



# 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."*

**Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) 8th/9th 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 "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??) **ADVENT is a time of waiting and expectation**—this will help your kids.



**O**ur ADVENT preparation for CHRISTMAS: Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

**Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy? On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance. **How to do that??** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on "why do I do these things") and **write them and your answer down on a piece of paper** BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of

Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN** sheet of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.



*"... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.....But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. — Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:5, 8*

**Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners!** (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)

**We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good.** -- St. Francis of Assisi

**Whoever is willing to serenely bear the trial of being displeasing to herself, that person is a pleasant place of shelter for Jesus.** — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**O**ur Website—([www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)) how long since you checked it out? Have you discovered the "new" stuff?? E.g. On the Home page, you will find "Quick Links" which includes (besides a welcome letter to newcomers):

[Worship Times](#), [Newsletters](#), [Parish Location](#)

[Prayer & Reflection](#) (A new "two-minute homily every week (from Friday), Daily Prayer resources, etc)

[Sacramental Preparation](#) (What's needed, paperwork etc)

[Child & Vulnerable Adult Care](#) (info from Archdiocese re Child and Vulnerable Adult protection policies)

[Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals](#) (How to arrange etc)

[Parish Calendar](#), [Photo Gallery](#)

[Tennis Court Hire](#) (How to hire, etc)

[Forms & Downloads](#) (Paperwork of all kinds incl Direct Debit requests and Credit Card payments)

[Queen of Apostles Primary School](#)

**V**innie's Gifting Tree Appeal — Donated Food Items for food hampers 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*). Food donations are needed by 16th Dec. Envelopes for cash donations are also available. 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**  
**Third Sunday of Advent (YEAR C)**

**1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

**2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**



**C**ounters Roster: **Team D** -- Frank Deighton, Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle. **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 Chermside/Kedron Uniting Church.

**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. We also have a limited number of Advent Calendars.

**R**oster for Christmas and New Year Masses  
...will you be home for Christmas? We will endeavour to have this roster prepared by the end of next week, but **we need your help in filling this roster.** 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).



**A**DVENT—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 5pm, Sun 7am & 9am only.

**(No Sunday 5.30pm Mass)**

**Christmas Eve:**

6pm (Mass with adapted Liturgy of Word for children)

9pm (our "Midnight" Mass)

**NOTE:** There is NO 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.**

**Weekend 29/30<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

Sat 5pm, Sun 7am & 9am only.

**(No Sunday 5.30pm 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.

**NOTE:** There is NO Monday morning Mass on the 31st.

**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.**

**Sat/Sun 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January onwards:** Mass and Liturgy times will return to normal.



The tradition of **Christmas Eve Supper** continues this year after 9pm Mass. Please bring a plate of goodies to share with each other and take the opportunity to welcome any visitors we may have with us.

**J**esus 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.

## Christmas Festival at St Gerard Majella

The annual Christmas Lights festival at St Gerard Majella, Chermside West is now on and will continue every night till 23rd December. Huge lights display, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Barbecue, Drinks, ice Creams and Op Shop all operating from 6pm till 10pm nightly. Free entertainment every night. The program for our free concerts can be found on our website: [www.olaparishchermside.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermside.org.au).

**Anna's Group** has been put in place for recently widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 14th December** at **The Coffee Club**, Flockton Village, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637.

**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

**The current roster** will finish this weekend (8th /9th December). The new roster was emailed this week. If you have not received your email copy please contact the office. There are printed copies in Mary's room for those who prefer a printed version.

**The parish car park** is for the use of those visiting the parish and school. We are aware that commuters are using our carpark, particularly midweek and taking a bus to the city. If you are wanting to use our carpark and leave the area, please advise the office.



*And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."*

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

*Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.*

## COLLECTIONS


Date	25th Nov	2nd Dec
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$372.55	\$415.85
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$762.50	\$760.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$743.70	\$N/A
<b>DD 1st (Oct)</b>	\$2464.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Oct)</b>	\$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**

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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	10th	8.30am 6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting</b>
Tues	11th	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer and Communion</b>
Wed	12th	9.30am	<b>No Social Club</b>
Thurs	13th	7.00pm	<b>Reconciliation Liturgy</b>
Fri	14th	9.00am 12.00pm	<b>Mass with morning tea</b> <b>Anna's Group</b>
Sat	15th	4.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Reconciliation (until no one is waiting)</b> <b>Mass</b>
Sun	16th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>MMP Rosary</b> <b>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:** Molly Vlug, 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**

Mackay region priest pays tribute to the courage of firefighters who battled extreme bushfires in Central Queensland

Catholic education leader calls parents to take responsibility for young people using their smartphones, including cracking down on rampant teen sexting

Australian bishops to engage in important discussion around protections for religious schools

A Brisbane parish evangelises the town through a spectacular display of Christmas lights

### **Available from the shop for \$2**

Brisbane parishioners contribute a total of \$1.5 million towards a community development project in East Timor

Catholic chaplain react to findings of new youth survey showing a growing concern for mental health among young people

Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects on the liturgical year in an advent pastoral letter

Loreto Sister remains busy in the 'field hospital' at age 60