



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."

Fourth Sunday of Easter 20th-21st April 2024



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Music Practice

NEXT SATURDAY

(27th April 10-11am)

Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!



Fr Joe's Reflection - Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B Good Shepherd Sunday - "Listen to my Voice"

In Australia we have the image of the drover. Those amazing horseman who guided sheep and cattle along the nation's stock routes, over thousands of kilometres. Today there are still old Aboriginal stockman who travelled all over Australia on the back of a horse. The heydays of the 'long paddock' may have ended in the sixties, replaced with road transport, but droughts and floods in recent years have driven farmers to call on drovers again to guide sheep and cattle, on the road, in search of food and water: in search of life. The ancient role of a shepherd continues even here in Australia.

The Bible often refers to the leaders of the people as shepherds, both good and bad. The bad shepherds were weak and corrupt leaders who took advantage of the people. Jesus in the Gospel also talks about the 'hired hands', those that have no love or care for the people, who ran away when the people were threatened by difficulties. They were not willing to risk anything to feed and protect the flock. Pope Francis has regularly reminded priests that they should have the "smell of the sheep", to be close carers rather than be aloof career managers of the church.

Jesus doesn't just care about his disciples but everyone, "the sheep not of this fold". He has a desire that all people will have the security of knowing that they are loved and cared for by God. Jesus lays down his life for everyone.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are seen by the Gospel as an expression of God's love and power. Jesus does not finish his ministry on the Cross, or at the Ascension. He leads his people having shared in the difficulties of this world. The Crucified and Risen Christ continues to lead his people towards salvation today. Jesus leads people through the actions of the Church: the sacraments, the proclaiming and the living of the Word of God.

Paradoxically Christians are called to be both sheep, followers of Christ, and shepherds, people who call, protect and guide others on the way of salvation in Jesus' name. Just like the need for drovers in times of droughts and floods, there is still a need in the Church for God's shepherds. People who guide others on the way towards Jesus, towards salvation.

This weekend we celebrate Vocation Sunday. We celebrate that we have been individually called by Christ. And the Church renews its call, in Jesus' name, for people to deepen their commitment to serve and guide others. *Fr Joe McKay OFM*



Please email the parish office at stafford@bne.catholic.net.au if you want to be added to the mailing list, resources and pop up news. :)

8.30am ANZAC Day Mass
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
Stafford Parish



ANZAC DAY 25 April 2024



Reconciliation Action Plan

Evangelisation Brisbane, with the support of Murri Ministries held the first of a series of five Reconciliation Action Plan Truth-Telling- workshops at Queen of Apostles Stafford on the 23rd March 2024. Participants came from a number of parishes in the dioceses, to share their journey of reconciliation and unity and workshopped ideas for actions within their own parishes. Guest speaker Brad Jarro, a Bidjara and Ghungalu man shared his personal family story, discussing how laws and policies have impacted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since the 1800's.



Members of the Social Justice group and Father Joe were also in attendance.

A special thank you Rosemary Haydock, Aaron Minos, James Fitzsimon, Cath Collier and Mary Curry who also helped with set up, catering and serving for the event.

SOS!!!!

Vinnie's Winter Blanket Appeal!!!

Hello everyone,
It's that time again, we need your help in donating blankets or cash for purchasing blankets for the people we visit. Please be sure to donate good quality blankets, something you yourself would be happy to put on your bed. A box will be provided at the back of the Church for you to leave them in starting the weekends of the 27th & 28th April/ 4th & 5th May/ & 11th & 12th May.

We were very grateful for the wonderful response last year, so let's see if we can do it again.

SACRAMENTS of CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION is now OPEN



QR code or link below
for Enrolment form:

[Stafford Parish Sacramental Program Enrolment Form](#)

Closing date to register:
THURSDAY, 13th June

For more info, pls email:
qoasacs@hotmail.com

QofA SCHOOL—Parish Masses

Students in Years 3-6 will continue to attend Parish Masses on Fridays at 9am. This is a wonderful tradition at QofA and the students really enjoyed them last term. We thank Father Joe for engaging our students in the Mass and our parishioners who willingly participate in fostering Parish-School connections. This term, our students will be writing and reading the prayers of intercession at these masses.

