



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus in word, deed and service."

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 20th-21st January 2024



Hello Queen of the Apostle Parishioners.

It is with joy and a little apprehension that I come to minister in your parish and get to know you all. The first difference you will notice between myself and Fr Denis is that I am from a religious order, the Franciscans Friars. Currently in Brisbane there are six Franciscan Friars, Friars Joseph Nguyen Dinh Tri and John Nguyen at Kedron parish, Friar Steve Bliss who is the parish priest for the Ipswich Communities, Friar Matthew Beckmann, an academic and our community Guardian, and Friar Davor Dominovic who is the chaplain to the Croatian community at Salisbury, and myself. Don't confuse us with our Capuchin Franciscan brothers at Wynnum and South Brisbane!

I was a late vocation to the Franciscan Friars, prior to joining 15 years ago, I was a chemical engineer and worked for 20 years in the steel and mining industries. With the friars I have ministered in parishes in Sydney, Melbourne, Townsville, Auckland (NZ) and spent several months with our Divine Word Missionary brothers in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) south-east of Alice Springs. I am part of our formation team for our Province and have a role as National Spiritual Assistant to the Secular Franciscan Order. I have had an active interest in encouraging young people to explore their faith and have worked as a chaplain in several schools and universities.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus reminds us all that the "Kingdom of God is close at hand." To see the Kingdom we need faith and the desire and courage to embrace the necessary changes in our lives to make that happen. My main role here at the Queen of the Apostles is (with your help!) to make the Gospel message come alive by building relationships and supporting each other to form a caring and worshiping community. Pace e Bene. - Fr Joe



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

On Australia Day, we reflect on our history, its highs and its lows. We respect the stories of others. And we celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all, its people.

Name tags

We invite you to wear your badge at mass each weekend (just keep it in the car for easy retrieval). It will enable Fr Joe to learn names as we welcome him to our parish this weekend! There are still a few nametags to be claimed in Mary's Room.

Thanks!



Music Practice

NEXT SATURDAY
(27th January 10-11am)



Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!

WELCOME Supper | Cuppa For Fr Joe THIS Weekend
(20th) Saturday 5pm Mass
(21st) Sunday 9am Mass



*Next Sunday's Readings
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
27-28 January*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth,
and he will tell them all I command.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2,6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the
things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.



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

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| Mon 22 nd | 8.30am | Mass (with QoA Teachers and Staff) |
| Tues 23 rd | 8.30am | Morning Prayer with Communion |
| Thu 25 th | 8.30am | Mass |
| Fri 26 th | 8.30am | AUSTRALIA DAY Mass |
| Sat 27 th | 4.00pm 5.00pm | Reconciliation Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun 28 th | 9.00am | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time |

Vinnie's Thank You

We would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity with the Vinnie's Christmas appeal and donations of cash (\$13,510++) and food for hampers delivered to our people in need.

All this would not have been possible without your help.
God bless you all.



Vinnies
Feel Good Finds

Tuesday Morning Prayer with Communion

was introduced into our parish by Sr Josita and Fr Denis 11 years ago and continues each Tuesday morning at 8.30 a.m.

EVERYONE is WELCOME

PNG Prayer Appeal

Some of our Convent residents and ex residents from PNG have asked for prayers for their families, especially children who are still living there and are caught up in the current unrest in Port Moresby. Please keep them in your prayers during this very worrying time.

World Day of Prayer 2024
Palestine



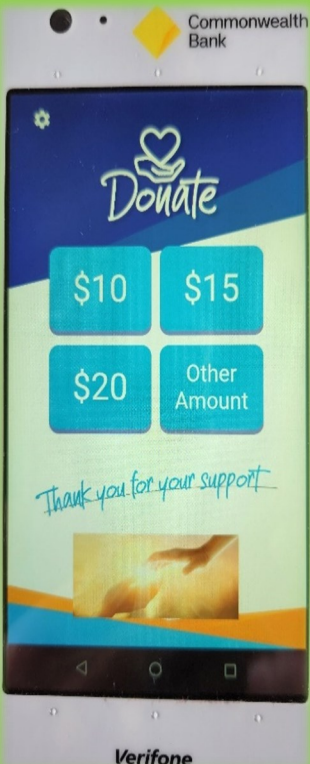
World Day of Prayer 2024

hosted by *Our Lady, Queen of Apostles—Stafford Parish* this year.
The date, *Friday, March 1st*. The format is usually a *Morning Tea* starting at **10am** with the *Prayer Service commencing at 10.30am*.

This a wonderful time of the year to show our support,
so let us have Queen of Apostles well represented at this Service.

