



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."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 30th Sept-1st Oct 2023

Congratulations to DANIEL DEBELLIS who, 

at 9am Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Sarah and Stefan, his parents, for their example and commitment to Daniel's faith.



While Fr Denis is away on Holidays – Fr Tom Elich will be presiding at the weekend Masses for the next 4 weekends. Fr Stephen Byrne will be available for any funerals.

Sacrament of Penance –No "Confessions" on Saturday afternoon at 4pm.

Weekday Liturgy –Morning Prayer with Holy Communion will be on as per the calendar on page 2 each week.

There will be no weekday Masses here at Stafford but Masses are celebrated at **Kedron**: Tues, Thurs & Fri 8.00am; Wed 9.00am. **Weekday Masses will resume at Stafford on Thursday 2nd November.**

King Charles' Birthday Public Holiday THIS 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!



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.



THANK YOU DINNER at Hornets, Aspley on Friday 3rd November. Tickets : \$35 p/p (FEW Tickets LEFT!)

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. Electronic payment options will be available for both dinner and the contribution to a gift.



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor



Next Sunday's Readings
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7-8 October

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts
 is the House of Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20

*The vineyard of the Lord
 is the House of Israel.*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

*Do these things and the God of peace
 will be with you.*

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.



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

Mon 2nd	8.30am	Mass (and movie "The Letter")
Tues 3rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 5th	8.30am	No Liturgy <i>12nn Anna's Group</i>
Fri 6th	9am <i>5.30pm</i>	Morning Prayer <i>Divine Mercy</i>
Sat 7th	4.00pm 5.00pm	No Reconciliation until Sat 4th Nov. 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 8th	9.00am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DOING THE WORK OF LITURGY Part 1

The Second Vatican Council said that the "full conscious and active participation by all the people" in the liturgy was of utmost importance. Readers, musicians and others with up-front roles are obviously actively involved in the liturgy, but what about other people? **Here are six things which everyone can do to participate more fully:**

Be **hospitable and attentive** towards all those with whom we worship, not just those we know.

Sit near others and close to the Lord's Table to reflect our belief that we worship together as one body of Christ and not as individuals.

Take part in the action of the liturgy by listening attentively, joining in the responses, sharing the sign of peace and by taking notice of the symbols, sounds and smells of the celebration.

Pray our parts of the Mass as though every prayer depended upon our words. The story goes that in the early Church in Rome the assembly's response in the Great Amen sounded like the rumble of thunder! How does ours sound?

Join in the hymns and sung responses. Singing is one way in which everyone can participate in the celebration of faith.

Continue the celebration of Mass after we leave the church and extend our ministry as disciples of Christ into the rest of our lives. The words of the familiar hymn express it well: "Go now you are sent forth to live what you proclaim, to show the world you follow Christ in fact, not just in name".

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Tender, loving God.
 You walk beside us, guiding
 our path,
 Teach us to simplify our lives,
 to pause, to slow our steps and to
 be mindful of all of creation,
 So that we may truly enjoy the
 richness of your love.
 We ask this in your name.
 Amen

We all know that it is not possible
 to sustain the present level of
 consumption in developed
 countries and wealthier sectors of
 society, where the habit of wasting
 and discarding has reached
 unprecedented levels.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, #18



Photo credit: Christopher Riechert/Catholic Relief Services

Care for Creation reminds you that your voice is important. Writing to MPs to express your opinion is a powerful action. Here are two ways in which you can influence the nation's pathway towards lowering our carbon footprint.

Please click link below for a sample letter:

Contact Your MP

Pause All New Coal and Gas Projects

Send this letter to Tanya Plibersek

taya.plibersek.mp@aph.gov.au

asking for a pause to all new coal and gas projects until the review of the EPBC Act is complete.

Sea Level Rise Destroys Our Torres Strait Islands

You can support our fellow Australian citizens by sending an email to Chris Bowen asking for urgent funding increases to help mitigate destruction from rising sea levels.

Send an email to Chris Bowen

https://act.350.org/letter/ask-chris-bowen-urgently-increase-funding-seawalls/?akid=322269.4483614.tB-BvP&rd=1&t=3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit

For more information <https://350.org.au/>

Remembering your parish in your Will

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

Divine Mercy Stafford Parish

(every First Friday of each month)

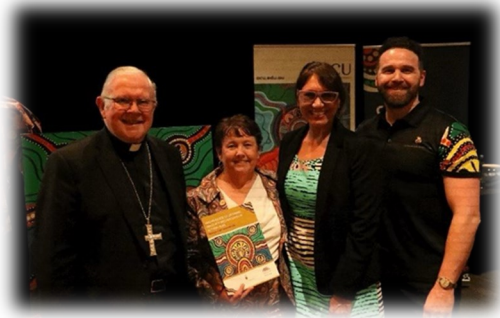
October 6, Friday
@5.30pm



Anna's THURSDAY Group

5th October at Mocca Bella in Flockton St
at 12pm.

Any questions ring :
Dianne on
0407616637



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.anitahheiss.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. *Evangalisation Brisbane*



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FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

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

or scan:

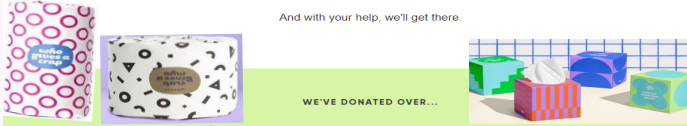


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OUR MISSION

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.



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

You may have heard the exciting news that from 1 November 2023 we will be accepting glass wine and



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:

C10195625



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

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



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

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>



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!



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.