

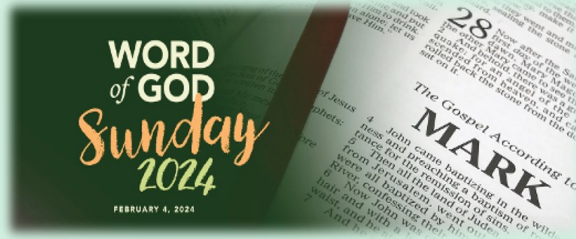


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 3rd-4th February 2024



This weekend is WORD OF GOD SUNDAY in Australia. Pope Francis instituted this celebration to encourage Catholics to celebrate, study and share the Word of God.

We celebrate Word of God in sacrament and liturgy. In celebrating we start to experience the Word made Flesh, the presence of Christ in the community. We show reverence to Scripture, particularly the Book of the Gospel, as a way acknowledging Christ is present.

In solemn celebration of the Eucharist, we process the Book of the Gospels to the altar and to the ambo. We welcome the Gospel with a joyful Alleluia, we light candles and incense the pages. After the proclamation of the Gospel, the book is quietly put away, for the words are no longer on the page, they are to now in the hearts of the congregation to be lived out in the world. We celebrate the Word in sacrament and so that we can carry the living Word to others.

We read the scripture for understanding. Pope Francis quotes St Jerome to remind us that “ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.” Together as a Church we read the scripture “according to the Spirit.” (Gal 5:16). Scripture is understood through the lived experience of the Church. From the experiences of the early Church to the insights of modern archaeology and sociology, the Church seeks to understand what is God asking of us. Tradition and Scripture draw from the same well of Revelation, the presence of God amongst us. We read and understand the scripture together as Church. Each member of the Church contributes to the understanding of scripture from their experience of living the faith.

We pray and meditate on the scripture to allow God to change our hearts. Each day religious and priests are obligated to pray the scripture through the Divine Office. All Christians are invited to let the Word of God touch their hearts. Each day the scriptures can touch our heart in a new way. Through practices such as *lectio divina*, repeated meditation on a phrase of scripture, or praying the Divine Office, we let the Word of scripture work on us.

We proclaim Scripture in our words and actions. As Christians we are called to respond to the invitation of scripture. We are called to hear and see Jesus’ words and actions and make them our own through what we say and do.

The Bible is not a history book but a story of salvation. We are not meant to read the Bible to understand the past but to understand ourselves as part of that story. When we celebrate, study and share the Word of God it is no longer just words on the page – it becomes alive in our Church. God is here, present, speaking to us and guiding us towards the Kingdom.

Fr Joe McKay OFM



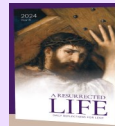
Church First Aid Information

Our Church now has an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** installed (just outside Martha’s room). An AED can assist in a person’s survival if they suffer a sudden cardiac arrest. An AED is easy to use. Once you open the AED carry case, it will automatically start providing instructions to you. **Remember in an emergency, always call triple zero (000) for an Ambulance.** We thank the Latte Ladies group for their suggestion of this initiative in the interest of helping Parishioners’ and visitors’ wellbeing.



We ask for God’s blessings that it may never need to be used. If you would like to see an instructional video of how to use the AED we have installed, you can view this video at <https://youtu.be/o-uHeD4lcq0> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-uHeD4lcq0>)

LENTEN PROGRAM



With Ash Wednesday occurring 14th February, 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.**

THURSDAY LENTEN GROUP starts 15th February after the 8.30am mass. 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**
(DEADLINE THIS Sunday, 4th February)



*Next Sunday's Readings
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10-11 February*

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone,
outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2,5,11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.



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

Mon 5 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 6 th	8.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer with Communion Funeral Mass (+)Elaine Rutherford
Thu 8 th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 9 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 10 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 11 th	9.00am	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thinking about joining Vinnie's?
Ring Gavin Conroy
(Stafford Conference President)
on 0410 566 068 and have a chat
and he will advise you on what to do.

Sign up and join our team

More information available on the parish bulletin board.

Secular Franciscan Order

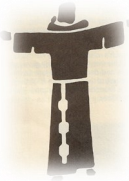
"Ordinary Catholics following Christ's Gospel in the footsteps of St Francis."

A lay organisation initiated by

St Francis of Assisi.

Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month.
Kedron.

**For more information:
Jim Kearney 0410-881622**



draws your attention to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Here is an opportunity to support peace and to exercise your voice as a proud Australian citizen. The Australian Bishops conference supported the Treaty when it came into force in 2021, and it's been strong church teaching since Vatican II. Many other faith organisations have also endorsed it. Here's what ICAN Australia have to say.....

<https://icanw.org.au/petition/?l>

Three years ago today the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force. Back then there were 50 states parties... now there are 70, with an extra 23 signatories!

