



# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

[A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery]

*Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."*

**First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 1st/2nd December, 2018**

**O**ur Religious Goods Shop! You can buy some great items to express your faith and even to do so combined with Christmas Gifts or Cards. You can also order more expensive items such as bibles, special statues or other items as gifts for



children celebrating Sacraments or even as a way to "put Christ into Christmas." We accept Credit Cards (no cash out—sorry). Drop in straight after Mass and have a look. (Don't leave it too late though—our volunteers also



have homes to go to.

**T**he current roster will finish on the weekend of 8th /9th December. If you will be unavailable for any period in the next roster can you please advise the office as soon as possible. The Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses are not part of this roster. We will put out a sheet for these masses in the coming weeks. There will be 6pm and 9pm Mass (24th Dec) and 8am Mass (25th Dec) and 6pm (31st Dec). This is something to think about...**will you be home for Christmas?**

**O**ur Parish School, "Queen of Apostles", was set up by our Parish as a major way in which we, as a community can fulfil the promise we make, through the Godparent(s) to the Parent(s) at the Baptism of their Child. We promised to "help these parents in their duty as Christian Parents." This week our school ends its school year. A big "THANK-YOU" to all the staff for their dedication in supporting the Parents in the faith growth and education of the children.

May all the staff, children and their families have a happy and safe holiday. – May they constantly remember the Christmas Message "Emmanuel" – God is with us – always, everywhere



and at everytime!

**T**he "Stable" and Christmas Tree are here!—but a long way from being finished (It's **only ADVENT** still!!)- Parents in the midst of the commercial pre-Christmas chaos, before and after Mass is a relatively quiet time. Why not let you kids wonder and try to guess what will be added to the stable over the next week (and what has been added from last week??) **AD-VENT is a time of waiting and expectation**—this will help your kids.



**A**rchdiocesan requirements for ministers and volunteers to ensure we witness to our commitment to protect children and vulnerable adults in future. **For Ministers of Communion and Readers, Prayer Leaders and Coordinators**, the following are requirements set by the Archdiocese.

- Volunteer Data Form
- Police Check
- Blue Card
- Statutory Declaration

All forms will be available to take home and complete this week. Forms can be returned to the office through the week or returned to Fr Denis after Mass next week-end.

**All volunteers** are required to complete some paperwork. If you are involved in multiple ministries and are not sure what we require of you, please contact the parish office for clarification.

**V**innie's Gifting Tree Appeal — Donated Food Items which go



towards food hampers to be made up by our Vinnie's volunteers can be **placed in/around the nativity stable**.

Please take home a gift tag (*suggesting items to buy*) which will be left on tables at each exit of the church from 17/11/18. On behalf of the Stafford Conference of St Vincent De Paul we would like to say a **big thank you** for your continued support.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**First Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**



**C**ounters Roster: **Team C** -- Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove and John Dalton.

**Christmas/New Year -counters are required for 24th Dec and 31st Dec and perhaps 27th Dec.** (If there are many hands available on 31st December we will not need to do a count on 27th December). Please let Debra know if you are available on any of these dates, so a roster can be prepared. Thank you.

**S**TAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners at St Therese.

**R**ELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: **We have EFTPOS!** The Columban Calendars have arrived. They are still only \$9. There is also a great range of children's books which make great gifts. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

**R**oster for Christmas and New Year Masses

There are sheets at the rear of the church to indicate your availability. If you are sitting at home right now and didn't put your name down for a mass, just send through an email with your details. If you don't have email, just phone the office and leave a message, I'll add your name to the list in the morning! It's so important to have the roster complete for these masses. There are always visitors in church at this time of year and we want to welcome them and be our best, so all hands on deck to make this a very warm welcome to our guests and for the community of Stafford to Celebrate this wonderful feast of Christmas. If you are on the counting roster, please consider volunteering for 24th or 31st Dec (See note above).



