



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."

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 7th-8th October 2023



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



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This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Veniale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



Fr Tom
Elich



While Fr Denis is away on Holidays – Fr Tom Elich will be presiding at the weekend Masses for all weekends in October. 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.**

You can walk with Sr Carolina toward better health for Timor

Your donation can make a real impact for those in most need.

Donate today by:

- Completing and returning your parish appeal envelope
- Scanning the QR code
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How does the Synod on Synodality (in Rome this month) differ from past synods of bishops?

A synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope. **For the first time, about 21% of the voting delegates in the 2023 Synod of Bishops on Synodality will not be bishops, and 70 delegates will be chosen directly by the pope from among a list of **140 laypeople, priests, consecrated women, and deacons selected****

by the leadership of this year's continental synod meetings. The delegates for the October synod assembly have not yet been announced.

The October assembly will be held in the Paul VI Hall, instead of the Vatican's New Synod Hall, with delegates sitting at round tables of about 10 people each.

Next Sunday's Readings
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 14-15 October

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

*The Lord will prepare a feast
 and will wipe away the tears from every cheek,*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

*I shall live in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life.*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-1,19-20

*I am able to do all things in him
 who strengthens me.*

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.



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

Mon 9 th	9.30am	NO Morning Prayer Funeral Service (+)Trevor Blackwell
Tues 10 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 12 th	8.30am	No Liturgy
Fri 13 th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sat 14 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	No Reconciliation until Sat 4th Nov. 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 15 th	9.00am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 (10 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.



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary and Procession
Date: Friday 13th October, 2023
Place: St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove (aka Dorrington)
Time: 8 am Confessions
9 am Mass followed by Rosary and Procession
Adoration
Light refreshments

CHRIST'S PRESENCE AT MASS

A key paragraph of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* says:
Christ is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, but especially under the eucharistic elements. He is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present when the Church prays and sings, for he promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them". (CSL #7)

During the Eucharistic Prayer, we pay attention to the words prayed on our behalf by the presider and join in the responses. The sacred species are handled with care and respect. Everything speaks of honour and reverence for Christ's real presence in the consecrated elements.

Because it is Christ himself who speaks when the scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, we must also give our full attention to the Liturgy of the Word. The lectionary (the book of readings) needs to be attractive and handled with reverence.

Christ is present in those with whom we worship, so we sit with others and acknowledge their presence, share the sign of peace graciously and join wholeheartedly in the responses, gestures and singing.

Actions speak louder than words. It should be clear in what we do and how we do it that we truly believe that Christ is present when we worship together, not only in the sacred elements but also in the assembly, in the word and in the priest presider.

ADVENT REFLECTION PROGRAM

We will be running an ADVENT PRAYER and REFLECTION PROGRAM, beginning Monday, 27th November following the 8.30am Mass.
Please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church to indicate participation in the group, or to order books (*With Expectant Hearts*) for your own personal reflection. Books cost \$6.00 each. For further information contact Rosemary on 0431 464 211.
Please indicate number of books you wish to order on or before Sunday, 28th October so they can be ordered before they are sold out.
Thank you.



Next Saturday (14th October), you and all other Citizens will be asked this question. Vote by printing “Yes” or “No”. There has been much misinformation propagated in the lead up to this (much without supporting evidence). Forget all that, read the question and then answer according to your conscience (“How would Jesus answer this question??”) On referendum day, voters will be asked to vote ‘yes’ or ‘no’ on a single question. The question is:

“A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?”

If the **“YES”** vote wins, the Constitution will have the following added (Forget all the noise—read it carefully to determine what the change actually will be. If the **“NO”** vote wins, there is no change to how we support our Indigenous people at all.

The addition to the Constitution is as follows (READ it carefully)”

“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.”*



BREAK OPEN THE WORD

contains readings and psalms for each Sunday with NEW commentary providing fresh and insightful background to the text and assistance on how to read it, along with a section entitled “The Ministry of Reader”. The popular pronunciation guide is also included. Break Open the Word is a vital publication for readers.

When we order 30 or more copies, each book will cost \$24 book.

Orders for BOTW can be placed by phone or email to the parish office.

Please place your order on or before Sunday, 28th October to allow for the books to be delivered in good time for Year B to begin (3rd December).



The **Columban Art Calendar** (\$10 each) is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2024 marks the 102nd edition. Features:

- NEW feature - meaningful bible quote that is showcased each month.
- QR codes for easy access to purchase Columban products and resources.
- Colour-coded Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials. Peace, Ecology and Justice dates.

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!





Laudate Deum": the Pope's cry for a response to the climate crisis

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation building on his 2015 encyclical. We're not reacting enough, he says, we're close to breaking point. He criticises climate change deniers, saying that the human origin of global warming is now beyond doubt. And he describes how care for our common home flows from the Christian faith.

["Laudate Deum": the Pope's cry for a response to the climate crisis - Vatican News](#)

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 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**



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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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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)**.



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QR code to access



site:



Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

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SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORMS may be accessed from the brochure table which is at the left front corner of the church.

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:

Lyn & J im Payne, Caitlyn Sheehan, Frank Hughes, Brian Scanlan, Wendy Roberts, Ed Taylor, Mary Davissen, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera, Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol Donaldson, Rachel Oxenham, Peter Taylor, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade & Gerard McGrory.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Jim Taylor, Anne Taylor, Trevor Blackwell Rowan Bird (Nigel's Bro), Allben Tolentino, Kev Tyack, Jim Tyler, Danilo Espina, Stella Turton, Miriam Martin and Hugh Rodger.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Villoresi 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.

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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 website:

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



Anne Taylor: 2.8.43 to 5.10.23
Beloved sister to Marie, Jane and Aunty to Paul, Jacqui, Stephanie, Adam, Suzannah and Georgina.
Funeral arrangements to be advised.
Please contact Stephanie Kelly 0413 163 583.

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.