All families are welcome to attend these events and we also welcome extended family members and parishioners, as we Live in Faith together in our community.

All dates for the Religious Life of The School events are on the Parent Portal and the BCE Connect App.

We look forward to another term filled with JOY!

Many blessings,
Meg

*This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds
of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the*



7:00pm Saturday 27 April 2024

St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s to 1980s (ask your parents or grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance and social mixer for young Catholic adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for charity thrown in for good measure!

Dress in your best white, gold or bright coloured outfits and continue the joyful celebrations of Eastertide!



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\$20 (+BF) TICKETS

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



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*Next Week's Readings
Fifth Sunday of Easter
27-28 April*

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these:

that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.



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

Mon 22 nd	8.30am	Mass
Tues 23 rd	8.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion Funeral Service (+)Bob Devine
Thu 25 th	8.30am	ANZAC DAY Mass
Fri 26 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 27 th	10.00am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Music Practice Reconciliation 5 th Sunday of Easter Mass
Sun 28 th	9.00am	5 th Sunday of Easter Mass

Seven little known facts about Anzac Day

1. Gallipoli is not a town



2. Anzac biscuits were square



3. Aboriginal Australians were not allowed to enlist in WW1. Despite not being legally allowed to serve, many Aboriginal Australians lied about their race to enlist. Sadly, their involvement is still rarely recognised even though it is believed that almost one thousand of them (out of an estimated indigenous population of 80,000) served during WW1.

4. Alec Campbell was the last surviving Anzac



5. All Anzacs were volunteers

6. The word "Anzac" is protected. The word "Anzac" is protected under Australian law and misuse can incur a penalty of up to 12 months in prison or a large fine. The Protection of Word 'Anzac' Regulations 1921 (Cth) (the Regulations) broadly state that to use the word 'Anzac' (or any word resembling the word 'Anzac') in an official or corporate manner, permission from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs is required.

7. Origin of Anzac acronym. The acronym ANZAC was devised by Major General William Birdwood's staff in Cairo in 1915.

It is important that our students continue to honour the Anzac Day tradition. I'm hoping that the example you have set in bringing them to parades and services will continue in the future when they have their own children and bring them to Anzac ceremonies.

Parish Planned Giving

THANK YOU to our parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- Tap N Go Machine at the middle entrance of the church
- The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one off giving. SCAN TO ACCESS PARISH GIVING APP. **OR** go to this link: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



- Direct Debit: You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account:

Stafford Parish

BSB: 064786 A/c: 100 000 072

Or use BPoint link [BPoint Stafford Donations](#)

- The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically)

Once again, a huge thank you for your continued support!

Stafford Parish Finance Council

**Leave a Legacy
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:

e: pererar@bne.catholic.net.au



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)



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:
C10195625



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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
A0B@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

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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>



Our Parish PIETY Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. Below are samples of Confirmation & First Communion memorabilia.

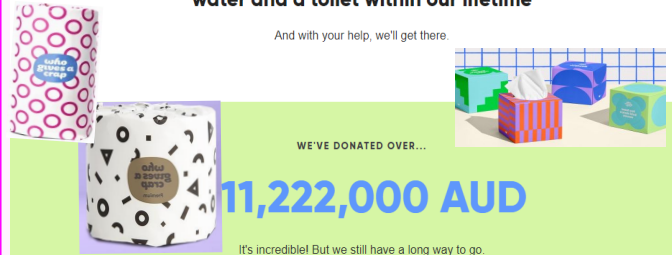


Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after week-end Masses. Thank you.

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.

Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Ted Cavanagh, Nicki Goodman, Celestino Garcia, Felicisima Medrano, Sr Madonna F.M.M, Eileen Matthews, Madelynn Martin, Frank & Maria Pirrotina, Bob & Tim Willson, Bunny Vargas, Miguella Savellon, Sr Patricia Coyle, Zina Di Mauro, Sr Catherine Hefferan rsc, Bev Lofgren, Gerard McGrory, Sr Dorothy Bayliss, Rachel Oxenham, Sandra Henry & Margaret Alcock.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Bob Devine, Edward Taylor & Denis Horton.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret O'Kane, Titing Padayhag, Gloria Patalinghug, Alfred Gow, Des O'Brien, Pina Padayhag, 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.