



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."

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 18th/19th July 2020

Seat Numbers: Block **A, B, C** etc; Row **(1,2,3** etc) Seat **(b, c, d** etc) – Starting Right Hand side of Row. E.g. see **C4e** in diagram

Social Distance Seating: 1.5m for those **NOT** from same household.

These sit in seats with **RED** label.

Those from **SAME HOUSEHOLD**: First person sits on seat with **RED** label, all others to the left of this person.

Social Distancing: Unless walking straight past someone, maintain 1.5m distance.

For Communion, please keep to marks on the floor and follow arrows

To HC. From HC

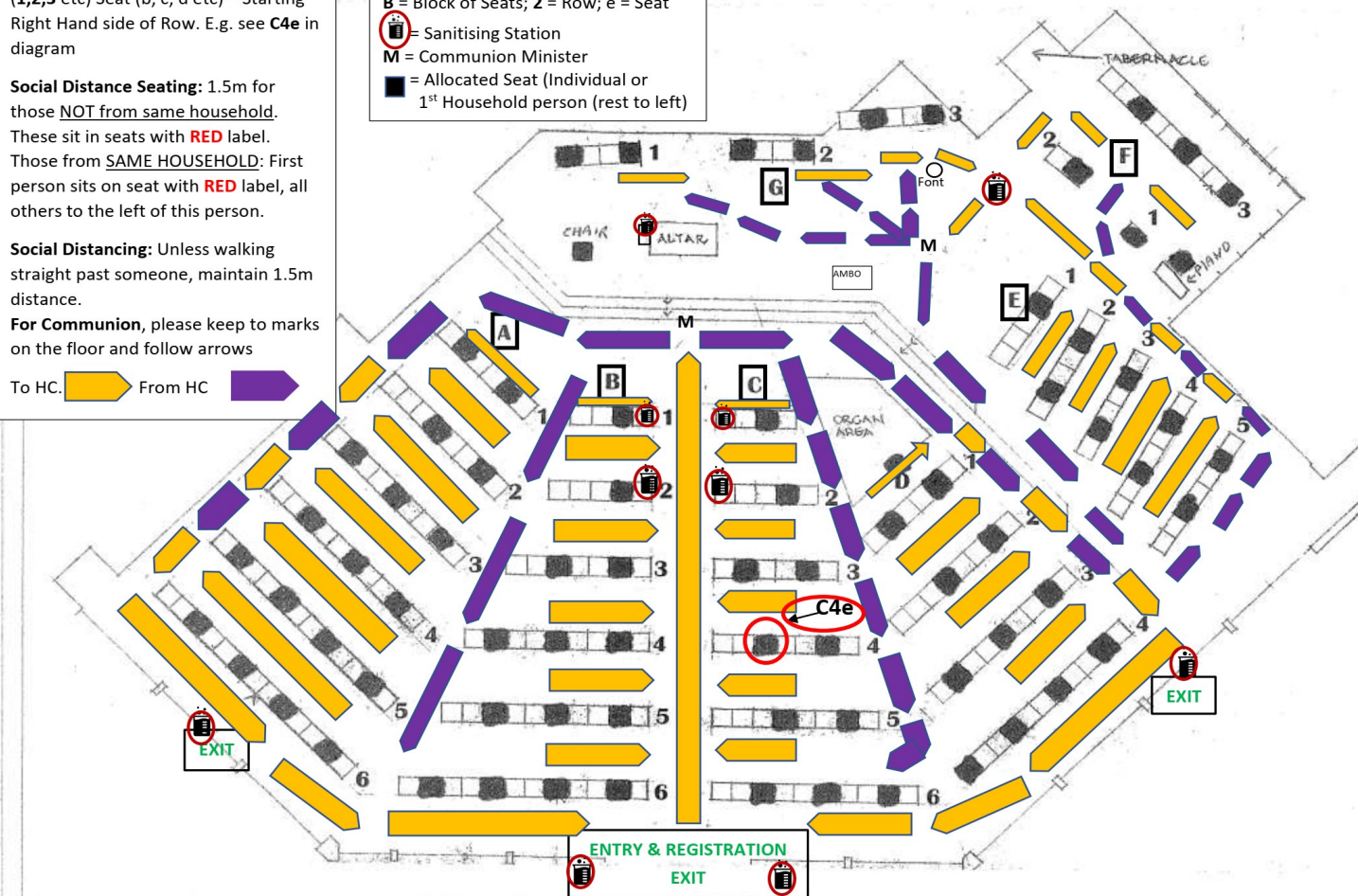
LEGEND:

