



# 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."**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



Thank you, Fr Tom!  
We look forward  
to having you back on  
6-7 and 13-14 January 2024 :)

Next Weekend (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>), we will be welcoming a "Message Stick" sent out to the whole Church of Brisbane. The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance for the Indigenous people of Australia, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This journey is designed to herald the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane. The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion. On Welcoming this message stick, we will pray together a special prayer composed for the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the "mother church" of our Archdiocese.



Support a young person to be a safer driver!



The Salvation Army's Drive for Life programs exist to:

1. Provide equity in access to driving lessons and supervision;
2. Improve employment and education opportunities for young people; and
3. Help young people become experienced, safe and confident drivers.



## Month of Remembrance

is coming up next week. The parish has a remembrance book which is placed in the chapel area for the month of November. You may add a loved one by writing the complete name and date of death on the

sheet provided and they will be added in our parish **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**.

## Nametag November

We often know faces of regular church goers but may not be able to put a name to that face. At the Parish Summit in August the topic of name tags was high on the agenda. During November there will be sign on sheets available at the church entrance. We invite you to sign on for a name tag. Just register your preferred name and surname and the mass you usually attend. We will then process your badge which will be available for pick each weekend mass during advent. We invite you to wear your badge at mass each weekend - just keep it in the car for easy retrieval. **It will also enable Fr Joe to learn names as he is welcomed to our parish in January.**



On January 15, 2024, we will  
welcome our new  
Parish Administrator—  
**Fr Joe McKay**



## Important Announcement on 14-15 October ...

AUXILIARY BISHOP OF BRISBANE

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE PARISH OF  
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES, STAFFORD

After consultation, the Archbishop is pleased to announce that the Franciscan Friars will take on the pastoral care of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles parish, Stafford from 15th January next year. Fr Joe Mackay OFM has been appointed Administrator of the parish but will remain in residence in the Franciscan community at Kedron.

The parishes of Little Flower, Kedron and Queen of Apostles, Stafford will remain as separate parishes at this time. However, I expect there will be opportunities for fruitful collaboration and cooperation between the communities that will serve the mission of God in the local area.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming this news.


May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and may Mary, Queen of Apostles, guard and protect you on your way.

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Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane  
13 October 2023



*Next Sunday's Readings*  
**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4-5 November**  
**First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10**  
*You have strayed from the way,  
 you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130**  
*In you Lord, I have found my peace.*  
**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13**  
*We were eager to hand over to you  
 not only the Good News but our lives as well.*  
**Gospel: Matthew 23:1-1**  
*They do not practise what they preach.*




What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>		No Liturgy
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	8.30am 12nn	Mass <b>WELCOME BACK, Fr Denis! :)</b> Anna's Group
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am 5.30pm	Morning Prayer Divine Mercy
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Anna's THURSDAY Group**  
**First Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct at Mocca Bella**  
**in Flockton St at 12pm.**  
 Any questions ring :  
 Dianne on 0407616637





**Divine Mercy**  
 will resume on **1st DECEMBER**



 **Care for Creation** **Eco-Friendly Christmas**

This year we are offering an opportunity to create your own Nativity Scene. The characters are constructed from paper and scrap material, made strong with wallpaper glue. This workshop would suit children from age 7. Come with your children or grandchildren, bring a friend or come on your own and make friends! It promises to be hands on, messy and fun filled morning.  
**Cost : \$5**  
**Date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am -12.00noon**  
**Morning Tea Provided**  
**What do you need?** – Scissors to cut material, an apron, a tray to transport the wet figures Home. Bookings via the Stafford Parish Office or the Sign On sheet at the back of the church.




 "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 available outside Mass. The painting will be available for view-

 **THANK YOU DINNER**  
**at Hornets, Aspley**  
**THIS Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**NOTE that DOORS OPEN at 5.30pm for a 6.30pm START**  
**THIS WEEKEND is the last for collecting 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. These envelopes are available at the back of the church. There is also electronic payment option for the contribution to a gift. 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 helping you to read it, along with a variety of activities. The book is available for readers. Break Open the Word is a great resource for readers. When you order the book will cost \$24.00. Order your books now. They will be placed in a box 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).

