



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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 25th/26th July 2020

This weekend we welcome Fr Joe McKay from Kedron Parish, one of our neighbouring Franciscans who is chaplain to the ACU. He will preside at Eucharist this weekend while Fr Denis is on retreat.



A note from Archbishop Mark

I've just done a podcast series on St Paul. It took me back to my teaching days before I was a bishop. That was years ago now, but looking back I still think the course I taught on St Paul was the best teaching I did. I was keen to do the podcasts not out of some quaint antiquarian interest but because the Apostle Paul is a figure who can speak powerfully to us today. It's not just his message but his personality and his story which are important for us centuries after he lived and died. In telling his story I also tell the fascinating story of the birth of the Church from the womb of the synagogue. At a time of deep and lasting change, not least because of COVID-19, we ask: What is the Church? In answering that question in fresh ways, St Paul is a unique resource. So I invite you to tune into the podcast – to hear the story and to meet the personalities who are very much part of our DNA as disciples today. St Paul is the central figure in a fascinating new podcast by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. *The Birth of the Church: Why the loser won* is a seven-part series exploring the earliest days of Catholicism. [Episode 1 is available here.](#)



This is our third week celebrating Eucharist together as a community. We are slowly getting into good habits with our new procedures, as so much of what we do is being regulated by legislation to protect us from COVID-19.

Thank you for your patience and your ability and willingness to try new things. I have had many conversations with parishioners in the last few weeks as many have needed some guidance and encouragement with the booking system. **Well done to all my students!**

My tips for booking online

- ♦ **Book early in the week**
- ♦ **Book a seat for each person attending**
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.)
- ♦ **Check you are booking into the mass you are wanting to attend**
- ♦ **If you book the wrong mass, cancel your booking and book the correct one.**
- ♦ **Don't book if you are unsure about attending. Others may miss out because there are no available seats.**
- ♦ **If your calendar changes after close of business on Thursday and you are no longer attending mass, please email Fr Denis, so he is aware that your seats are now available.**
- ♦ **When using Eventbrite booking system, the booking is only completed if the REGISTER BUTTON is orange. After clicking register, you will receive an email to confirm your booking. Use this email receipt when making changes to your booking.**
BOOKING LINKS CHANGE EACH WEEK, IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS, CHECK YOU ARE USING THE CURRENT LINK.

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



So you've made it to the car park for mass....

- ♦ **Thank you for arriving early!**
- ♦ **Please social distance when waiting to enter the church.**
- ♦ **Ensure that you are marked off on the contact tracing sheet—this is VERY IMPORTANT. We use this to gauge how many people are in the church space. If we go over 100, we are in breach of the current legislation and may be fined!**
- ♦ **After being directed to your seats, DO NOT move around the church unless requested. Do not sit beside anyone from another household.**

WHEN COMING TO COMMUNION

- ♦ Come in **SINGLE FILE** (even down the centre aisle social distancing rules apply here too)
- ♦ Use hand sanitiser before receiving Communion. Sanitiser is available at entry points and half way down the centre aisle. **If coming from Areas A and D**, the sanitiser at the entry points will be most convenient.
- ♦ For those sitting in the Flat section, hand sanitiser is near the piano.

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 end of Mass (Joke!!).

- ♦ **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 for coming to celebrate with us. Normally we would encourage you to stay a while and enjoy each other's company. We are required to discourage social mingling at the moment.**

DEADLINES for Mass BOOKINGS

THURSDAY 10.00am for online bookings for

Fri 9am, Sat 5pm, Sun 9am, Mon 8.30am.

THURSDAY 8am phone, message or email requests

Fri 9am, Sat 5pm, Sun 9am, Mon 8.30am.

TUESDAY MIDDAY for online or phone etc requests

Thurs 8.30am Mass.

Book early to avoid disappointment

(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.)

Here are the links to next week's mass bookings

Monday No booking required - Morning Prayers of the Church 27th July

Tuesday No booking required - Morning Prayers of the Church 28th July

Thursday No booking required - Morning Prayers of the Church 30th July

Friday No booking required - Morning Prayers of the Church 31st July

Saturday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/5pm-vigil-mass-saturday-1st-august-tickets-114370071964>

Sunday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/9am-mass-sunday-2nd-august-tickets-114370180288>

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 with a red * -these all need to be filled. When all information is completed the register button will be orange. This button is at the bottom of the screen.

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.

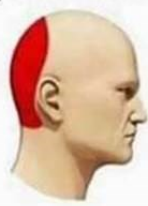
If all else fails, please contact me in the office before 3pm Tuesday and I will assist you with your bookings. Debra

Types of Headaches

Migraine



Hypertension



Stress



How to Re-Open the Church Safely



"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)



Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Position Vacant – Parish Administration Assistant

Applications are open for a position at the Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Administration Assistant for 20 hours a week

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

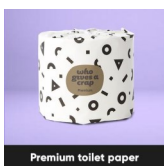
If you are new to the roster, please register as a volunteer on the <https://archbne.org/welcome>.

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

Cleaner looking for work. One of our 'guests staying at the convent is looking for cleaning jobs in the local area. She currently cleans for two parishioners and is hoping to secure a few more cleaning jobs in and around Stafford. She is very keen to work, is reliable and available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If interested, call the Parish Office who can facilitate a reference if needed.

Planned Giving Envelopes are being opened and counted by me at the moment. Can I ask you to please consider writing the amount on the outside of the envelope. It slows the process of counting, processing and recording when envelopes are not filled in. My days are very busy at the moment with so many new processes to manage, this small request would assist me greatly and I know the volunteer counters would also appreciate the envelopes being completed with an amount on the outside of the envelope.

Paper products are on sale at the parish office during business hours or by arrangement. Phone Debra to have some put aside for you.



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 tendered 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!

What's on this week at Stafford

Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Tues	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Wed		
Thurs	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Fri	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Sat	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun	7.00am	Zoom Liturgy
	9.00am	Mass (Booking required)

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



Holy Cross FUNERALS

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: www.holycrossfunerals.com

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APRE: Ben Campbell
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)
Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

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

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

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.](#)