



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 B 28th/29th Nov 2020

NEW PARISH COUNCIL – WHY is it so important??

Thank you for those who have agreed to think seriously about being on our next Council. We would still welcome other expressions of interest.

PROCESS: At the first meeting next year (February) the current Parish Council and **possible** new members will meet. "Possibles" will be given the opportunity to check out what's involved. We will aim for a Council of 10-12 people with a balance of membership that reflects the make-up of our parish community.

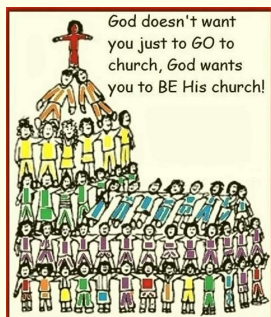
SOME IDEAS about what the new PPC may be fostering next year include:

- A focus on how our Parish and its members can be better "good neighbours",
- Recognise the ethnic makeup of our community in 2021,
- Encourage the "Reconciliation Action Plan",
- Continue to encourage a better care for our Mother Earth and
- Other ideas that result from their consultation and discussion.

All to remain faithful to our Vision **"To Follow the example of Jesus by serving others."** (It's at the top of page 1 of our newsletter every week!)

IMPORTANT—Because of the new AV installation next week (starting Monday) there will be NO liturgies in the church from Monday to Friday 4th.

PARENTS – PLEASE TAKE NOTE — We have had no responses from parents to find a way for mutual support for themselves and their children. It is a bad time of the year to be asking as I know **parents are tired,**



their kids have so many school-related things on etc etc. But when is a "good" time of the year? **Very few** of your children's peers worship on Sundays. We know how extra hard it is for an older child or teenager to do something that is out of step with the majority around them. This could be an opportunity for them to mix with some **peers who do live their faith.** Even if you have no time to do things now, **PLEASE GIVE me an expression of interest.** We will link all interested families and support you in doing something together early next year, if you like.—Denis



CHRISTMAS WEEKEND LITURGIES (assuming COVID-related rules remain as they are): **BOOKINGS** via 'Eventbrite' will be a **MUST.**

- ♦ **Christmas EVE (Thurs): 5pm, 7pm, 9pm.** (Because of limited numbers and 5pm not providing time for all the working parents to attend, there will be no "Family" mass as such—This is as close to a 'final' decision we can make until certain about Covid Regs)
- ♦ **Christmas DAY (Fri): 8am**
- ♦ **Saturday: 5pm; Sunday 9am.**

We hope to 'ZOOM' at least one of the Christmas Masses and at least one of the Weekend Masses if all our technology and training is complete.

Date Claimer: In preparation for Christmas, we'll be celebrating a **Second Rite of Reconciliation** (using our written notes as per previous times!). It will be on **Monday night 14th December, 6.30pm – 7.30pm.** As we get closer, an opportunity to book via "Eventbrite" will be provided as the same Covid rules apply here as they do to Sunday Masses.

COVID changes in our parish.

With the onset of the Virus, **everything in our parish was turned upside down** – rosters decimated, new activities such as church cleaning and marshals started, new technologies like Zoom were introduced and so on.

It's **time to formalise some of our changes** so that we are more organised and the workload does not rest on the shoulders of a few.

FIRSTLY – for those WHO ARE ROSTERED as Special Minister or Readers at each Mass, this weekend, we will restore the tradition of **meeting for prayer in "Mary's Room" 10 minutes before Mass.**

Share
your small
blessings

Jonathan Sacks

Jews survived because they never lost three things: their sense of family, their sense of community, and their faith. And these values were renewed every week on Shabbat, the day of rest when we give our marriages and families what they most need and are most starved of in the contemporary world: namely time.



Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: St Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



SECONDLY: I am very conscious that in these times of Covid, there are **some sick and/or elderly people** who always used to come to mass and **can no longer do so**. To ensure that they continue to really feel a part of our worshipping community, we are installing **new AV equipment** (a new **screen** that is clearer in all lighting, **Cameras** to broadcast our Mass into the homes, and **technology** whereby those in the church and at home will be able to see each other). It'll cost about **\$35000** – if you'd like to donate to help defray that cost you can do so with money in an envelope, Eftpos/ Credit Card (at the office) or bank transfer using this link [Make a Donation to our Parish](#)

Have you poor hearing and find it hard to hear the words being read at mass or other things?? We haven't forgotten you and are still looking at some sort of aid to help you. After the above AV renovations are finished, we possibly can "plug in" a possible solution. Some of our Technically minded parishioners have been researching solutions and have one or two ideas! In the meantime **all READERS are reminded to read loudly and clearly** for those who have poor hearing. I promise also to try to pay more attention to how I speak as well!! - Denis

It is wonderful to have some people inquire of the Finance Council about the amount of money spent on the AV (Audio Visual) renewal (it is the Parish's, i.e. YOUR money). They have wondered about the wise use of our parish finances. The Parish Finance Council does a wonderful job in ensuring good stewardship of our resources. We have kept a tight control on our expenses over the years and



Shopping for Clothes??—see "Ethical Fashion Guide" at [THIS LINK](#)

Dear caring clothes-wearer,

Thank you SO much for using this guide to help you make more ethical shopping decisions.