**Last WEEK - END to Order!**



**Payment link for BOTW (\$24):**  
[Break Open the Word Payment](#)



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 102<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Remember in November

## THE LITURGIES OF NOVEMBER

November is traditionally associated in the Catholic Church with remembrance of the dead. True remembrance is not just about looking back to the past but also looking ahead to the future in trust and hope. Just as our loved ones shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that they will share in Christ's resurrection and enjoy eternal life in God's presence.

The feast of All Saints recognises all the saints of heaven, both known and unknown, in a single celebration. The feast of All Saints first appeared in the fourth century when Eastern Church introduced a feast to celebrate martyrs on the Sunday after Pentecost. By the seventh century, the feast was being observed in the West and included those saints who were not martyrs. The present date of 1<sup>st</sup> November follows a tradition established in England and Ireland.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day after All Saints, is All Souls Day when we remember those who have not yet achieved the goal of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church has always encouraged prayers for the faithful departed. Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead. On All Souls we pray in unity for our deceased relatives and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them.

### Mission: Transform Lives- theirs...and yours

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All past members of  
All Saints Albany Creek SvDP Conference  
are invited to the

## 30th Anniversary Celebration Mass

On Sunday 12 November 2023, at 9am  
At All Saints Parish Church,  
4 Faheys Road East, Albany Creek,  
followed by Morning Tea.

All current SvDP members and All Saints Parish look forward to your being able to join us in this wonderful celebration.

RSVP by Friday 10.11.23 to: [as4035@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:as4035@svdpqld.org.au)



## MEN'S RETREAT

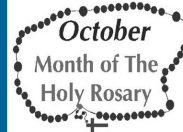
24th-26th November

AWAKE | ATTENTIVE | CALLED

Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.



SCAN FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND  
TO REGISTER



### 3 Amazing Miracle Stories of the Rosary BY LAUDATE MARIAM

#### Secret of the Rosary St. Louis de Montfort

Our last story is told by St. Louis De Montfort in the book "The Secret of the Rosary." Alphonsus, King of Leon and Galicia, constantly wore a large rosary on his belt in order to inspire others to pray it and honor the Blessed Mother. However, he himself did not pray it.

#### A King Saved from Hell (Story 3)



THE SECRET OF THE ROSARY  
ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

One day, the king became extremely ill. Many thought that he would not live much longer. In the midst of this severe illness, the king had a vision. In that vision, he saw himself being judged by the Almighty God. His final judgement? He was to be cast to hell for eternity. All of a sudden, in that vision, the Blessed Mother interceded for him.

The Blessed Mother called for a pair of scales, where his sins were placed on one side of the scale. The sins were extremely heavy, and weighed down the sales. On the other side of the scale, Our Lady placed the Rosary that he had always worn, together with all the Rosaries that were said because of his example.

The Rosaries weighed far more than his sins. Our Lady then said: "As a reward for this little honor that you paid me in wearing my Rosary, I have obtained a great grace for you from my Son. Your life will be spared for a few more years. See that you spend these years wisely, and do penance."

When the King regained consciousness from his vision, he blurted out: "Blessed be the Rosary of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, by which I have been delivered from eternal damnation!"

The king recovered his health, and then spread the rest of his life praying the rosary every day and spreading its devotion.

[HTTPS://LAUDATE-MARIAM.COM/BLOGS/LAUDATE-MARIAM-BLOG/3-AMAZING-MIRACLE-STORIES-OF-THE-ROSARY](https://laudate-mariam.com/blogs/laudate-mariam-blog/3-amazing-miracle-stories-of-the-rosary)





## ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

[www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts](http://www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts)

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)

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!



## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish Missionary Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)**

**(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)**

**STOPline** Service: 1300 304 550 or

[AOB@stoline.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.

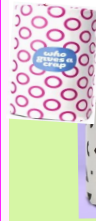


Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after week-end Masses and Fr Denis will open for you. Thank you.

### 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.



WE'VE DONATED OVER...

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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**

## 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:

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:

Ron Taylor, 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:

Michael and Gloria O'Donnell and all our other deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of



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.