



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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9th-10th September 2023

Our Parish's Finances: THIS weekend, we will hear our annual statement from the parish finance council. In the meantime, please consider how your family can contribute to the running of our community (Preferably Direct Debit, or some other electronic means). Please include a weekly or other regular contribution in your budget.

We have no "money tree" but **only funds raised by our own community.** This newsletter (whether hard-copy/electronic) costs money; the bread and wine at Mass costs money, lights, AV, costs money, our support for our Asylum Seekers costs money—all the legal hoops we have to jump through, e.g. Insurance, WHS, etc etc costs money, and so on and on.— They're just the day to day things and then there's on-going maintenance of our buildings, implementing our 5 yr plan (Faith Formation, Children and Young Adults, Outreach etc) which will cost. Remember:

**It's YOUR parish
and therefore
YOUR responsibility.**



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023



Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER



catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks *Safeguarding Sunday*, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

Parish Finance Update

In the spirit of transparency, the Parish Finance Council annually provides an update on Parish finances during mass in September and in the weekly newsletter. The below high-level P&L for the Parish highlights the financial challenges of 2022 and with some large expenses still to hit in 2023 we anticipate another year of a deficit between Parish income and expenditure. This is driven by the combination of some significant maintenance expenses and the ongoing impact of inflation – something that our Parish is not immune to.

Whilst we appreciate the challenges of cost of living pressures, we do encourage all parishioners to either join the planned giving programme and/or review their current pledge and increase slightly if possible. As whilst we have current cash reserves to overcome this deficit, we cannot continue to spend more than the income that the Parish generates. Sustainable operation of the Parish is all of our responsibility and we thank all Parishioners for their generosity over the past year.

Parish P&L

	2022	YTD July 2023
Income		
Planned Giving & Collections	\$188,669	\$104,491
Other	\$90,168	\$103,253
TOTAL	\$278,837	\$207,744
Expenses	\$364,357	\$175,780
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$85,520)	\$31,964

Next Sunday's Readings
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16-17 September

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray,
 your sins will be forgiven.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4,9-12

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger,
 rich in compassion.*

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times
 but seventy times seven.*



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

Mon 11th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 12th	8.30am	Tisha will be out for Inservice Training – please call before coming to the office Morning Prayer
Thu 14th	8.30am 7pm	Mass CELEBRATION of Sac of Confirmation
Fri 15th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 16th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Supper after Mass
Sun 17th	9.00am	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cuppa after Mass



If we walk in any direction from our Parish Church, you will find many families struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Our local St. Vincent de Paul Society members are hands behind the help for these families and individuals and have the privilege of walking with these companions through the challenging times they are facing.

Through various forms of assistance, our members put their faith into action by serving those we meet with respect, compassion, hope and joy. For more information on how to become involved, contact the Parish Office or Alison 0421 449 167.

Working with those that are homeless **gives me life purpose** ...like I'm really **giving back** because someone helped me when **I was homeless.**



Lola V. - Housing Specialist



Creator God,
 You fill the earth with life,
 Lead us to live in harmony with the
 earth you have created.
 May we respect all life from the
 smallest of plants to the tallest
 of trees, the vastness of the oceans
 to the majesty of mountains and the
 tiniest insects to the wildest beasts.
 We ask this in your name.
 Amen

Everything is related, and we human
 beings are united as brothers and
 sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage,
 woven together by the love God has
 for each of his creatures and which
 also unites us in fond affection with
 brother sun, sister moon, brother
 river and mother earth.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #92

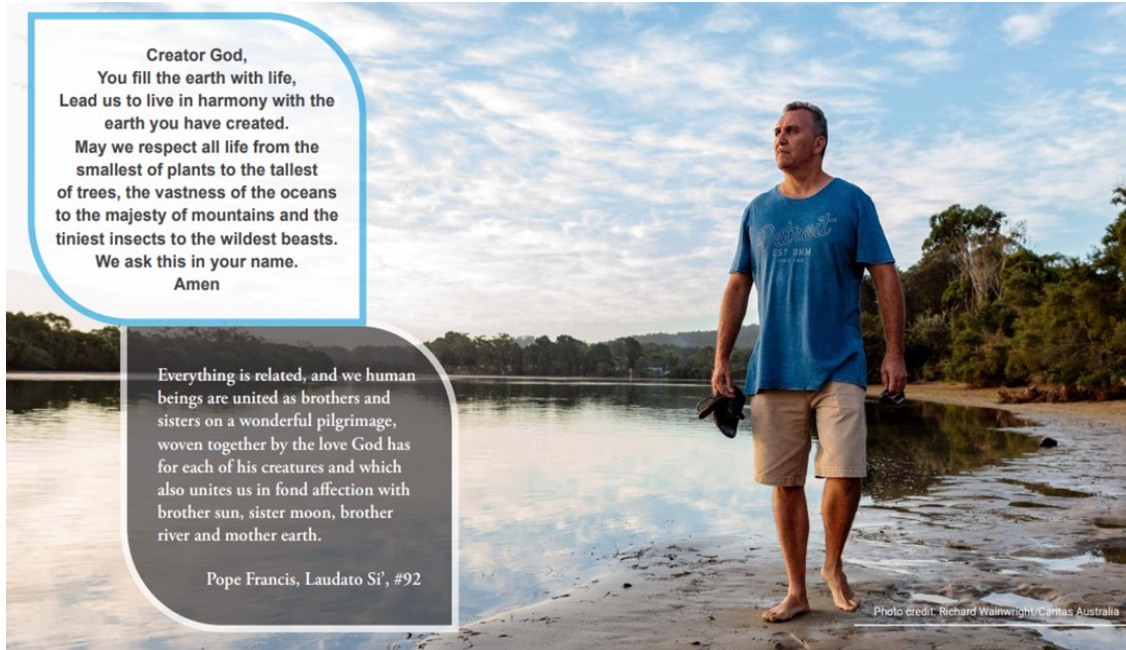


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**Laudato Si
 Chaplet and
 Morning Tea
 at the QoA
 Contemplation
 Garden**