B = Block of Seats; **2** = Row; **e** = Seat

= Sanitising Station

M = Communion Minister

= Allocated Seat (Individual or 1st Household person (rest to left))



Hi all,

THANK-YOU everybody who was at Mass last week-end. It went off pretty smoothly especially because of your patience and understanding. We have discovered a few small hiccups and so have fine-tuned things for the future. Here's some dot points to explain:

- **Some families have more than one "Surname".** When you are booking seats, could you please use one surname for all members (*it doesn't matter which and you can swap each week if you like*). The ticketing programme gives a report with the surname you use and so, if you have different surnames, you may be allocated seats in different parts of the church as we may not realise you are one family (this will be accidental but is a real possibility.)
- **Are you sure you are booked in?** Did you book enough tickets for **ALL** of your household who will be coming? When you book online you must receive a message similar to this:
YOU'RE GOING TO
- **Weekday Mass Thursday 8.30AM**
- **1. TICKET SENT TO**
youremail@thatyougavewhenbooking.com
DATE
Thu, 16 Jul 2020 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM AEST
LOCATION
Stafford, QLD
- **AND you will receive an email confirming your booking.** (You do not need to print out the ticket(s)) This email will say something like, "Denis Your Order is Confirmed..."
- **WHEN COMING TO COMMUNION:**
 - Come in **SINGLE FILE** (even down the centre aisle)
 - You may find it **easier** (If coming from Areas **A** and **D**) to sanitise your hands **at the holy water fonts near the front door** rather than wait until just before receiving Communion).
- **WHEN EXITING AFTER MASS!!** There is a saying that the most dangerous place in the world is to stand between a Catholic and the exit doors at the

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Kings 3:5, 7-12
2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



end of Mass (Joke!!). We went really well with our **1.5m distancing** last Sunday except for after Mass. Last Weekend, we had all the doors closed except for the Main Front ones. **If we forget to open all the other doors, it's OK for you to open them and exit via them.** While waiting your turn to exit, please **maintain the 1.5m distancing.**

- **Thank you again for your cooperation** especially in keeping your 1.5m separation outside the church and in the carparks.
- **AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH for coming EARLY.** As you have experienced, booking in takes time and we want to start Mass on time.

DEADLINES for BOOKING seats in our various Masses:

- **THURSDAY MIDDAY for these Masses: Fri 9am; Sat 5pm, Sun 9am, Mon 8.30am. (either on-line or phone message)**
- **TUESDAY MIDDAY for Thurs 8.30am Mass. (either on-line or phone message)**

(These deadlines are to ensure "Contact Tracing" sheets are compiled as required by law. - These sheets are kept for 56 days before they are destroyed.)

(See below for the current links to various masses)

- **If you didn't book and just turned up...** you are fortunate to get a seat. However, failure to book only makes it **more difficult** for the **parish office staff** and those **volunteers** trying to fulfil their duties. **Please** ensure you do **book in future.**
- **You probably have done this already but, for future reference all loose money** (notes, coins and/or 'envelopes') are placed in the **Collection basket** before you **enter** the church. COVID-19 expectations is that we do not pass the plate around.

Here are the links to next week's mass bookings

Monday No booking required - Morning Prayers only
20th July

Thursday No booking required - Morning Prayers only
23rd July

Friday No booking required - Morning Prayers only
24th July

Saturday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/5pm-vigil-mass-saturday-25th-july-tickets-113710091946>

Sunday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/9am-mass-sunday-26th-july-tickets-113711887316>

After you leave Mass, this is what happens

- **All seating that is used, is cleaned before next service**
- **All hard surfaces are cleaned**
- **All altar ware is cleaned before next service**
- **Toilets are cleaned**

If you are new to the roster, **please register as a volunteer on the <https://archbne.org/welcome>.** This needs to be completed before any roster begins. Please contact me in the office by phone or email to volunteer. Thanks in advance, Debra

Denis on Retreat and there will be no Tuesday or Saturday emails sent. Also, we welcome **Fr Joe McKay** (one of our neighbouring Franciscans who is chaplain to the ACU. He will preside at Eucharist next weekend.

How to book a seat for Mass

Using the Eventbrite link should be easy and straight forward. Click the Green Register button and follow the prompts. Please be aware that there is more than one mass listed, so please ensure you are booking into the mass time you are wanting to attend. If the register button at the bottom of the screen is grey in colour, you have missed adding in some information. Look for any box for a **red *** -these all need to be filled. You will receive an confirmation email when your 'sale' is complete.

