



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."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 14th-15th October 2023



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"The Stafford Conference of Vinnies are conducting a raffle between now and 1st November, when it will be drawn at our regular Conference meeting. (\$2 for a ticket of \$5 for 3) The prize is a framed painting by Fr. Joseph Tran, PP of Narooma/Cobargo Parish. It is called "Walking Together" and it celebrates the connection between the two Parishes after the devastating bushfires in 2019. Every dollar raised from the raffle will purchase Gift Cards to go into our Christmas hampers. We know many of our families use the gift cards to buy Christmas presents for their children. Raffle tickets will be available outside Mass for 3 weekends. The painting will be available for viewing."



TICKETS SOLD OUT

for **THANK YOU DINNER**

at **Hornets, Aspley on Friday, 3rd November**

NOTE that DOORS OPEN at 5.30pm for a

6.30pm START

We are still 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 are also be available at the back of the church.



Men's Group CUPPA
Friday next week (20th Oct) 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.



In 2020 the Care for Creation Group launched the Parish Environmental Sustainability Policy. One of the key factors in the policy is to manage our parish carbon footprint. Power is a major contributor of CO2 gases. We audit our power consumption and off set the greenhouse gases by planting trees. It is vital that our carbon offset is managed through an ethical organisation. TIST is an innovative, experienced, reforestation charity led by its participants. It has helped over 176,995 farmers throughout Africa and Asia. For more information <https://program.tist.org/>

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CARBON CREDIT CERTIFICATE

Planting trees sequesters carbon, restores the environment, and improves people's lives. Trees provide shade and windbreaks for people, animals, and crops. Trees also provide fruits, nuts, medicines. Trees improve farms by preventing erosion, stabilizing stream beds, and restoring nutrients to the soil. These benefits help families, strengthen communities, feed more farmers, and enable children to attend school. TIST Farmers are proud of their role in making their communities and our planet a better place to live. They will receive 70% of the profits from your purchase of credits.

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8 TONNES OF CO2E REMOVAL CREDITS
These trees are being planted by farmers participating in The International September 18, 2023 (TIST) Program

The Institute for Environmental Innovation (IIEI)
250 Old Harbor Road, Vinalhaven, Maine, 04863, USA
Growing Trees, Growing Leaders!
<https://program.tist.org/> | +1 (202) 309-1356 | <https://www.iieai.org>
IIEI and tist are the proud sponsors of the 2023 World's Largest Tree Planting Event. For the gift, please contact: info@iieai.org | Phone: 01 879 583842

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 Sat. 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.**

Next Sunday's Readings
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 21-22 October

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations
 before his countenance.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1,3-5,7-10
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar
 and to God the things that are God's.*



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

Mon 16 th		No Liturgy
Tues 17 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 19 th		No Liturgy
Fri 20 th	9am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Men's Group
Sat 21 st	4.00pm 5.00pm	No Reconciliation until Sat 4th Nov. 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 22 nd	9.00am	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

News from our Musicians

"Our musicians had a get together over morning tea on Saturday, 7th October, to catch up, talk about future plans, and to hear Michael Coe's report on his attendance at the National Conference of National Liturgical Council and Australian Pastoral Musicians Network. The Conference was in Brisbane on 28 - 30 September 2023, with keynote speakers including Sarah Hart from the US, Fr Tom Elich, and notable musicians, as well as 500 delegates from across Australia and New Zealand. We hope to share the inspiration generated from the conference each week with all parishioners."

Special thanks to Michael and Maree Coe for hosting this fruitful gathering.



A learn to drive program with a difference

Volunteers play an important role in a young person's journey to a licence.

- Support safe driving
- Provide constructive feedback
- Role model positive relationships
- Provide on-going support and mentorship to participants

FIND OUT MORE

Drive for Life
 salvationarmy.org.au
 /driveforlife



Catholic Earthcare would like to invite you to our next online screening – Rachel's Farm on October 26th 5.00pm Queensland. Following the movie, David Marsh, a regenerative farmer will join us for discussion.

To view the trailer for the film, check it out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozdoFp1Ra_E&t=5s

To register: <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdeitqTlpHtxBOxEZGFVq0RNaNxxQeyhW#/registration>

ORDER/SIGN UP SHEETS for the event/items below are at the back of the church, thank you.

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.



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.

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.



LIFT UP YOUR VOICE

Music is an important part of special gatherings – singing "Happy Birthday to you", carols at Christmas, etc – and singing is integral to liturgy because it too is a celebration – a celebration of faith. The hymns that we sing enable us to express our faith in a way that otherwise we might find difficult to do and words often take on a much deeper meaning when sung. Singing also offers a unique means for us to express joy and enthusiasm. Singing is a way that everyone can fully participate in the liturgy as we are expected to do. We sing because we are people of prayer and, according to an ancient proverb, those who sing pray twice.

