



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."

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 18th/19th January 2020

The Parish Council discussed the issue of **reducing the number of Weekend Masses**. The issues considered are in previous newsletters including the one of 25th December.

Some Positive Consequences mentioned were:

- A. Our limited roster of Instrumentalists and Vocalists will not have to "double-up" on extra Masses so often — we have few volunteers joining these.
- B. More people at any one of the remaining masses, hopefully will foster a better spirit and encourage better singing and responding (some thing essential to make Mass more "attractive" to Adults and especially children—and help faith grow.)

If the statement from 'Music in Catholic Worship' is true, we cannot NOT try to improve our celebrations— (para 6: *Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy faith.*) This is the responsibility of **EVERYONE**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT??

- **Weekend Feb 8/9th:** Voting Forms available for all WHO ARE AT MASS this weekend. (If you are a regular but CANNOT attend this weekend, please contact Fr Denis).
- **People vote for** 1) Their **MOST PREFERRED** Mass Time AND 2) Their **SECOND MOST PREFERRED** Mass Time.
- **10th-12th Feb: Votes are counted** (1 point for every "Most Preferred" and then 1 point is added for every "Second Most Preferred")
- **Weekend 15th/16th Feb:** Results are posted in the Newsletter including notice of which Mass time is least preferred and will be discontinued.
 - **Note:** If two or more Mass times are within 10% of the number of points for each other, then **issues such as** the quality of congregational singing and responding, the number of Readers, Special Ministers etc who are available for rostering, participation in post-mass cuppas, the sense of "belonging" etc **will determine the result.**
- **Weekend Feb 22nd/23rd:** The last weekend for the Mass time which will be discontinued.

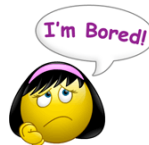
New Parishioner?? (or have begun to join us regularly for Weekend Masses??) **WELCOME!!**

At Stafford we recognise that the example and support we need in our faith is **the responsibility of EVERYBODY**. I'm sure you have noticed the warmth and the involvement of many in our Masses. Please don't be

boring—you know: just sitting there with your mouth closed, mumbling responses, turning up just in time and leaving immediately after (even before the final hymn finishes—now *that is* a desperate act !)

— We need you to be singing, responding and part of our community. We need you to be giving a great example to our kids of how to give God worship

YOU'RE needed



that is fitting and how to pray as a member of Christ's Body. This is not a fad, it is not a soap box issue of Fr Denis' but essential — not only for your faith but ours!! The Catholic Church teaches (and you are Catholic, aren't you??) "*Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that **full, conscious, and active** participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, ... have a **right and obligation** by reason of their baptism....(it) is **the aim to be considered before all else**, for it is the **primary and indispensable source** from which the faithful are to derive the **true Christian spirit.**" - Constitution on the Liturgy para 14*

Please make the effort! At **Friday (24th) 9am Mass**, all the **school staff** are joining us for a **blessing** for the start of the school year. Come along (with your **kids/Grandkids**) and pray for them (it only takes 30minutes!)



Congratulations to **LIAM HIGGS** who, at 5pm Mass on the 11th Jan became fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Lauren and Evan, his parents, and Ruby and Mia his older sisters (& Thomas) for their example and commitment to Liam's faith.



Congratulations **ALSO** to **DANIEL MATHEW** who, at 5pm Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Saju and Lisa, his parents and Mareena his older sister, for their example and commitment to Daniel's faith.



We have over **34 cultures** in our parish— I would **LOVE** each of our parish groups and ministries at Mass to **reflect** this. If you are from the **Pacific Islands**, the **Philippines**, oth-



The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Counters Roster for 20th January is Team Cents –Margaret McLean, Kemsley Kelly and Aileen Kyle.

Religious Goods Shop: We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

Lenten Program for 2020 - 'Be Opened, A journey to new life', is ready for early ordering!

There are some new features in the latest Lenten Program including an extra week - it now covers six weeks of Lent and Easter Sunday!

There is also an app for those unable to join a group. This can be used on various devices and will be available from January 2020 through Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



In 2020, there is a strong link between *Be Opened* and the *Plenary Council journey* – providing parishes and communities a great focus/reflection opportunity during the period after the Discernment phase.

Be Opened...a journey to new life in many respects reflects the plenary council journey and process.

To reserve a copy, please send me an email or phone me in the office. Debra

One of our residents in the convent is ready for full-time work. She has recently completed a Cert II in Hospitality and Cert II in Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways. She has previously held positions in Archiving, holding a Diploma of Archive. Ideally, she would like to find a role in administration/archiving. If you know of someone looking for staff, please contact the parish office for more details. She is keen to work and has previously held positions working for government and university document archive centres.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 SUBMISSION

This is the Parish response to the Listening & Discernment Experience for 4 of the Plenary Focus Themes.

Q. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?

Missionary & Evangelising.

- We need to lay more informed foundations related to today in our Catholic School system and with young adults.
- Decision makers need to be Community centred.

- Greater focus on Joseph as a role model for step-fathers.

Humble, Healing & Merciful.

- Jesus came to look after the marginalized. We should show the same respect to the LGBT, single or remarried divorcees and other cultures.
- Making the Church aware of their parishioners with a welcome like Jesus, by listening to individuals and accepting people as they are.
- Better communication of good news items in the Church system.

Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal.

- Affordable adult faith formation education courses.
- Hierarchy to listen to the laity.
- Modernise the Church teachings.

Prayerful & Eucharistic.

- Greater emphasis on prayer & Sacraments.
- Mass to be appealing to youth and children.
- Importance of Communion services in rural Parishes.

