



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."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23rd-24th September 2023



THANK YOU all for celebrating my 70th Birthday. And, of course, thank you to the Parish Council and other people who reminded me that I do not know all that's happening in the parish with their planning

and communicating without me knowing a thing!! Just goes to show the Parish does not rely on whoever the PP is to plan and do actions! I had THREE birthday parties—one after each mass and then again on Tuesday as well as the Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, some coffee mugs with a picture of the Parish on them and gift cards for Harvey Norman and Spotlight. THANK YOU ALL again!! - Denis



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.

(W/ LIMITED NUMBERS it'll be on First Come, First Served Basis.)

Tickets : \$35 p/p on sale after THIS weekend masses to 22nd Oct.

(or until tickets last)

For those unable to go to and from the Hornets, we will try to organise a commercial mini-bus to pick up and bring back here at the church. Please advise by calling the office or approaching ticket sellers at mass. There will be a small contribution to assist in the hire of the bus.

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"
POPE FRANCIS



24 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 2:30PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

CELEBRATED BY

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND PERFORMANCES IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS

King Charles's Birthday Public Holiday next Monday (2nd). Have you got nothing planned?? How about joining us in the church for the movie "The Letter—A message for our Earth" as we come to the end of this year's "Season of Creation"? It'll be accompanied by a morning tea. Where? In the Church. When? A little after 8.30am Mass. Here's a link to the movie trailer: <https://www.theletterfilm.org/> Come along! If you're a "royalist" - well King Charles has long advocated care for the environment!! If you're a republican—we won't be singing "God Save the King" beforehand! If you're human—it's the quality of your life and that of your kids that's at stake!



FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY

109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

A publication of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office



PRAYER

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

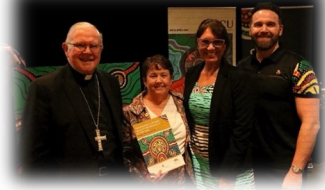
Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

Next Sunday's Readings
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 Sept to 1 Oct
First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
 deserves to live.*
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:4-9
Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
*In your minds you must be the same
 as Christ Jesus.*
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
*He went out moved by regret.
 The tax collectors and prostitutes
 will precede you into the kingdom of God.*



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

Mon 25th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 26th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 28th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 29th	9.00am	Mass <i>Tisha will be AWAY-please call the office before coming to the office</i>
Sat 30th	10am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Music Practice Reconciliation 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 1st	9.00am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Archbishop Mark, Joni McCourt (RAP Project Officer), Dr Anita Heiss AM, Eric Robinson (EB)

Last Friday four of our parishioners attended the Inaugural Archdiocesan Reconciliation Dinner. This event launched the new Reconciliation Action Plan for the archdiocese. The event highlighted a 'feast' of First Nation's culture including singing, dance, art and storytelling. The guest speaker, author and social commentator, Dr Anita Heiss AM, passionately shared her knowledge of First Nation's culture and the importance of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. You can learn more about this wonderful Australian <https://www.anitaheiss.com/>



Congratulations to our 2023 Catholic Leadership Intensive (CLI) cohort, who officially completed the program last Friday night! To mark the achievement, Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated Mass alongside priests of five of the parishes and communities who had people participating in the intensive. During the Mass, the Archbishop asked the cohort "as leaders of parishes and communities, are you willing to be led by the Holy Spirit in openness and missionary creativity as you build communities of missionary disciples?" before commissioning the CLI participants to go forth in their work. Mass was followed by a celebration including the presentation of the Archdiocesan Certificate in Leadership to those participants who completed 80% of the intensive in both attendance and through engaging in weekly reflections. CLI was born out of a dream to equip leaders in the AoB to lead with vision, intentionality and integrity, and we pray that our 2023 cohort have every success in putting their learnings into practice in their own communities. *Evangelisation Brisbane*



Stafford Delegates who participated in this year's Catholic Leadership Intensive

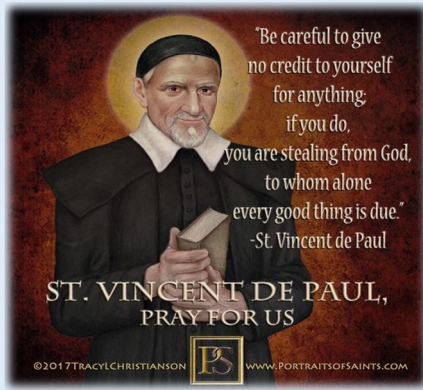
Care
 for
Creation



God of wisdom and compassion
 You gifted us with right judgement
 and courage
 Help us to share the earth's resources
 fairly and to use them wisely.
 Stand with us as we speak out
 against inequality and injustice.
 Guide our thoughts and actions as
 we care for our common home.
 We ask this in your name.
 Amen

