



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."

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd-23rd July 2023



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
For the third time, we celebrate this Sunday -
the Sunday closest to the Feast of
Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.
The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's
celebration is: "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50).

*This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church
calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents
and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that
they are loved and that they are needed.*

Congratulations to TONY PRETTNER

who, at 9am Mass this weekend will be **FULLY INITIATED** through celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and sharing Communion with us for the first time. Even though he gathers with us every week, like many older people who used to move a lot, Tony missed out on celebrating the Sacraments when he was a child and asked to celebrate them now.

(If you are in a similar situation, please let Denis know (ON/BEFORE SUNDAY AUGUST 13th) and we'll organise a celebration of CONFIRMATION and/or First Communion with you).



This weekend we have a special blessing for the families continuing their faith journey as their children prepare for **Full Initiation into the Church Community** by celebrating the **Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist**.



WHO GIVES A CRAP?

Saving The World. One Wipe At A Time.

Available at the parish office:

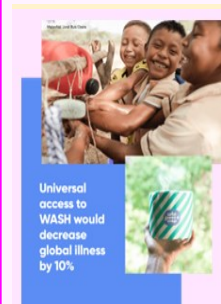
****Toilet paper roll; \$2.00**

Paper Towel: \$3.50 Tissue: \$2.00

FYI

WGAC? ****toilet papers are now available at ALDI and Woollies for a lower cost per box of 12 rolls. We will continue to make these available for those who need less than a dozen of toilet papers. In addition, paper towels and tissues are not yet out in the market and they are readily available for sale at the parish office.**

Thank you.



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WORSHIP

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Stafford Catholic Parish

Parish Summit 2023
Come Dream With Us

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This weekend-**Worship** : We continue in the process our parish is undertaking towards the **creation of a strategic plan** by dreaming for the various ministry areas we hope to build up in the coming months in our parish.

This weekend we dream about what a **Worship ministry** could look like in a parish. Click here for the **Video** or scan this QR Code:



What is **your dream** for Worship ministry? For our "**WORSHIP**" survey click [here](#) or scan this QR Code:



Our **PARISH SUMMIT** is on Sunday 6th August 10am-3pm [Register here](#) or scan this QR code:



Next Sunday's Readings
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 29-30 July

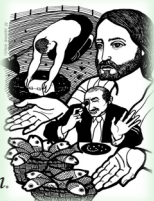


First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5;7-12
You have asked for wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:57,72,76-77,127-130
Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
He sells everything us to become true images of his Son.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 24 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 25 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 27 th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 28 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 29 th	4.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.00pm	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 30 th	9.00am	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass is followed by what is called the 'Preparation of the Gifts'. In the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and wine for the Eucharist are brought forward, placed on the altar and a prayer said over them. The procession with the gifts by members of the assembly represents our participation in the eucharistic action as we offer ourselves along with the gifts of bread and wine.

The Missal's *General Instruction* mentions only bread, wine and money (or other gifts for the poor and the Church) in the procession. It is a procession of *gifts*: you can't take them back again afterwards!

In the early years of Christianity, the faithful brought bread and wine with them to church to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. What wasn't used at the Mass was given to the poor and needy. Later, people started bringing other gifts of food or money which were offered for the work of the Church. In most parishes today a collection of money that will be used in the mission of the Church is taken up during the Preparation of Gifts.

Visitors to a Catholic Church are often surprised (and sometimes embarrassed!) when the collection plate comes around a second time at Mass. Having two collections is a way of separating donations for the support of the clergy from contributions to the cost of the parish services and operations.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Central to the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer. The priest offers this prayer on our behalf and we participate through the opening dialogue and the three acclamations, and by joining our personal praise and sacrifice to that of the Church.

The following elements are included in all **THIRTEEN Eucharistic Prayers** in the Missal, though the order varies:

Thanksgiving - especially in the Preface which gives thanks for the whole work of salvation or for some special aspect of it;

Acclamation - the "Holy, holy" sung by the people and presider after the Preface. Here we join the singing of the angels and saints before God's throne;

Invocation - or *epiclesis*, the calling down of the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine;

Institution narrative - the retelling of the scriptural account of Christ's words and actions at the Last Supper;

Memorial prayer - or *anamnesis* ('lest we forget') which recalls the paschal mystery;

Offering - the entire Church and this assembly offer Christ and themselves to God in union with Christ;

Second invocation of the Spirit - this time on those gathered that they may become "one body, one spirit in Christ";

Intercessions for the Church and the world, for the living and the dead;

Final doxology - ("through him, with him,"), the prayer of praise in which the celebrant sums up and concludes the thanksgiving offered to God.

FREE SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP

Monthly* starting 12 July



We provide:

- ✓ Transport assistance**
- ✓ Morning tea and lunch
- ✓ Language and cultural support
- ✓ Guest speakers on staying healthy and independent

- 🕒 9:30am to 12pm
- 📍 Burnie Brae 60 Kuran St, Chermside QLD 4032
- 📞 RSVP by calling Yen on 0493 168 955

*Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
 **For Brisbane northern suburbs



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.

TENNIS COURTS NOW OPEN

ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:



www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)

PATH TO TREATY

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE Queensland Government

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

THE REFERNDUM QUESTION: with all the confusion and fear-mongering, **what is the ACTUAL question we will be voting on?** Here it is:

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia: There shall be a body to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. — If “YES” wins, the Constitution will change as follows: (My underlines—Denis)

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.

That’s it—no compulsion for Parliament to do what the Voice recommends and the Parliament itself will decide on its “composition, functions, powers and procedures”. If we don’t like what the Parliament decides, we vote them out at the next election.—this is backed by the overwhelming legal opinion of our Constitutional lawyers.



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

CARING FOR CREATION AND ITS CLIMATE

Invitation to a Brisbane discussion about advocacy and action in your community

Panel, questions and group discussion

Panel includes: ARRC, Angligrreen, Queensland Churches Environmental Network, Climate For Change and Queensland Conservation Council.

7pm - 8th August 2023

Little Flower Church Hall
80 Turner Rd (Corner of Wayland St)
Kedron QLD

RSVP - laudatosibrisbane@gmail.com

Social Justice/RAP Committee

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)



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



SPAMMING CONTINUES

Archdiocesan priests are the flavour of the month lately for spammers. Northside and southside clergy have all been picked upon. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedygoonk email address (e.g churchcare0147@gmail.com), but always spouting a similar urgent message.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

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Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Missionary Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com

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

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

QR code to access to



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@stopleveline.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

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

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School Principal: **Troy Parsons**

APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

Phone (Thuruna St): **3352 9200** Phone (Chuter St): **3326 0400**

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 web-



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

PRESENTED BY



DCN. PETER PELLIGAAN PHD
Executive Director
Evangelisation Brisbane

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.

Bob Devine, 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 and Sr Regina Millard RSC.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Annakutty Joseph, 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.