

*Next Sunday's Readings
First Sunday of Advent*

2-3 December

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for,
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.



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

Mon 27th	8.30am <i>9ish</i>	Mass <i>Advent Prayer & Reflection</i>
Tues 28st	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 30th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 1st Dec	9.00am <i>5.30pm</i>	Mass <i>Divine Mercy Group</i>
Sat 2nd	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Sun 3rd	9.00am <i>10am</i>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Children's Advent Workshop 1</i>

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 this weekend, 2/3 & 9/10 December. We are never disappointed by your generosity each year.



Many thanks and may God bless you all!

*Vinnie's Christmas Appeal Envelopes
can be found at the back of the church.*

They will also be handed out before and after mass.

You can donate money right up to Christmas Day.

*If you prefer bank transfers, the details are in the envelopes.
Thank you and God Bless.*

Queen of Apostles School:

Save the Koalas Project! (GIFT IDEAS for KIDS)

Do you love koalas? Did you know that koalas have been uplisted to endangered along the east coast of Australia? Queen of Apostles school have joined with the Parish to do something about this. We are raising funds to adopt koalas through WWF. By adopting a koala, we can help to ensure wildlife carers and medical facilities can care for sick, injured and vulnerable koalas; create wildlife corridors to help them move around safely; and protect their forest homes for the long-term. We are fundraising to support this worthy cause by selling QofA Adopt A Koala high bounce handballs, designed by students in Year 6. The handballs are being sold at school and we are opening this up to parishioners. Each handball is worth \$5. You will be able to purchase these balls at masses on ... Purchases need to be made using cash (there will be a money tin beside the container of balls).

The money raised from these sales will contribute to the funds raised by the school.

Thank you for your support.

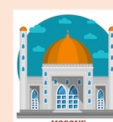
Many blessings,
Meg Conroy



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 celebrate 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.



REMINDER: Our *Advent prayer and reflection group begins THIS 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.

Our ADVENT preparation for CHRISTMAS

Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy?

On **Thursday 14th (NOT 12th) December, 6.30pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance. **How to do that??** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on "why do I do these things") and write them and your answer down on a piece of paper BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

"... **the love of God** has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us...But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. –

Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:5, 8

Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners! (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)

We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good. -- St. Francis of Assisi

Advent Workshops

Advent SUNDAY Workshops for children aged 5-12 years begin Sunday 3rd, 10th and 17th December. Designed to help children understand Jesus' family lineage through the symbols of the Jesse Tree; Active Learning through story, mime, song and craft will ensure a fun time for all. Running for one hour in the Meeting Room immediately after Sunday Mass. Registration at the back of the church or via the Parish Office.

"CAROLS PRACTICE"

after 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 9th Dec
after 9am Sunday Mass, 10th Dec

"We invite all parishioners to join our musicians at the carols practice. 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."



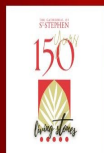
ADVENT VESPERS

First Solemn Vespers of Advent with readings and music

Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4

Sung by: Cathedral Schola

Director of Music: Christopher Trikalis



CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE
2ND DECEMBER 2023 | 5:00PM
FREE ADMISSION | ALL WELCOME

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm

Christopher Trikalis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm

Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm



MUSIC AND POETRY

TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC



Latte Ladies Christmas Lunch

Our Latte Ladies Christmas lunch will be held at Aspley Hornets Football Club, Graham Road, Aspley beginning at 11:30 on Friday, 15th December. The charge for the two course meal is \$21.90 with an added fee for hire of the room. The total cost will be determined by numbers attending therefore, if you have not already done so, please let me know if you intend to join us by no later than Friday, 8th December.

Traci Dove, 0403 726 584

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.

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

14th Dec 6.30pm Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

23rd Dec 5.00pm Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent

24th Dec 9.00am Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent
5.00pm and 8.00pm - Christmas Eve

25th Dec 8.00am Christmas Day

28th (Thursday), 29th (Friday) usual Mass times

30th /31st Dec Sat 5pm, Sun 9am (as usual)
Feast of the "Holy Family"

31st Dec 5pm – Mass for Feast of the "Mary, Mother of God"

6th Jan 5.00pm Epiphany

7th Jan 9.00am Epiphany

13th Jan 5.00pm 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th Jan 9.00am 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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





ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

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

Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Missionary Council: 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

(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

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

School email: 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...

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:

Sandra Henry, Margaret Alcock, Liz Martin, 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, 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.