament, my thoughts are that this is the right thing to do. But what does it mean to do the right thing? This change needs to occur because, as we are finding out, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices are being lost in the channels of communication. This has made it very hard for concerns and issues to be dealt with and time and energy is lost trying to navigate the bureaucracy. Getting to the right person to hear the voices of the people who are affected by these issues is why the Voice to Parliament is so important. It is about ensuring that the most vulnerable members of our community are heard, respected, and involved in decisions that affect their lives.

This is why I, will be voting yes for a Voice to Parliament.

Christine Luck



The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) recently launched their website One Journey, Together (<https://indigenousvoice.church>). It offers information and resources for Catholics to help them to better understand the upcoming referendum on the Voice to Parliament. We invite all Catholics to inform themselves about Catholic Social Teaching (CST), and reflect on personal response to Gospel Values in the light of contemporary Australian culture.

Listen to Dean Parkin speak about the 2023 Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHtJTLZU4U&t=2s>



Social Justice/RAP Committee

Our parish is well known for commitment to Social Justice through positive action. The Archdiocesan RAP Project manager, has extended an invitation to all our parishioners to attend a presentation held in The Hanly Room, Cathedral precinct entitled *The Path to Treaty*. This is an opportunity to listen to members from The Queensland Path to Treaty Office, gaining credible and authentic information about Reconciliation progress within our state. Several parishioners have already registered, you will be in good company!

Monday 24th July, 10.30am Hanly Room

RSVP by Thursday 20th July to inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au



Did you know that Information and Communication Technology is being used to recruit, exploit and control people who are enslaved for these purposes?

Law enforcement agencies across the globe are using Technology to detect trafficking and slavery crimes, to apprehend the criminals involved and to work collaboratively to achieve successful prosecutions.

BE CYBER SAFE

Keep personal details secure

Avoid online chat

Don't share images of yourself

Never share compromising images

If a job ad looks too good to be true, avoid it

Never share financial information

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Our community celebrated NAIDOC Week with great enthusiasm! Masses included prayers for our First Nations People, the use of indigenous version of the Lord's Prayer, the Coolamon to carry our offertory gifts, a wonderful homily that explained the link between the readings and the open hand of peace and finally the colourful Sea of Hands.

Father of all,

You gave our Aboriginal People the Dreaming, You spoke to them through their beliefs,

You then made your love clear to them in the person of Jesus.

We thank You for Your care of these people. You own them. You are their hope.

Make them strong as they face the problems of change. We ask You to help us, the people of Australia, to listen to them and respect their culture.

Make the knowledge of You grow strong in all people so that You can be at home in all of us

and so that we can make a home for everyone in our land. **Amen**

(Adapted from the Prayer prepared by the Aboriginal People for Pope John Paul II's visit to Alice Springs 1986 http://www.natsicc.org.au/assets/resource_booklet_a4_v7_web.pdf)

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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



If you're Irish, (or wished to be Irish) read this!

Join the **Queensland Irish Choir** at one of our Celtic Winter Concerts and enjoy an afternoon of Irish and Celtic songs and music that will warm the cockles of your heart! By popular demand, we are holding 2 concerts this Winter; the first 2 PM on Sunday, 23 July 2023 at the Cherside- Kedron Community Church at Kedron and the 2nd at St Thomas Catholic Primary School Hall at Camp Hill at 2 PM on Sunday, 30 July 2023. Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained on our website at <https://www.qldirishchoir.org.au/events> We look forward to seeing you, to be sure! **Terence O'Connor—Qld Irish Choir**

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QR code to access



site:



Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

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

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or

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.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

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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>



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

PRESENTED BY



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Module Two:

Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures

After a successful launch of the first module by the **Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation**, Theology in Context, an invitation is now extended for people to participate in the second unit offering from the Centre. For details

please click www.catholiformation.au

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

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 & God bless!

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:

Carmel Fischer, Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol Donaldson, Rachel Oxenham, Peter Taylor, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade, Gerard McGrory, Bev Lofgren, Geraldine Hurley, Sr Regina Millard RSC, Sr Catherine Hefferman RSM, and Sr Patricia Coyle RSC, .

We pray for those recently deceased:

Stella Turton, Miriam Martin, Hugh Rodger, Julia-Mary (JM) Lane, Sr Robyn Wheeler RSC, Sr Maria Carmel, Ron Davis, Julian Baines & Gloria O'Donnell.

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



Weekend Masses are **streamed live on Zoom**. Click

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#) OR enter

Meeting ID: **443 363 1440** and Passcode: *eucharist*

via the Zoom app.