**S**TAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We have forwarded another \$100.00 this week, bringing our total this year to \$1,530. As the next few weeks will be a busier time for mail, please help us by saving your used stamps and placing them in the specially marked box to the left of the main Church entry. Saving stamps saves lives! God Bless you all.

**S**.O.S. Re Vinnie's - If you have any **"WARDROBES"** or **"CHEST OF DRAWERS"** you no longer want, please, please ring Vinnie's Furniture Collection number on **1800846643** and they will be happy to pick them up. We are unable to help the people we assist with these items because the Vinnie's furniture warehouse has run out of them. Any questions please ring **Dianne 0407616637**

**S**trengthen the Household of Faith

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40) Please consider a gift in any amount given through your Will to strengthen our Parish. For more information about how you can leave a legacy to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

**P**ositions Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Wilston Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a permanent Part Time position of Parish Secretary for 25 hours a week (days of the week to be negotiated).

Applications are open for a position at the Banyo Nundah Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a full time position of Parish Secretary for 38 hours a week, Monday to Friday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

**P**rotect the miracle of motherhood this Christmas.

**Buy a Global Gift and protect vulnerable mothers before, during and after giving birth.**

All Global Gifts reflect real items that we use to assist people in their fight against poverty and injustice. Your purchase of a specific gift is representative of the type of community development work done by **Caritas Australia's** projects.

**Step 1** Choose the perfect Global Gift

**Step 2** Receive a card to give your loved one

**Step 3** Your donation brings joy around the world





Global gifts can be ordered via order forms or online [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au). There are a **limited number of order forms at the religious goods shop**. There are also samples of the cards for you to view. Please take an order form home with you.



## The lights of Christmas - St Stephen's comes alive this Christmas.!

Gather on the lawn at the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show every evening from Wednesday 12 December until Christmas Eve.

All the family will enjoy a beautifully animated tale, which celebrates the power of giving and brings alive the true spirit of Christmas.

The 12 minute show, by the creators of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, will run continuously from 7.30pm each night. Traditional artworks of Madonna and Child will follow the animation, illuminating the Cathedral's historic walls.

The Lights of Christmas is set to be one of Brisbane's most captivating events this festive season. We hope you can join us.

**Where:** Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street

**When:** 12-24 December

**Time:** 7.30pm – midnight

## ADVENT—CHRISTMAS LITURGY TIMES ETC

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

- **Saturdays, starting at 4pm** until no one is waiting,
- **A special Celebration of Penance -Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm (No Thursday Morning mass that day).**

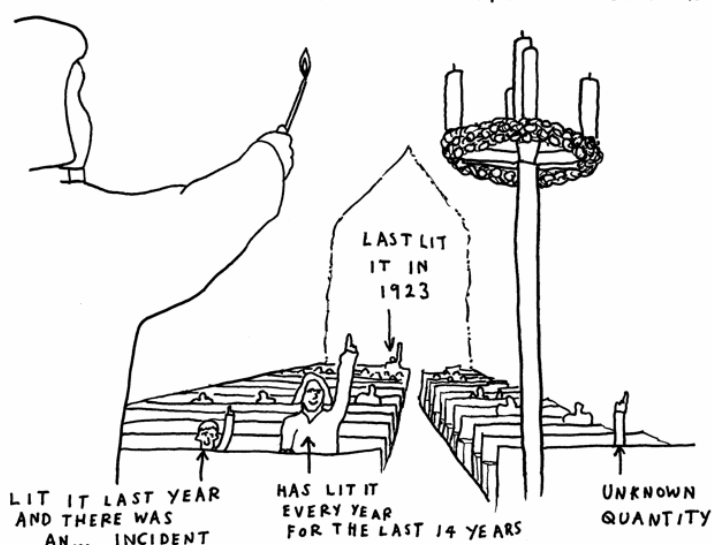
### MASS TIMES 22/23 Dec to 1st Jan:

- **4th Sunday of Advent (22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> Dec):** Sat 4pm, Sun 7am & 9am only. **(No Sunday 5pm Mass)**
- **Christmas Eve:** 6pm (Mass with adapted Liturgy of Word for children), 9pm (our "Midnight" Mass) – **NOTE:** There is NO Monday morning Mass on the 24th.
- **Christmas Day:** 8am **only** (No 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Day)

- **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> , Fri 28<sup>th</sup>—**Masses as per usual.
- **Sat/Sun 29/30<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Sat 5pm, Sun 7am, 9am **(No Sunday 5pm Mass)**
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 6pm Vigil for the Feast of the "Mary, Mother of God" and New Years Eve.
- **Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** No Mass or other Liturgy.
- **Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th -** Mass as per usual.