We haven't abolished nuclear weapons yet, and it is devastating to see several nuclear-armed states waging horrendous wars today, but the TPNW is changing the course of history:

*To find out more about the Treaty and to place your name on the petition: [Please sign or share it onwards to your friends here](#). Please raise a toast to the ban as we celebrate three years of our powerful young treaty being *in force*. Next step: let's get Australia's signature sorted. Dr Ruth Mitchell (ICAN Australia board member Chair of the Int Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)*



Care for Creation

Latte Ladies



Latte Ladies will meet **THIS Thursday, 8th Feb** at **Mocha Bella, Flockton St, Everton Park at 9:45am**. All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa', great conversation and companionship. Enquiries - Truci Dove 3359 2267

GENTLE REMINDERS for VOLUNTEERS on SAFEGUARDING

- Here's the link to find **VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS** that relate to each role on the current Safeguarding Matrix: <https://ai.catholic.net.au/hris/Volunteer%20Documents/Parish%20Position%20Descriptions>
- POLICE CHECK RENEWAL** www.bit.ly/staffordpc
- BLUE CARD RENEWAL** <https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>
- PRIOR CONDUCT DECLARATION form updated version now available in the parish website**
- A review of safeguarding training was undertaken, as a result, there is now only one **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING MODULE** for all workers & volunteers. The training module is available on the Arch e-Learn system for clergy and employees. Volunteers can access the module via the Archdiocesan public website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. The module will take about 1 hour to complete and **must be completed every 2 years**. Please be sure to register completion of the training with your parish or ministry and the People & Culture (HR) team for compliance purposes. Volunteers will also soon be able to access the training via the Arch e-Learn system.

VACUUM DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our residents in the old convent ARE IN NEED OF PRE-LOVED VACUUM CLEANER/S (PREFERABLY BAGLESS). Maybe you or someone you know has one they no longer need. Please email stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call Tisha at the parish office (3356 7155) to schedule drop off time.



Thank you!



Waste Voucher 2023-24

100 kg for general green waste
Creating a clean Brisbane

to 31 August 2024

conditions listed overleaf.

You may leave vouchers at the parish office or mail box.



Brisbane 14 February to 24 March, 2024

We believe in the sanctity from the moment of conception. That's why 40 Days for Life in Brisbane has been praying to end abortion through each Lent for the past 15 years. We'd

love for you to join us! This year we start on Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and continue until Palm Sunday, 24 March 2024. We will again have our physical prayer vigil at 20 Abbotsford Rd Bowen Hills (outside Bowen Hills train station). For more details, please email 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com or visit the website.

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.



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 know our names, thanks!

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FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

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[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.catholic.net.au)

Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated (PCI)

PCI is a Catholic not-for-profit comprised of men and women who volunteer to serve women and girls with crisis pregnancies and their unborn babies and any other children they may have. This is done through the immediate and ongoing provision of relief to those in distress, whether it is due to financial hardship, homelessness, domestic violence, pressure to abort their babies by family or their workplace, or for any other reason. Relief includes accommodation, food, and clothing during pregnancy and until around six months after birth, friendship and the easing of isolation and loneliness through visitation, material baby goods from nappies to prams to cots and everything in between, spiritual and emotional support, and referrals for, and accompaniment to, social welfare appointments, medical care, and counselling. Further, they assist both men and women with post-abortion trauma crises.

Unfortunately, PCI's public liability insurance premiums have increased significantly this year, approximately an additional \$21,000 p.a., due to claims made by other organisations around the world. PCI receives no government funding and relies totally on donations.

To ease this financial burden, the group is hosting a dance, in their private capacity, to raise funds for PCI.

Details are as follows: Friday, 9th February 6:30 - 11:00 PM

Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church Hall, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley, Queensland, 4103

\$35pp includes a glass of wine upon arrival, \$20pp for ages 10-17, and ages 0-9 are complimentary.

All ages; youth and young adults, families, and seniors are most welcome.

Please see this booking link for further information, such as dress theme: <https://www.trybooking.com/COEVT>

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.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine



We'd like to ask our Stafford parishioners to please bring a plate to share. THANK YOU!

Remembering your parish in your Will

"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



ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February at 7.00am
(also in ZOOM)



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!

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. Thank you.

Glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:
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STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

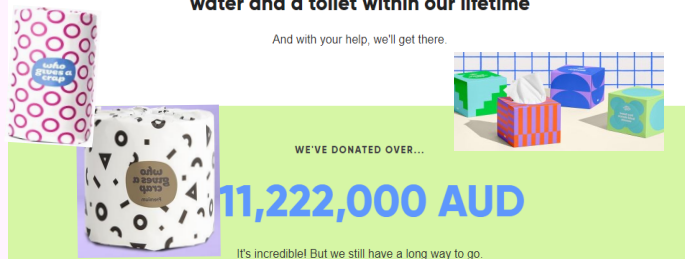
recent ones - used or unused, Australian or Overseas. They can be left in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you & God bless!



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.



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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 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

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Parish email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au
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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**

Let Us Pray



We pray for those who are unwell:

Miguela Savellon, Sr Patricia Coyle, Zina Di Mauro, Elaine Rutherford, Sr 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:

Helen Mullins, Anne Carter, Frank Deighton and Gloria Ryan.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gran Acuna and Greg Curry 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.

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>



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.