Toilet Rolls and Paper Towels that are made from 100% recycled paper, or Bamboo—all environmentally friendly and as you buy them (cost is average for what you pay at Woolies)

50% of any profit supports the building of toilets in impoverished countries thus providing protection and dignity for women, avoiding diseases such as cholera. Go on line to "who gives a crap" at [https://](https://au.whogivesacrap.org/)

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Premium toilet paper

Sample Toilet Rolls (\$1.20ea—370 3ply sheets @ 45c per 100 and Paper Towels (\$3ea 120 sheets 2ply) are available from the shop for a limited time only.



COMING EVENT: We at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles are hosting **World Day of Prayer** this year. It is on 6th March with a cup of tea first at 9.45am and Prayer Service at 10.30am finishing about an hour later. It would be great to see lots of us, women and men, attend. For more info contact Toni Evans 0431 705 456 or Cynthia Oxenham 33502742.

Want to know more about the Catholic Church in Australia? - Good website looking at history, sacraments, practices, FAQ's etc : <https://catholicaustralia.com.au/>

Vinnie's S.O.S !!!
Did you receive any unwanted toiletries this Christmas?

It can be for both men & women. Vinnies can solve your problem. Just donate to Vinnies so we can make up Pamper Packs for our people in need. A kind of belated gift for them.



Vinnies good works Many thanks for your support from your Stafford Vinnies Conference.





The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter 2). We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'.

You are invited to share in a community forum, to look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from government, non-government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

- Date: Saturday 15 February (9am-1.45pm)
- Venue: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford

Expressions of Interest: Contact Parish Office stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call 07 3356 7155

er South-East **Asian** Countries, **India**, or **Africa**, I **es-**
pecially invite you, as a member of our Parish, not to
be shy—you are a **gift** to us, **please** share that gift. -
(Ring the office or **talk to, or email Fr Denis***
(*pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) TODAY or SOON)

Looking after our Church's "colours and candles":
The colours we used for Altar Cloths, banners etc are
important for our worship and the seasons of our Church
year. The candles remember the "Light of Christ" - both are
important in enhancing our worship. **We NEED one or two**
people who would like to take on the following (training
provided): 1) Ironing and changing the colours of the
church drapes and cloths, and raising and lowering the
associated banner (no ironing) – as required during the
liturgical year. 2) Trimming/replacing the candles –
about once a fortnight. 3) Cleaning the candle glass
containers - about once a month or as required be-
cause some candles make the glass dirtier than usual.

Australian Catholic Church response to the
Bushfires: (From the Australian Bishops' state-
ment): "...this crisis requires a national response from
the whole Church to
complement and coordi-
nate what is happening
locally.

From the Bishops Con-
ference, that national re-
sponse includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting peo-
ple affected by the bushfires with people who can help



Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the
office Monday to Thursday



with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing proper-
ties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and
counselling support.

- The distribution of special prayers and other re-
sources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic
communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic
Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia,
the National Catholic Education Commission and the
St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effec-
tive a response as possible from the wider Catholic
community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and
religious institutes and their ministries.
- Parishes across the country taking up a **special col-
lection at Masses** on the Australia Day weekend (**At
Stafford it'll be 15/16th Feb**), with all funds to be
donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

OUR Bushfire appeal. 15/16th Feb. If you use the en-
velopes provided, tax deductible receipts can be is-
sued. Our local Vinnies will transfer the money to the local
Narooma/Bermagui/Cobargo Conference (one parish with three
towns) to distribute according to needs. We are also considering
some "personal" contacts to help bolster morale in these towns
e.g. letters from parishioners, kids at our school or even some
video messages. We'll keep you informed.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers: Cathedral Guides
& Welcomers invite you to an information session
on **Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discov-
er the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral
Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the
Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy
meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good
art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volun-
teer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is be-
yond measure. A comprehensive training program is
offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact
the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or
email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 Janu-
ary 2020.

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STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or
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BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent). **For BAPTISM BOOKINGS** please contact the Parish Office.



What's happening this week?

Mon	20th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	21st	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	22nd		
Thurs	23rd	8.30am	Mass
Fri	24th	9.00am	Mass with blessing of school staff
Sat	25th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	26th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary Mass

We pray for those recently deceased including:



Athol Henderson, Claude Rossi, Leon Morel,
Jozef Drewniak, John Morahan, Nora Stevens,
Peggy Ellaway and Dennis Dower.

We pray for those who are unwell

Fr Ron Mollison
Bushfire Victims
Brian Becker
Pam & Norm Ward
Irene Johnson
John Blumke
Bernadeen Hodby
Ado Padayhag
Miguela Savellon
Brian Turner
Vincent Jenner
Mary Law
Nerida Versace
Eadie Curry
Sonia Officer



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immediately after Mass on the 3rd Sun of the month (ex Oct). IF you are **going to hospital unex-**

pectedly for an op, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand

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 names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list.

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- Timorese Catholic Community opens a new shrine to Our Lady of Aitara at Marian Valley, Canungra on January 11.
- Iraqi archbishop visiting Brisbane pleads for rival United States and Iran powers to 'leave us alone' amid escalating tensions in the region.
- Young Brisbane Catholic firefighter Michael O'Donovan prays for protection, calling on God to stand by him and others, even in the fiercest of blazes.
- Flowing between Bribie and Kilcoy, amalgamated Living Waters parish formed at the start of the year.
- Prime Minister Scott Morrison joins debates about doing more on climate action after bushfires devastate Australia.
- Townsville Bishop Tim Harris urges Indonesian officials to send the remaining Bali Nine home after 14 years.
- Family of 34, including a newborn baby and Brisbane Catholics, dodges raging fires on New South Wales southern coast.
- Marie Downes has been playing the organ at Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate, for more than 45 years and was ready to share her biggest secret.

Still only \$2

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

All deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.