



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."

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 23rd-24th March 2024

Fr Joe's Reflection

Palm Sunday

When Jesus first enters the city of Jerusalem he is hailed as a King by the crowd. The Jewish people were expecting a Messiah, someone who would overthrow the Romans' occupation. Many were armed and ready for an uprising. Other people felt threatened by Jesus' teaching, the Jewish civil and community leadership, because he challenged their privilege and hypocrisy. Ultimately, for those who met him in Jerusalem, he was not the Messiah they expected.




In the Western World, the Christian Church no longer has the support of the surrounding culture, institutions and political structures. Our schools, hospitals and charities are praised and tolerated because of their social usefulness but are just as often co-opted and controlled through state funding. In many countries there is no freedom of religion.

Following Jesus, Christians are often called to stand counter to the prevailing worldview to maintain their faith. Throughout history the Church community has had to face challenges and persecution from the surrounding culture and called again to enter into Christ's passion.

Often these times of trials become times of renewal and rebirth for the Church. When our faith is challenged we are often called to look at ourselves in the light of the Gospel. We are challenged to let go of all that is unimportant and hold onto Christ. Our image of God and Church is tested and our mission as Christians is strengthened, clarified and renewed. The Gospel is



Easter Saturday Vigil REMINDERS:

- ◆ A reminder to bring bells to the Easter Vigil Mass to ring during the Gloria. 
- ◆ We will have candles available at the beginning of mass, however, if you prefer to bring your own candles (with wax catcher please), you are most welcome to do so. 
- ◆ And please bring along a plate to share after Easter Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations. 

TIPS ON HOW TO HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE EASTER

Laudato Si, Chapter 4(161)

The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now. We need to reflect on our accountability before those who will have to endure the dire consequences.

RECYCLING ALUMINIUM FOIL The **Australian Aluminium Council** reports that aluminium (unlike plastic) can be recycled endlessly without compromising any of its unique properties or quality. However, in order to be captured during the recycling process, the aluminium piece needs to be quite large – small pieces of Easter egg wrappings would be lost in this process, but you can fix this by: Keeping an aluminium can and putting all small foil pieces into the can until it's full before popping it in the recycling bin *Saving all your Easter egg wrappers and making them into one large Easter egg ball (at least a tennis ball size is preferred) *Keeping an aluminium can and putting all small foil pieces into the can until it's full before popping it in the recycling bin



Music Practice

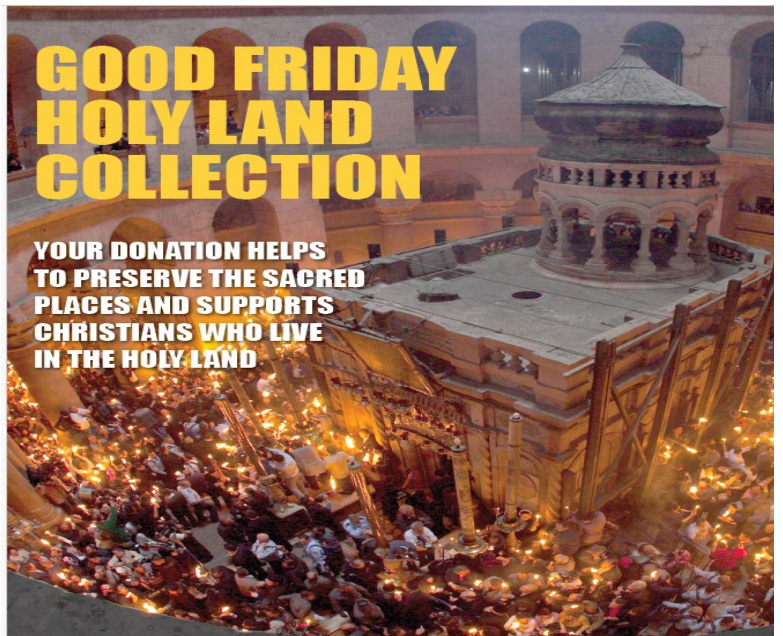
SATURDAY, 30th MARCH 10am



Everyone is Welcome to JOIN as we prepare for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies!

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

YOUR DONATION HELPS TO PRESERVE THE SACRED PLACES AND SUPPORTS CHRISTIANS WHO LIVE IN THE HOLY LAND



Annual Leave for the Parish Secretary

As you all know, Good Friday and Easter Monday are public holidays. I will be extending my break and will return on Monday, 8th April. For any urgent matter, please call the office and it will connect to Fr Joe.

You may also send email to mckayj@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank You :)

May God shower you all with blessings, love, and peace this Easter!





Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

Please join us as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** in prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles' Church from **2.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 7th April.**

Why not invite a friend?

For more info:

Di 0407616637 or John 3356 6038

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

Mon 25 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 26 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Thu 28 th	7.00pm	Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Fri 29 th PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat 30 th	ALL DAY 7.00pm	Reconciliation The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Supper after Mass
Sun 31 st	9.00am	Sunday of the Resurrection Cuppa after Mass

Readings on the SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM to Sunday of Resurrection

Thursday of the Lord's Supper
7pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
3pm

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
7pm

Sunday of the Resurrection
9am

Readings and Responsorial Psalms

1st: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

2nd: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Psalm 115:12-13, 5-18
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

1st: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

2nd: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Psalm 30:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25

Father, I put my life in your hands.