## ADVENT

DURING THE SUNDAYS IN ADVENT THE VICAR MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE. IT IS ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS



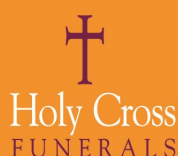
## COLLECTIONS

Date	18th Nov	25th Nov
1st Collection	\$355.50	\$372.55
2nd Collection	\$648.50	\$762.50
Loose	\$548.60	\$743.70
DD 1st (Oct)	\$2464.50	
DD 2nd (Oct)	\$6823.30	

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



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## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

### **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office**

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053

Parish E-mail: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)

Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan

Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary: Debra Visser

Office Hrs: Mon, Tues, Thur: 9.00am—3.30pm

Office Telephone: 3356 7155

**Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

**Representative** :Cath D'Hage

### **Parish School "Queen of Apostles"**

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford 4053

School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)

**School Team:** Principal: Nigel Bird

APA: Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Kirsten Karey

**School Secretaries:** Thuruna St: Vera Fitzgerald

Chuter St: (Mon) Jacqui Collett

Chuter St: (Tues-Fri) Mary-Anne Coppolecchia

School Office Hrs: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Telephone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200

Telephone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

### FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	3rd	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>
Tues	4th	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer and Communion</b>
Wed	5th	9.30am	<b>Seniors Christmas Lunch</b>
Thurs	6th	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>
Fri	7th	9.00am	<b>Mass with morning tea</b>
Sat	8th	4.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass</b>
Sun	9th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	<b>Mass Mass MMP Rosary Mass</b>

**BAPTISMS** in this Parish occur at

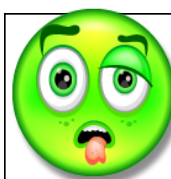
10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent).

**For BAPTISM PREPARATION** please contact the Parish Office (3356 7155).



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK - immediately**

after Mass : 3rd Sun of Month (ex Oct).



You may add a **sick person's name** to the list by phoning the Parish Office (3356 7155). **To keep the list 'fresh'** the last four names each week will be deleted. If their illness continues, let's know and we'll add them to the start of the list.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Our Sick:** John Blumke, Mary Law, Nora Stevens, Peter Muir, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Donna Geddes, Dominic Waters, Anne Gallagher, Julia Geatches, Michael Donaldson, Joan French & family and John Cunningham.

**Our Recently Deceased:** Maria Terre, John Forestal, Garry Maynard, Bonnie Lennox, Noeleen Wilson and Pat Neilson.

**Those We Remember:** Des OBrien, Angela Robertson, Cliff Devereaux, John Goldby, Ken Barker, Roy and Olive O'Sullivan and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

### **The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you** **Available from the shop for \$2**

Catholic priest says the tragic death of a baby girl found washed up on a beach highlights the shocking crisis of homelessness on the Gold Coast.

Damaging bushfire across Central Queensland pulls community together during times of need.

St Stephen's Cathedral's Christmas sound and light show to feature an animation written and narrated by the Red Wiggle.

The Religious Freedom in the World 2018 report reveals an

increase of oppression of religious activity across the world.

Catholic religious orders across Australia are making a national Day of Sorrow and Promise for those hurt by abuse.

Pastoral carers graduate and commissioned to service the archdiocese.

New report finds that busy parents stuck on their smartphones are ignoring young people's problems.

A poor man's plea prompts a professional to rethink priesthood.