This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. "Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act".
 Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #206

Photo credit: Drew Morrison/Caritas Australia



St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day – September 27th

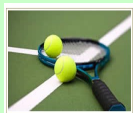
St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of charities. It has been 190 years since the founding of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in France and today we have the honor of being the hands behind the help in our local community. The Stafford conference would like to thank you, the parishioners, for your continued support of our work. We rely on people to give generously, through material donations, volunteering time, or supporting the Society financially. For more information, contact the Parish Office or Alison 0421 449 167.

Leave a Legacy
Remembering your parish in your Will

“Your light must shine before all 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**



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

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

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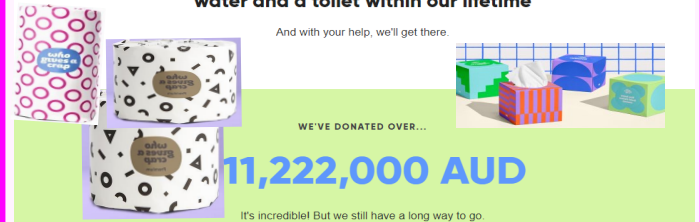


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OUR MISSION

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 Paper Towel; \$3.5 Tissue;\$2**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR LITURGY
GREEK AND LATIN ROOTS**

In the words we use in worship there are traces of both our Greek and Latin heritage. The word ‘Eucharist’, for example, is Greek in origin. Christianity grew up in a Hellenistic culture. The first writings of the Christian Church, including the Gospel accounts, naturally used the language of the time and place where Christianity developed, and that was Greek. Even in Rome, the language of literature and culture was Greek.

‘Eucharist’ is the Greek word for ‘thanksgiving’. At Mass we offer praise and thanks to God for the free gift of salvation we have been given through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The word ‘Mass’, on the other hand, is Latin in origin. When Christianity came to Rome, most of the common people spoke only Latin so Pope Saint Callistus (217-222) decided that Latin should be used in liturgy. This move met with strong opposition from those who considered Latin too vulgar for worship, and the Roman liturgy was not completely Latinised until the late 4th century.

The term ‘Mass’ derives from the words used in the dismissal rite in Latin, ‘*Ite, missa est*’. Missa comes from *missio*, meaning ‘to send’, so the phrase was a sending out of the people. People understood that *Ite, missa est* meant ‘the Mass is ended’ and began to use the word ‘missa’ - which gradually became ‘mass’ - to refer to the whole of the celebration.

**THE EUCHARIST
AS A SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS**

Penance is the church’s special sacrament of pardon, and people conscious of having committed grave sin need to celebrate reconciliation before presenting themselves for communion.

But it is important to keep in mind that our participation at Mass grants forgiveness through word, gesture and sacrament. There are many examples of texts and gestures in the Mass that express sorrow and ask for forgiveness.

One of the introductory elements of the Mass is the penitential rite. This may take the form of the community saying together the “I confess...”, or responding to a set of three invocations address to Christ. The priest concludes the penitential rite with the absolution.

Three times during the “Glory to God” we implore Christ to “have mercy on us”. These words are repeated in the “Lamb of God” which is sung during the breaking of the bread and pouring of the wine.

In the Lord’s Prayer we ask for our sins to be forgiven and that we might be delivered from evil. Immediately before receiving communion we say: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed”.

The Catechism lists forgiveness of sin as one of the fruits of Holy Communion: “The Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins”. (CCC # 1393)

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

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**
Parish email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au
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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

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 website:

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



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites couples together with family and friends

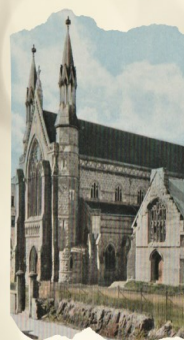
Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023

Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel, are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please
RSVP: Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd.
email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

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:

Wendy Roberts, 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:

Allben Tolentino, 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.