For those that aren't confident with using Eventbrite or perhaps you don't have internet access, may I suggest you ask a family member to assist you with your mass bookings. Just direct them to our parish website. The newsletter is on the website. Open the newsletter and the links will be printed there for them to access the Eventbrite links.

If all else fails, please contact me in the office **before 3pm Tuesday** and I will assist you with your bookings.
Debra

Social Justice group news

The Social Justice Group would like to encourage you to dig deep for those in our local community and surrounds

who are doing it tough through Winter. As there are so many great causes to support, we have researched a few local organisations that focus on local needs of people living on the streets and sleeping rough.

Rosies - Friends on the street

Rosies connects with people in need, who are abandoned, socially isolated, lonely.

Rosies ask "please help us help our friends on the Streets by making a donation that will see us able to provide more than the warmth of conversation and connection.



They urgently need to provide Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Socks, Cuppa Noodles. New items only for hygiene purposes." We suggest perhaps donations would be more suitable at this time.

To donate <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/stafford-catholic-parish>

Rosies is a community of people sharing the Oblate spirit of daring. Inspired by the Gospel, Rosies reaches out to those most abandoned, to be present with them, offering them experience of community and belonging.

Orange Sky Laundry

What We Do

We have a simple formula; we provide a platform for every day Australians to connect through a regular laundry and shower service. The focus is on creating a safe, positive and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored or who feel disconnected from the community. Our volunteers are not social workers or experts on homelessness - they are empathetic listeners and great conversationalists.

Orange Sky positively connects people experiencing homelessness with access to free laundry, warm showers and, most importantly, genuine conversation. Over the past five years, we have been forced to innovate to support the community to recover after major events like bushfires and floods - and now is no different. We will be forced to do things differently, but nothing will stop us from supporting our friends on the street at a time when they need us most.

To donate https://donate.orangesky.org.au/?utm_source=Internal&utm_medium=Banner&utm_campaign=ContinueConnection&utm_content=EOFY

Dear Father,

We apologise in the delay in forwarding this information on to your Parish as they will understand COVID -19 has changed the way a lot of us work.

"The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped" would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support within your Parish for our Church Appeal 2020 to raise much needed funds.

Please thank and advise your Parishioners this year they have raised \$1,182.00. Their generosity will enable us to carry on our work within our communities on their behalf.

Your parish has been a great supporter of our work for many years and we look forward to your continued support.



Scam Emails are still circulating the district! If you receive an email from any priest in the Catholic Church which is out of the ordinary for you. If you are asked to purchase gift cards for a priest or any other request that is not normal—please let us know. This is a scam and the approach does change. **Be wary!**

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



Small blessings in our community at Stafford should be shared! A few things that have happened while the doors have been closed...

Share your small blessings

Mark Smith (our enthusiastic groundsman) has continued to look after our parish grounds—the gardens are well tended to - the flowers are blooming and the birds are gathering here to enjoy the lovely space.

Mark and Kerry McMahon worked tirelessly to remove seating and place in storage in preparation for the return of our Mass services.

Sr Carmel was very busy keeping some of our seniors connected to the parish and to each other. She delivered the newsletter to several of our parishioners each week during lockdown—and may still be doing this as some of our seniors fall into the 'vulnerable' category and have not yet returned to Mass.

Many of you made phone calls to help brighten someone's day. Sometimes that is all it takes to make a difference to someone's day or week.



Someone, who shall remain nameless has also been working hard to keep everyone informed and nourished in their faith during lockdown.


Enjoy your break!

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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Office Telephone: 3356 7155

Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:

Cath D'Hage
STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or
AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)
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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. **SUSPENDED**



AN OINTING OF THE SICK

If you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** 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

We pray for those who are unwell

Dianne Stevens	Sr Elizabeth	Irene Johnson
Alison Golden	Chris Stevens	Colin Kenny
Ron Kerr	Maria Rosa	
Madonna Power	Pam & Norm	
Barbara Jones	Ward	
Carmel Remphrey	Jack Charalambous	

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

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

We pray for those recently deceased including:

Mary Law
Brian Becker
Christopher Smyth
Yvonne Dixon
Sr Virginia RSC
David Mather
Noel Wood
Jack Jones
Patrick McKewin
Alex Pipe
Fr Peter Conroy



Come be with us. Our short video shares some of the things you may see, or experience, when you re-join us for Mass. We're so looking forward to welcoming you back! [Watch on YouTube.](#)