1st: Genesis 1:1-2:2; or 1; 1, 26-31

Psalm 103:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 55

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd: Exodus 14:15—15:1
Exodus 15: 5, 1-6, 17-18

Let us sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, he has covered himself in glory.

3rd: Exodus 36:16—28
Psalm 41:3, 5; 42:3-4

Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17; 22:23

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

Mark 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

1st: Acts 10:34, 7-43

2nd: Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

John 20:1-9

The gospel teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)
23 & 24 March



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory. There is still time to donate! **Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 41 3.**



Easter Triduum For Your Kids"

Make sure they know the story.

Make sure they know that God became Man and died for them, to open the gates of Heaven so they could join him there someday, because he loves them more than they can imagine. That's all you really need to do.

One way to do this is to read picture books for the little ones about the first Easter. For older kids, read the Mass readings together at home, so the kids have some time to think and pray about them in a calm and private setting.

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday is the day when Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, so this is a day when you talk about what Holy Communion means. Those who have already received mention why they are thankful, kids not yet old enough to receive share what they are looking forward to.

Another meaningful activity is washing each other's feet, like Jesus did at the Last Supper with his disciples.

If you live in an area with a lot of local churches, today is the traditional Seven Churches Visitation. That's a fun and memorable way to honour the day.



Good Friday

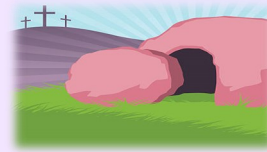
Pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Venerate a crucifix: Each member of the household kisses the crucifix while praying "We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world."



Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday feels like a long day of holding your breath, between the inhale of Good Friday and the exhale of Easter. Fortunately, there's lots to do!

Cleaning the house and cooking to prepare for the Easter feast are fun things to do. This is the day Easter eggs are traditionally dyed. Talk about the symbolism of eggs as a sign of new life and rebirth. Enjoy some of the hot cross




Buns or the chocolate crown of thorns made the day before!

Read some of those Easter picture books and joyfully say "Alleluia! He is risen!"

These are supplementary activities as the BEST way is really to attend the Easter liturgies in church and the kids will have their first hand experience in knowing the story by heart. :)




THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED
MAKE PALM CROSSES ! :)



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Facilitating a deeper connection with God and the Catholic tradition through four core modules, guest lectures and special events.



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Praying with the Liturgy

A LITURGICAL RETREAT

You are invited to take time out for a morning retreat of liturgy-focused input, experience and reflection

For all involved in preparing & celebrating liturgy in parishes & schools:
Clergy, Readers, Communion Ministers, Music Ministers,
Liturgy Committees, APREs, Teachers and all who gather for worship.

Facilitated by:



Rev Dr Tom Elich

An internationally renowned liturgist, Tom Elich earned a Doctorate of Theology in Paris and subsequently lectured widely in liturgy and theology. He was secretary for liturgy with the ACBC for 10 years and took part in the work of ICEL in the 1990s. Tom served 15 years as parish priest at Bulimba and spent 35 years as director of Liturgy Brisbane until September 2023.



Sr Jill O'Brien

Jill O'Brien is a Sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. Her ministries have included teaching in Catholic and public schools, parish work, university chaplaincy and adult education with a particular emphasis on liturgical education. Jill is currently chaplain at Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne.

SATURDAY 20 APRIL, 2024
9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
Cnr Earnshaw Rd & Approach Rd, Banyo

Morning Tea Provided

Cost: \$15.00
(\$12.00 for bookings of 5 or more)
To register, go to:
<https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/collections/workshops>





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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.



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!

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



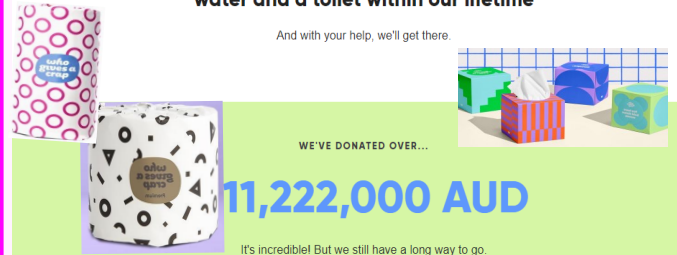
Stafford Parish Scheme ID:
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OUR MISSION

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**
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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@stopline.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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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:

Sr Madonna S.M.N. Eileen Matthews, Madelynn Martin, Frank & Maria Pirrotina, Bob & Tim Willson, Bunny Vargas, Miguela Savellon, Sr Patricia Coyle, Zina Di Mauro, Sr Catherine Hefferan rsc, 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.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Steven Gargano (brother of Truci) Barbara Anne Byrne, Joan Madden & Elaine Rutherford.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Davis, Collette Horn & Anne Rowbotham and 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.