

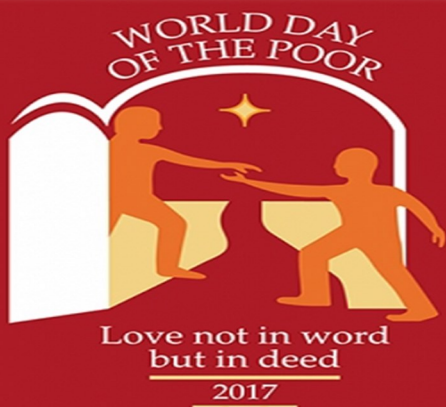


# Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

**Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



POPE FRANCIS

**BLESSED ARE THE  
OPEN HANDS THAT  
EMBRACE THE POOR...  
THEY ARE HANDS THAT  
BRING HOPE."**

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD:** The aim of providing a "Children's Liturgy of the Word" is to help prepare the children to sit and listen with the adults in a more understanding way appreciating the Word's importance. Here at Stafford we offer this for children who are in Prep through to Year 4. The reason for this age-group is that they should be used to leaving their parents and sitting with other children (as in school).

The liturgy, in a simplified form follow that of the Adult Liturgy in the church. As does the Priest, the leaders read and reflect on the readings (Gospel especially) to prepare the liturgy.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS are requested NOT TO ACCOMPANY their children as their presence can be disruptive (as you would not sit at the back of their classrooms in school). If a child does not want to leave their parent(s), then maybe they are not yet ready for CLOW.

If parents are concerned for their child, they are welcome to talk to the Leaders after Mass who will willingly answer any questions. (All Leaders have Blue Cards according to our Safeguarding procedures.)

## **Congratulations to Chloe, Grace, Matilda, Sophie, Elsie, Patrick, Sebastian, William and Conor**

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.



**THE CATHOLIC LEADER—VERY IMPORTANT NEWS!!!** (It will no longer be available from the back of the church after Christmas 2023!!) If you wish to continue receiving it, you are encouraged to take out a subscription to The Catholic Leader and support Brisbane Archdiocese's multi-platform news service. Once subscribed, the paper will be delivered to your door each month. To subscribe either call The Catholic Leader team on (07) 3324 3555 or click [here](#) subscribe OR use the RETURN ENVELOPES available at the Catholic Leader table.



**GAZA PETITION FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA:** Stop the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Join the call to Foreign Minister Penny Wong for an immediate ceasefire and increase humanitarian assistance in Gaza. Sign the Petition that can be found [here](#). You can also donate to Caritas for its work in GAZA if you like.



**Would you like to see a Denarius "in the flesh"?** After Mass you can do so outside the front door. We often hear about "Denarii" in the Scriptures e.g. The parable of the workers where the last hired workers get paid as much as the first—one denarius (a day's pay).

Also when Jesus is quizzed about paying taxes, he looks at a coin and asks "whose head is this?" The answer "Caesars!". Here's a picture of a Denarius minted around 100 AD.



*Next Sunday's Readings*  
**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE**  
 25-26 November

*First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17*

You, may flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

*Responsorial Psalm: 22:1-3, 5-6*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
 there is nothing I shall want.

*Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father,  
 so that God may be all in all.

*Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46*

He will take his seat on his throne of glory,  
 and he will separate men one from another.



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

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Mass Prayer Service for (+)Michael Rickens
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Music Practice Reconciliation Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE



"We welcomed 9 parishioners at the Parish Music Practice on 28 October 2023. Those attending were (L to R) Helen Royan, Sonya Mangano, Paul Cameron, Gerard Moore, Daniel Mathew, Mareena Mathew, Afa Taisia and Julia Taisia (and Michael Coe, the photographer). We learned two new hymns, "Be Thou My Vision" and "Praise All Creation", as well as practising most of the hymns to be sung this month. "Praise All Creation", composed by our own Louise Scott and the Our Lady Queen of Apostles School Sustainability Club, will be sung before Mass later this month, and at Mass in

early December. At our next music practice, we will practise this again as well as a new country and western "God Song" and other music planned for Advent and the Christmas season. **We encourage all parishioners who enjoy singing at our liturgies to come to our practice at 10am NEXT Saturday, 25 November, in the Church.**" Michael Coe

**Vinnie's News**

Well it's almost that time again for us to think about Christmas and the people we at Vinnie's look out for with your help. We will be asking for festive food donations to be placed under the Christmas tree in the church once again. Please ensure that the food items are within the use by date. We will leave gift tags with some suggestions re food items in a cane basket at the back of the church when it gets closer. Don't gift wrap the food items as we need to see what it is in order to put into hampers (which we have special Vinnie's bags for.) A Woollies paper shopping bag will be ok. You can leave your food items over the weekends of 25/26 November, 2/3 & 9/10 December. We are never disappointed by your generosity each year. Many thanks and may God bless you all!