Your concern for vulnerable and exploited workers is shared by hundreds of thousands of others in Australia and New Zealand. Together, we are making a big difference!

Workers should be protected. Workers deserve to have safe jobs, that cause no harm to them or the environment. Workers deserve to work free from the horrors of modern slavery. By voting with your wallet, you are doing your bit to stop these atrocities. You are helping to ensure a safe and full life, for vulnerable people around the world. Thank you.

The 2019 Ethical Fashion Guide grades more than 400 brands on the strength of their systems to reduce the risks of slavery, child labour, exploitation, and environmental degradation in their supply chains.

We pray it helps to strengthen your advocacy for the poor, vulnerable, and exploited across our broken world.

Baptist World Aid Australia



Your ethical fashion choices are helping to stop children, women, and men from being exploited. Thank you for acting justly!

have budgeted for future projects and maintenance.

With regard to the new AV equipment, for the sake of our parishioners, we determined that the expense is warranted (see some of the benefits above.) Parishioners would be conscious of problems we have with our current system which is now almost 10 years old (installed in 2011). The cost of the screen, projector and speakers was \$19264 then. The cost of the replacement screen and projection equipment will be \$24120. (The extra cost is for the cameras and audio equipment to cater for those at home).

These costings are within our budget to ensure we can provide the best experience for our parishioners and others possible. As we do every year, parishioners are invited to peruse our financial statements on request.

HEALING MASS - BARDON

Are you in need of healing? If yes, register to attend the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's church, Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 4th December, 2020, at 7.30pm. Fr. Tom Kessy will be the celebrant. Register attendance by contacting Len Airey on 0421977849 or by email, lenpatairey@gmail.com

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And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

The Church will be closed during the week Monday 30th Nov to Fri 4th December. This is the week where the new AV equipment will be installed. I'm sorry that any liturgies will not be celebrated during that week. I hope that the AV will be up

and operational for the weekend 5th/6th December and maybe we'll even have the computer people almost up to speed.



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Contact Tracing Sheets (CTS) are a government regulation of our COVID-19 industry plan which we need to abide by. For all those who register for mass online, your registration process covers all aspects of the our obligations. **For those who manually fill CTS before mass - scant details or illegible handwriting are leaving us vulnerable and this needs to be addressed immediately!** We need a contact phone or email address or full street address. **If you have any concerns, please contact Debra in the office.**

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are also available for purchase. Calendars are \$9 and cards are \$2.95 for a pack of 8. Contact Debra in the office for purchases.

Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes

The Catholic Guy Join me and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting November 29th you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

Christmas update from Vinnie's re the gifting tree. Due to the virus, there will be **no placing food under the Christmas Tree this year.**

You might think about giving extra money towards the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal to make up for it.

To donate to our Annual Appeal, you can obtain an envelope from the marshals at Mass and return the envelope at any Mass between now and Christmas.

For those Parishioners wishing to make their



donations by **Bank Transfer please use -**

Acc name: SVDP Stafford

BSB: 064-786

Account No: 100026699

If you require a receipt please send a copy of your deposit with your name and address to

svdpstafford@gmail.com

Subject: Vinnie's Appeal

May God Bless you for your generosity and love for the vulnerable in our community.

Christmas Roster for all in liturgical ministry at Mass—we need you. We have four Christmas masses and a New Year's Eve 6pm Mass to fill. Thank you to those that have already nominated themselves for these masses. The times are on the front page for all Christmas Masses. Please email the parish office with your availability for the roster—include the mass time you will be attending and what role/s you are prepared to fill. We will then open Eventbrite for those rostered for Christmas before it is open to all others.

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."



Stewardship
a way of life

(Mark 13:33) We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 30th	8.30am	Church closed
Tues 1st	8.30am	Church closed
Wed 2nd		
Thurs 3rd	8.30am	Church closed
Fri 4th	9.00am	Church closed
Sat 5th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 6th	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




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Parish Pastoral Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1
Office Telephone: 3356 7155

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Cath D'Hage
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AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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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 of the list.



BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except** during Lent and OCTOBER).



For BAPTISM BOOKINGS please contact the Parish Office.

We pray for those who are unwell

Irene Johnson	Pam Ward
Peter O'Donnell	Norm Ward
Paul Glynn	Kate Sigtenhorst
Tom Tartan	Sick & Shut-in
Sonia Officer	
Noel Hall	



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.



We pray for those recently deceased including:

Mr E Blackman
Maria Nohora
Pataquiva

Gemma Debattista
Kerri Lanfranchi
Yvonne Graham
Ronald Harriss
Terry McGlone
Pauline Clayton
Helen Maria
Eluwa
Carmel Remphrey
Fr Joe McGeehan



This is a shortcut to our mass booking links.

I hope this makes things a little easier for you. This is also on our home page of our website. You no longer need to open the newsletter online to book a seat at mass. This should work for all devices including phone and tablets.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82085204281>

Meeting ID: 820 8520 4281

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