**22nd (Fri) 10am
 after Friday Mass**

**stroll across
 prayer
 & enjoy cuppa**

Care for Creation

"BRING AND BUY TABLE"

(This year we commenced The Season of Creation with our Bring n Buy Table. Your generous support, **raised \$295**. This money will offset the **9.08 tonnes of carbon** our parish produces through our energy use. The money will be donated to the TIST Program – [see here for information about TIST](#) developed in 1998 by Bishop Simon Chiwanga in Tanzania.



Men's Group CUPPA

Friday next week (21st Apr) 10.30am-12nn
 Café 63, Stafford



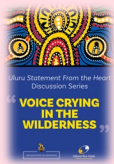
You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates (Catholic or not) and enjoy each others company plus a drink and something to eat.

Latte Ladies

Latte Ladies will meet **this Thursday, 14th September** at **Mocha Bella, Flockton St, Everton Park at 9:45am**.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa', great conversation and companionship.





Reflect on the Jesus's message 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. **THIRD Monday (11th September) at 7pm—8pm via ZOOM.** Register via the clipboard at the back of the church, call the Parish Office, or just turn up (<https://zoom.us/j/95869358847?pwd=N3lPQ3dsanpZTlFyOUlUZNhdlll2Zz09> Meeting ID: 958 6935 8847 Passcode: 887703) — Let's join together to shape our response to this important question.
- **Social Justice/RAP Group.**

THE REFERENDUM: If the vote is **YES**, then the insertion into the Constitution will be as follows:



“Chapter IX Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples — 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.”*

It is an “advisory” body as the No campaign agrees.

Here's a quote : “South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas put it in perspective when he spoke on the subject this week: “If our forefathers and mothers can say yes to universal franchise, if our great grandparents can say yes to waves of migration, if our grandparents can say yes in 1967, if our parents can say yes to land rights, then this generation is capable of saying yes to an advisory committee.”



Time
9.30am for 10am
Date
Sunday 17th September
Venue
St Clements Anglican Church
Cnr Eudunda & Reuben Sts
STAFFORD QLD

NOTE: straight after our 9am Mass Sunday week—ALL WELCOME!!!

The Parish Council, Priest and Churchwardens are pleased to invite you to

Voice to Parliament - A First Nations perspective

by
Professor Bronwyn Fredericks

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC), Indigenous Engagement at The University of Queensland



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.



WE'VE DONATED OVER...

\$11,222,000 AUD

It's incredible! But we still have a long way to go.

Available at the parish office:

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

The Spirit of the Lord be upon you

Please PRAY for
Zimmer, Chloe, Grace, Raffaele, Ariela, Thomas, Lillian, Joseph, Alex, Claudia, Isabella, Chiara, Joshua, Matilda, William, Sabrina, Christopher, Theodore, Sebastian, Oliver, Sawyer, Kitty, Conor, Colt, Felix, Mokoia, Manaia, Joshua, Jessica, Max, Elsie, Patrick, Joe, Riley, Sophie, Harriet, Ethan, Lillian, Addison & Mackenzie.



Fr Denis is retiring and we want to celebrate his calling to the priesthood in the archdiocese and, more particularly, his time leading our parish. **We would like to invite you to a dinner at**

Hornets, Aspley on Friday 3rd November. Tickets will cost \$35 p/p and will be on sale after weekend masses from 15 September.

We are also collecting for a gift for Fr Denis to assist his transition to “civilian” life. Envelopes clearly labelled 'a gift for Fr Denis' can be placed in the basket.

Envelopes will also be available at the back of the church from 30th September onwards. Electronic payment options will be available for both dinner and the contribution to a gift.

ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING



FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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

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



Our Parish PIETY Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. Below are samples of Confirmation & First Communion memorabilia.



Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday before or after school hours. OR after Mass, ask Fr Denis and he'll unlock the Shop's Door for you. 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!



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**

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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

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**
School email: pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au
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 website:

<https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



ArcheLearn Platform upgraded and being made available to Volunteers

Our Organisational Development team are pleased to announce that the ArcheLearn system has undergone a significant upgrade to provide our volunteers with a simple user experience. We're letting you know that volunteers will need to log into the Volunteer Portal to access the refreshed ArcheLearn system, and we'll be asking for your help in making sure our volunteers are aware of this change. ArcheLearn will be available on the Volunteer Portal. The key things volunteers need to know about the ArcheLearn upgrade include: ***very easy to use and they won't break it: the refreshed system is very easy to use, even for people who aren't confident on computers. Volunteers will be able to access ArcheLearn from the comfort of their own homes and computers. *here to support you and our volunteers: we will provide all the support our volunteers need to access ArcheLearn.** Over the coming weeks, we'll provide you with a range of resources, including a step-by-step guide and a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We'll also be in touch about hosting an evening in your parish for all your volunteers. The Organisational Development team is here to support you through this change. If you have questions regarding the new look ArcheLearn, please don't hesitate to reach out to

Jessica Higgs, our Learning Systems Administrator, at archelearn@bne.catholic.net.au

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:

Ed Taylor, Mary Davissen, 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:

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

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Wilson and all 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.