*From: Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation (From the Center for Action and Contemplation) Loving God through Creation*

Creation spirituality is rooted, first of all, in nature, in experience, and in the world as it is. This rich Hebrew spirituality formed the mind, heart, and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. —Richard Rohr

For all the great thoughts I have read / For all the deep books I have studied / None has brought me nearer to Spirit / Than a walk beneath shimmering leaves. —Steven Charleston

The creation narratives in Genesis, like many Indigenous creation narratives, encourage humans to see the wider created order as part of the same "family tree of the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 2:4). —Randy Woodley

If we truly believe that God surrounds us, we believe that prayer is an everyday experience of being alive.... When you step outside and engage with the world in quiet listening, prayer will happen, and it will take on its own way of being for you. —Kaitlin Curtice

For humans to make sense to ourselves, I think we're going to have to rediscover our kinship with the reptiles—and the fish, insects, birds, mammals, and palo santo trees—with which we share the world. —Brian McLaren

Daily cosmic events in the sky and on the earth are the Reality above our heads and beneath our feet every minute of our lives: a continuous sacrament. —Richard Rohr

**Eastern Rite Catholic Churches**

Pope John Paul II often said that the Catholic Church breathes with two lungs – the Eastern lung and the Western lung. Almost all Australia's Catholics belong to the Latin Rite or the Western Catholic Church, but around 1.1% of Catholics belong to Eastern Catholic Churches. Most Eastern Rite Churches include both Orthodox groups that are not in communion with Rome (e.g. Greek Orthodox, Antiochian Orthodox and Serbian Orthodox) and Catholic groups that are.

There are 93 Eastern Catholic parishes in Australia. The five largest Churches are the Maronite, Melkite, Ukrainian, Chaldean and Syro-Malabar, each of which has a diocese (or eparchy) with a bishop (or eparch) who is a member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The term 'Eastern' refers to the churches that grew out of the ancient church of Constantinople, capital of the eastern Roman Empire, and those that were formed in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Ethiopia and India (Syro-Malabar).

Eastern Catholic Churches in Brisbane include the Ukrainian Byzantine Church at Woolloongabba, St Clément's Melkite Church in South Brisbane (near State High) and St Maroun's Maronite Church at Greenslopes. Because the Eastern Catholic Churches are in communion with Rome, their clergy may concelebrate with Latin rite priests and Catholics may receive communion at a celebration of the Eucharist in an Eastern Catholic Church. But there are differences. Unlike the west, the Eastern Church has maintained the unity of the sacraments of initiation, so baptism, confirmation (or 'chrismation') and first communion are celebrated together for both adults and infants. Some children initiated in Eastern Catholic Churches have been 'reconfirmed' in the Roman Catholic Church as the result of ignorance about who belongs to the Catholic Church family. The Eastern Churches permit married men to be ordained. (However, an unmarried priest is not allowed to marry after ordination.) Other differences include the prominence given to chant, incense, candles and processions in liturgy, stricter rules for fasting and abstinence, the following of a different (Julian) calendar by some Eastern Churches, and the role of icons in worship and spirituality.

## Care for Creation

There was plenty of mess and a great deal of creativity as our eager participants created unique figures of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus using recycled materials. The glue soaked figures take one to two weeks to dry and after spray painting are beautifully transformed; a bespoke Nativity Set that will last a lifetime.



REMINDER: Our Advent prayer and reflection group begins next week on Monday 27th November. Please join us for about an hour following morning Mass (approximately 9am). Whether you have a copy of the book or not, you are most welcome. For further information contact Rosemary on 04314664211.

## "CAROLS PRACTICE"

after 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
after 9am Sunday Mass, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

"We invite all parishioners to join our musicians for approximately 30 minutes of Christmas Carols before all of our Christmas Masses (5pm and 8pm Christmas Eve, and 8am Christmas Day), at the carols practice (approx 45 minutes). There will be well known carols as well as a couple that may not be so well known. No special skills are needed, just willingness to be part of our community singing together. We encourage and welcome as many as possible to join in these Parish activities." Michael Coe and Nic Forster



## Latte Ladies

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.



## Men's Group

We are having our Annual Christmas Lunch Friday, 15th December at 12 noon Stafford Tavern in Webster road Stafford. Please come and join us for a great meal and a few drinks to celebrate another great year of friendship.



## Care for Creation

As we prepare our Christmas Gifting, it is important to consider the effect that our purchasing has on the greater community and our environment. Here are some considerations when purchasing and wrapping your gift:

- Did the manufacturing of the product include safe working conditions and just wages?
- Can the product be recycled at end of life?
- Will the product contribute micro plastic waste into our waterways? – many polyester and rayon fabrics are made from recycled plastic, during washing the fabric sheds micro plastics which ends up in our water and cannot be retrieved.
- Is my gift wrapping plastic free? – Curling ribbon, glitter bows etc are made from plastic and will not biodegrade.

Here are some links to gifting ideas that ensure your gift is both environmentally and ethically sourced.

<https://www.oxfam.org.au/oxfam-shop/>  
<https://thatcatholicshop.com/>  
<https://www.unrefugees.org.au>

## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles - Stafford Parish Christmas Mass Times

- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 5.00pm Mass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Mass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
5.00pm and 8.00pm - Christmas Eve
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00am Christmas Day
- 28th (Thursday), 29th (Friday) usual Mass times
- 30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> Dec Sat 5pm, Sun 9am (as usual)  
Feast of the "Holy Family"
- 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 5pm – Mass for Feast of the "Mary, Mother of God"
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.00pm Epiphany
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Epiphany
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> January – NO WEEKDAY Mass but Morning Prayer with Communion will be prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am.



## 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](#)

Please contact the parish office for **PERMANENT BOOKINGS**.

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**

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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.

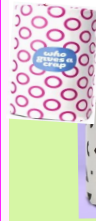


Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after week-end Masses and Fr Denis will open for you. Thank you.

### 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...

**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**

## 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:**

Robert McLean, Graeme Rosewarne, 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.

**We pray for those recently deceased:**

Michael Rickens, Mick Tanwan, Frank Hughes; Sr Anne Crowley RSC, Sr Patricia Heenan RSC, Lyn Payne, & Ron Taylor.

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Graham (Macca) McLean, Bienvenido Tolentino 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.