This personal story about people singing at Mass has an important message for us all.

"A few months ago I was feeling devastated after the death of my husband. I would go to Mass but found myself unable to join in singing the hymns or responses. But my spirits were lifted by the singing of those around me. It felt as if my fellow parishioners were singing for me when I couldn't. When my voice was silenced by grief, the community of the faithful carried me. Over time, they gave me back my voice and I was able to sing with them again."

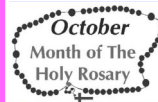
God knows whose spirits you might lift and who you might help regain their lost voice by joining in the hymns, refrains and responses at Mass!

Invitation to our Singles/Over-35s

Let's have a coffee and chat, to discuss what we might do now and into the future to meet our needs as Thirty-five Plus Catholics in the NW of Brisbane. Bring your ideas - and a friend, if you like.

Who: Newly single, Long-term/Committed Single, Open to being Not-Single! **When:** Saturday 28 October from 10:30am (till about 12nn) **Where:** Cafe Ion, 5 Irvine St, Mitchelton - on the back deck (A large table in the corner is booked in the name of Michele-with-1-L.) Just turn up. No need to register in advance - but you can, if you like.

Questions? Call/text Michele on 0418708638



3 Amazing Miracle Stories of the Rosary BY LAUDATE MARIAM

After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the next highest form of Catholic prayer is the Holy Rosary. There are many stories of miracles and favors granted through the power of Our Lady's Rosary! In this article, we share three amazing miracle stories of the Rosary ([one story will be shared every weekend](#)). May these stories inspire us to a greater love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother, and to a deeper devotion to the Rosary.

(Story 1)

Saved from a Nuclear Blast

On August 6, 1945, during World War II, an atomic bomb was dropped on the town of Hiroshima, Japan which killed 140,000 people. Just 1 kilometer away from the site of the blast of the Atomic Bomb, there was a home which miraculously survived the blast. This home was attached to a church, which was completely destroyed along with everything else. More amazingly, the eight people who lived in that home miraculously survived the atomic blast. They did not suffer from radiation sickness, nor any form of malady, loss of hearing, or deformation - all this despite being a mere 1 kilometer away from the nuclear blast.

The eight people who survived were German Jesuit missionaries. They were interviewed numerous times and medically examined. Fr. Schiffer, one of the missionaries who survived the blast, said that they were interviewed over 200 times by various experts and media - all of whom could not understand how they could have survived the nuclear blast.

What was unique about that home, and about the 8 priests who lived in that home? They prayed the rosary every day. In various interviews, Fr. Schiffer said: "We believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the rosary daily in that home." Fr. Schiffer lived on for another 37 years after the nuclear blast - amazing proof of the power of the Holy Rosary!

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OCT 31ST - ALL HALLOWS EVE

Commonly celebrated as an evening of ghosts and ghouls, scary looking costumes and trick or treating but what are we celebrating? All things Dark? As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light.

VERSES TO CONTEMPLATE

John 1: 1-9, 3:19-21 John 12: 27-36, 12: 44-46
1 John 1:5-7 Matthew 5: 14-16 1 Peter 2: 9-10
1 Thessalonians 5: 3-5 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6, 6:14-18



WEBSITES FOR FURTHER IDEAS AND RESEARCH

<http://www.nightoflight.org/> <https://www.effortlessfoodie.com/easy-soul-cakes/>
<https://www.littlewaychapel.com/blog/tag/all-hallows%27+eve>
<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-celebrate-all-saints-day-at-home/>

Fun Idea 1 # Carve the shape of a cross in a pumpkin instead!
Fun Idea 2 # Bake some all soul cakes, you can find the recipe online.

OCTOBER 31ST

PLACE A LAMP OR LIGHT IN YOUR WINDOW IF YOU STAND FOR CHRIST AND HE IS THE LIGHT OF YOUR WORLD.

All hallows eve can be part of a special three-day holy celebration in which we can contemplate, pray, attend mass and create new and meaningful catholic traditions in our parishes and families. We can honour God by Worshipping Jesus as the light of the World, by recognising his light in the lives of the Saints who reflected him to all of those around them, and by acknowledging and praying for all souls who have died in the faith, that they may receive his mercy, be reunited into his loving arms and live eternally in his light. There are some great resources online with lots of ideas for families and kids, as well as further information about these days.

OCTOBER 31st All Hallows Eve NOVEMBER 1st All Saints Day NOVEMBER 2nd All Souls Day



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

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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



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!



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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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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 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. Thank you.

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.



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Available at the parish office:

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

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:

Sister Patricia Coyle Lyn & Jim 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:

Anne Taylor, Trevor Blackwell, Rowan Bird (Nigel's Bro), Allben Tolentino, Kev Tyack, Jim Tyler and Danilo Espina.

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.



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.