We will provide more details as the date draws closer.

Meanwhile you may like to contact **Toni Evans on 0431705456**
for more information.



Are you a VISITOR or do not carry cash? You can help our Parish's Good works. A "Smart Terminal" is at the front door. CHOOSE ONE of the pre determined amounts OR your own preferred Amount and THEN "tap and go"

THANKS!



**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.

Our SUNDAYS 7.30pm to 8.30pm SENIOR permanent hirers are needing more players. If interested, please contact the parish office (call-3356 7155 or email:

stafford@bne.cathilic.net.au)

Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday
1st February 2024

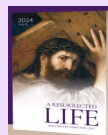
9.30am -1:00pm
Hanly Room,
Francis Rush Centre.

Refreshments provided.

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen



LENTEN PROGRAM



With Ash Wednesday occurring 14th February (FOUR weeks time!) it is necessary to plan now for Lent. The Evangelisation Brisbane resource this year is "A Resurrected Life" and costs **\$6 per book. Pay Cash/Credit Card.** We are looking at running a Lenten group on during Lent, day and time to be confirmed. These books can be used in **groups or for personal reflection.** It is imperative we **order** them ASAP as they are very popular and usually sell out. If you would like a copy please do one of the following: Put your name on the **Order Sheet at the back of the church OR contact Tish** in the Parish Office **33567155 OR email stafford@bne.catholic.net.au**

"Not that I'll be checking it regularly, but my email will be dbscanlan@gmail.com during my retirement."—Denis

RSVP: 25 Jan 2024 ☎ 3324 3030 ✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Leave a Legacy Remembering 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: pererer@bne.catholic.net.au

JOB Opportunity Sacramental Program Coordinator (Kedron)

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=828745>



Care for Creation

Catholic Earthcare online Screenings

are back up and running this year. The first event will be on the evening of the 25th of January celebrating all things Permaculture! Join us to watch 'Eat, Grow, Love' a documentary that follows 6 different permaculture groups across the world. Afterwards the legendary Rowe Morrow will be joining us for a discussion sharing about her 40+ years experience.

To register go to:

https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpcu6vrjktH-N221sZN_01MZLRKVJheKqRK#/registration

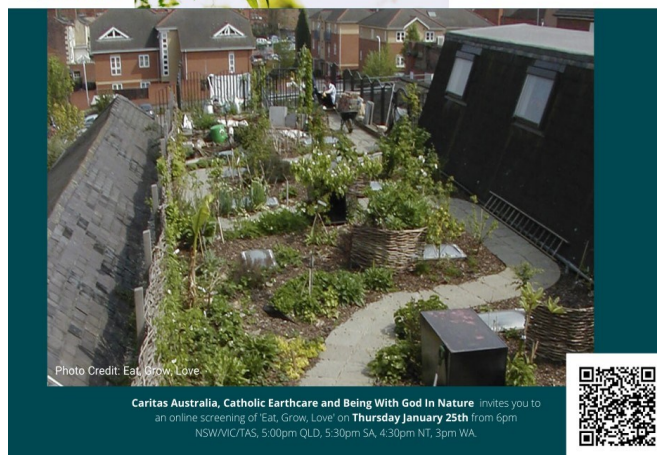
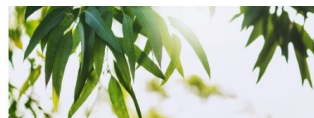


Photo Credit: Eat, Grow, Love

Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare and Being With God In Nature invites you to an online screening of 'Eat, Grow, Love' on **Thursday January 25th** from 6pm NSW/ACT/NT, 5:00pm QLD, 5:30pm SA, 4:30pm NT, 3pm WA.



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 weekend Masses. Thank you.

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 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 Joe 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.

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 Joseph McKay OFM**
Parish Priest's E-mail: mckayj@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.**

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**, contact the Parish Office.

Further information on our website:

<https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Sister Catherine Hefferan .rsc, Anne Carter, Bev Lofgren, Gerard McGrory, Sr Dorothy Bayliss, Rachel Oxenham, Sandra Henry, Margaret Alcock, Liz Martin, Robert McLean, Graeme Rosewarne, Lyn & Jim Payne, Caitlyn Sheehan, Brian Scanlan, Wendy Roberts, Ed Taylor, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina & Sam Fumera.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Anne Carter, Frank Deighton, Gloria Ryan, June Colch, Peter Murphy, Timothy Boulton, Alfio Mangano Sr, Michael Rickens and Mick Tanwan.

And those whose anniversaries occur

at this time: Sister Josita, Eileen O'Brien 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.