



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."

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 4th -5th November 2023

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. This month of November, we invite you to sign on for a name tag. Just register your preferred name and surname on the sheet for 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.**



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 1st November follows a tradition established in England and Ireland.

November 2nd, 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.

NOVEMBER is Month of Remembrance



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.



This Weekend, we welcome 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 150th 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 150th Anniversary of the "mother church" of our Archdiocese.



Social Justice Award

Our Parish was honoured last Saturday night with a "Social Justice" Award presented by the Romero Centre for our work in caring for our guests in the Convent. Members of our

"Convent Committee" were there including Maria, Liz and Denis. Sadly, our other member, Mark couldn't be there.

Congratulations to JOSHUA, MAX, CHIARA, ISABELLA, JOE, ALEX, CHLOE, CLAUDIA, COLT and HARRIET



who, at the Masses this weekend will be fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their First Communion! We the church thank their parents for their example and commitment to their children's faith.



Come and Celebrate
Our PARISH FEAST DAY
(2nd Sunday in November)

Saturday, 11th

Supper after the 5pm

Sunday, 12th

Cuppa after the 9am Mass

See you!

Next Sunday's Readings
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11-12 November

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62:2-8

*My soul is thirsting for you,
 O Lord my God.*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Those who died as Christians,
 God will bring to life with Jesus.*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.



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

Mon 6 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 7 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 9 th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies (Final for the Year)
Fri 10 th	9.00am	Mass (Memorial –Anne Taylor)
Sat 11 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 12 th	9.00am	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Care for Creation

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 11th 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.



Eco-Friendly Christmas

SVDP Here are the results of our Raffle:

Painting - **Matt Wessel**

Cactus Garden- **Sue Davis**

7 Scripture Posters- **Calligraphy**

by **Peter Taylor.**

Anna** - Phone ending in 470Cos*****Grace**- Phone ending in 303

John Lamb**Pam** - Phone ending in 067***Dan Green*****Michael Good.**

All prizes will be waiting for you in Mary's Room this weekend. Congratulations to our winners. We raised \$587 for our Companions.

Thanks for your generous support.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE RAFFLE

WINNERS



Latte Ladies

Next Thursday morning 9th Nov, will be our final **Latté Ladies** for the year - **Mocha Bella, 9:45.** We will be having our **Christmas** breakup lunch at **Hornets on Friday 15th December**, so please claim that date in your diaries. Further details will come later in the month.



An old couple die and go to Heaven



An elderly couple met their demise in an auto accident and were transported to Heaven. The faithful couple were recognized by St. Peter and escorted into the welcome center, where they began to take in all the wonder and amazement of the place.

St. Peter pointed out the food court and told them that they could of course eat anything and not worry about their health. The husband especially began partaking of the pastries and deserts. The wife was amazed at the beauty, the peace and the joy she felt and commented over and over about what a nice place Heaven was and how happy she felt to be there. However, the husband began looking quite grim. His wife inquired what the problem was. The husband sneered, "If it weren't for you and your oat bran muffins & healthy food, we'd probably have been here 15 years ago!"

ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Thanksgiving for everyone who serves in Children and Families ministry.

6:30pm to 8:30pm Wednesday 25 October 2023



Link to Pay Advent Resource (\$6), BOTW (\$32) & Columban calendars(\$10)
[Book/Calendar Orders](#)
 Cash and Eftpos payments also accepted

The Scripture Readings at Sunday Mass

The first document issued by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, emphasised that "Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy".

In response, the Lectionary (the book containing the extracts from the Bible read at public worship) published soon after Vatican II provided a much greater range of readings from scripture than had been the case previously.

The Gospel readings for Sunday Masses were decided upon first. They are consecutive passages taken from the gospel allocated to each year in a three-year cycle called A, B and C. The Gospel of Matthew is read in Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. The Gospel of John does not have its own year but is read every year on some Sundays of Lent, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and during Easter.

The first reading for each Sunday of the three-year cycle was then selected. It is almost always taken from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and is chosen because it harmonises with the Gospel. In the Easter Season the first reading is from the Book of Acts which records the progress of the early Church, its witness and its growth.

The second reading comes from one of the New Testament letters (epistles), most often from Paul but also from Peter, John and James. It normally has no thematic relationship to either the first reading or the Gospel. The same epistle is read in a semi-continuous way over a number of Sundays.

"Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

During the early centuries, everybody received Communion under both kinds, that is, in the form of both bread and of wine. This was the way Christ instituted the Eucharist. For various unfortunate reasons, the practice grew during the middle ages of lay people not receiving from the cup.

Although the Church teaches that Christ is truly present in either the consecrated bread or the wine, it also teaches that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

When we take the cup, we take up the cross. Jesus asked James and John, "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" Drinking from a common cup also signifies our life together in Christ and our commitment both to God and to one another, our commitment to being a community of justice, peace and love.

How then can we pass by the cup of the covenant and ignore Christ's invitation to "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood"?

For those concerned about hygiene, the transmission of a disease has never been traced to the shared communion cup. Chalices are firmly wiped with a clean purifier and rotated after each communicant and washed in hot water and detergent after each Mass. As a matter of common courtesy and hygiene, individuals with any illness or infection that might be contagious should not take the cup.

News from Palestine: Do you remember how a few years ago many of us bought a "Lord's Prayer" that was embroidered by women from Palestine? I have been in contact with "Mariam" (in English - "Mary") often, especially over the last few weeks. Happily, I received one response from her last Monday. This is what she said:



"Dear Fr. Denis

Thank you for message and for your prayers.

Really we are passing in hard times .two years ago was Corona and now this bad conflict and those who suffer this are the innocent people from both sides .

Let us pray for peace because there is nothing in our hands.

Thanks once again and God bless.

Mimi"

Let us continue to pray for a just peace in the land of Jesus' birth and travels.

Leave a Legacy

Remembering your parish in your

"Your light must shine before all so 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



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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**

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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

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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 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.



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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:

Edna Lindsay, Lyn & Jim Payne, Caitlyn Sheehan, Brian Scanlan, Wendy Roberts, Ed Taylor, 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:

Frank Hughes; Sr Anne Crowley RSC, Sr Patricia Heenan RSC, Lyn Payne, Ron Taylor, Anne Taylor and Trevor Blackwell.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Francesca Antonaglia, Domenico Antonaglia and Angelo Di Mauro; 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 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.