



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."

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12th-13th August 2023



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK-YOU to ALL our hard-working Parish Councilors in their magnificent job in preparing and running the SUMMIT. THANK YOU also to those who attended and those who couldn't but still prayed.

Those who attended were really happy with the day and I'm sure will share their reflections. The results and other information will be made available to you all when they are compiled. These results will also be passed on to the Archdiocesan Consultors as they reflect on which Priest will walk with you in the enactment of the plan.

Congratulations to TEDDY BETTS who, at 5pm Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Rachel and Trent, his parents, for their example and commitment to Teddy's faith.



Next weekend, our parish is delighted to support the **Annual Catholic Campaign**. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope [hold up brochure and show them how envelope is attached] with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection. Thank you and God bless.

CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness, to those in prison, and to hospital chaplaincy. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.



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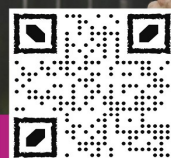
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THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.



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Next Sunday's Readings
 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 19-20 August



First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
 I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8
 O God, let all the nations praise you!
 Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32
 The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.
 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
 Woman, you have great faith.



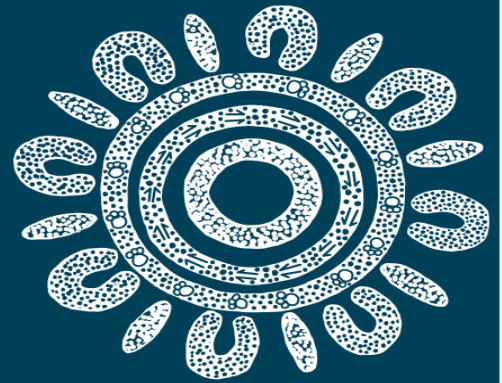
What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?

Mon 14 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 15 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 17 th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 18 th	9.00am	Mass (w QoA school)
	10.30am	Men's Group
Sat 19 th	4.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.00pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 20 th	9.00am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

KATE CHANEY, is the niece of Fred Chaney (who was the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in a past COALITION GOVERNMENT). Kate is the Federal Member for CURTIN in WA. She has published a couple of excellent "EXPLAINERS" about the "VOICE". I encourage you to study them as you reflect in conscience how to vote in the referendum. One political slogan supports apathy and ignorance with the words "If you don't know—vote NO!!" I say, "If you don't know—FIND OUT!" - It's our responsibility as Jesus' disciples.

VOICE REFERENDUM EXPLAINER

WHAT ARE WE VOTING TO CHANGE?



If successful, these words will be added to our Constitution:

Chapter IX —
 Recognition of Aboriginal
 and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

129 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

- (i) there shall be a **body**, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) 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.**

For 122 years the Constitution has not acknowledged there were people here before European settlement. This addition provides that **recognition**, in the way requested by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The **body** will consist of representatives of First Nations people across the country.

The Voice has an **advisory** role only. It cannot make or block **laws**, manage **programs** or distribute funding – just advise government.

Executive means Ministers and departments, who make and implement **policies**.

This could include **policies, programs and laws** impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The detail of how the Voice works will be determined by the **Parliament** so it can be adapted as needed.

We are moving closer to the referendum for a Voice to Parliament. You may have reached a decision about your vote, or you may still be considering how to vote. There are many different views and information conveyed in the media which can be confusing.

Our parish vision is *"To Follow the Example of Jesus by Serving Others"* encompassing Jesus's message of inclusion, love and compassion. How will we fulfil our vision and mission for this important time in our history?



We are offering an opportunity for you to reflect on the message of Jesus and how that message informs our decision regarding the referendum. There are a series of discussions developed by the Brisbane

Archdiocese with a focus on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Each includes short readings, quotes from the Uluru statement, a time for silent reflection and a discussion. Beginning on Monday 21 August, we are offering 4 weekly sessions each beginning at 7pm. Each discussion is about 1 hour and will be via the Parish Zoom link. An Eventbrite link will be available shortly for you to register your interest.

Let's join together to shape our response to this important question.

Social Justice/Reconciliation Action Plan Group.



Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023

The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email, by Monday 21 August to:
cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com



Reclaim Plus is a new initiative for the millennials **5-40 years old** according to Google) of the Catholic Church which aims to provide a space for young parents, professionals, and young adults a bit

further along the journey to have community and a place to receive.

It will be held at **Jugar** (a spacious cafe tucked away in West End) with a fully decked-out indoor play space for the children. There will be a team of trained childminders to run a couple of activities for them on the day. The ticket price covers food (for adults and children) and coffee.

Our guest speaker for the morning will talk about how to deepen our relationship with God in the midst of work, family, and life's many challenges.

For more details and to register, click [here](#)

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Reclaimplus>

New Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Matrix

A new Standard titled "Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements" has been approved and are now being implemented.

The Standard includes a revised Matrix (appendix) that sets out the volunteer requirements. The revised Matrix now only includes 28 of the most common/recognised volunteer roles across parishes including those that have direct involvement with children and adults-at-risk. The Matrix does not include the very low risk mass participant roles for example, Readers, Extra-Ordinary Communion Ministers at Mass, and Welcomers at mass.

The online Volunteer Welcome Portal has been temporarily shut down to reconfigure it in line with the new volunteer accreditation requirements. The Portal will be unavailable until such time as the reconfiguration is finalised and tested. In the interim parishes will



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Office for Safeguarding Services

Remembering your parish in your Will

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



Do you wish to become an Eternal Guardian of your parish and leave a gift in your Will to your parish? It is important that the correct legal entity is referenced in your Will including the parish name and official address of the Parish Office. The recommended wording for a gift in your Will to your parish is:

"I give [insert amount/percentage/asset/item] to The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane for the use and benefit of general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the *Our Lady, Queen of Apostles* situated at 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053. In the event that the parish has changed its name or been amalgamated with another parish or parishes, this gift shall be given to the parish which at the date of my death incorporates the major area of the *Our Lady, Queen of Apostles - Stafford Parish* as it exists at the time of making of this Will."

For a confidential conversation about a gift in your Will, please contact: Archdiocese of Brisbane Gifts in Wills Senior Manager:
p: 07 3324 3632 e: pererar@bne.catholic.net.au

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MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

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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

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



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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



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@stoline.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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APRE: Megan Conroy

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 web-



WHO GIVES A CRAP? *Saving The World. One Wipe At A Time.*

Mr. Simon Griffiths, the Australian engineer and economist turned social entrepreneur talks about the 'a-ha moment' he had- to sell toilet paper and use the profits to build toilets and to call the venture *Who Gives A Crap*. He is the co-founder and CEO of the high-growth start-up *Who Gives a Crap*, a profit-for-purpose toilet paper company that uses 50% of its profits to build toilets in the developing world.



Available at the parish office:

***Toilet paper roll; \$2 Paper Towel; \$3.5 Tissue;\$2**

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.

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:

Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera, Trevor Blackwell, Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol Donaldson, Rachel Oxenham, Peter Taylor, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade, Gerard McGrory, Bev Lofgren & Geraldine Hurley.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Danilo Espina, Stella Turton, Miriam Martin, Hugh Rodger, Julia-Mary (JM) Lane, Sr Robyn Wheeler RSC & Sr Maria Carmel, Ron Davis.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francis Savellon 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.