



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."

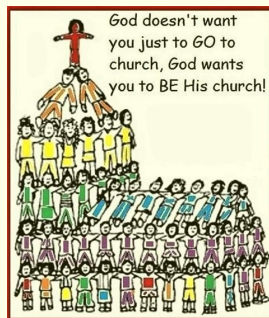
Second Sunday of Advent— Year B 5th/6th Dec 2020

NOTE—there is a Funeral with Mass for Colin Kenny on Monday at 10am and so there will be no mass at 8.30am. (Colin is Susan Sullivan's Grandfather).

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!)



Did you know that The Baptist Church's 2019 Ethical Fashion Guide is available on Baptist World Aid's End Poverty mobile app? Get it either from Google Play OR The App Store. Find out how your favourite clothes store rates – from A+ - materials and clothes ethically sourced e.g. "Icebreaker" down to F – not very ethical (e.g. "Scram" who did not respond to the survey)

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

PARENTS – PLEASE TAKE NOTE

We have had one response from a parent 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 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 LITURGIES



LIKE the Holy Family trekking all the way to Bethlehem to register for the census, all Brisbane Catholics must reach out to their local parish to register for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Masses are among the most popular of the year and once COVID-safe capacities are reached, parish workers will have to turn people away and direct them to live-streamed Masses. Anyone who has family, friends or neighbours who are unaware of the COVID-safe rules and intends on going to Mass, should make sure to let them know that they will need to register with the parish they are planning to attend. It would be best to check local parish websites for details on their booking arrangements first.

When booking for Christmas mass, please only book for yourselves. Do not reserve seats for others 'just in case'. We do have limited seating and we want to fill all available seats. Be gracious and consider others—we don't want bookings to reach capacity and then have a half empty church at Christmas with the 'just in case' people not showing up. **We will not be accepting any walk-ins!**

- ♦ **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.)



- ♦ **Christmas DAY (Fri) 8am**

- ♦ **Saturday 26th Dec 5pm & Sunday 27th Dec 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.

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

2nd Reading: St Paul 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



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**. Please use the link below to book in or go to our website and use the Mass Booking tile as you would for our regular Mass bookings via "Eventbrite" <https://secondriteofreconciliation.eventbrite.com.au>

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 have installed **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 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](#)

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 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.

Aнна's Group has been put in place for widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 11th December** at **The Coffee Club**, Flockton Village, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!! Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637.



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.

SONGS OF ADVENT JOY

Each Thursday in December (December 3, 10 and 17) commencing at 7:30pm

Following the success of 'Songs of Easter Hope' series earlier this year, the Cathedral of St Stephen will again be filled with sound to celebrate the Season of Advent. Come and explore hymns, prayers and motets rejoicing in the coming of Christ at Christmas, all led by the Cathedral Schola. Entry is by donation 'notes for notes' (with all money raised supporting the Cathedral Music program). Registration for the three evenings is via the Cathe-

dral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/christmas.html>

Songs of Advent Joy will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend in person. These will be accessible via <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Get Creative, Upcycle and Recycle this Christmas

In the spirit of giving, consider giving to our Mother Earth this Christmas, by reconsidering your Christmas Gifting.

- ♦ Host a clothes swap
- ♦ Seconds-only office Secret Santa
- ♦ Source from second-hand vendors, support your favourite Op Shop
- ♦ Get creative with things you already own!
- ♦ Instead of Christmas Wrap, use brown paper decorated with colourful hand written greetings. Tie the wrap with jute string or colourful ribbon.
- ♦ Sew a gift bag from recycled skirts, shirts or sheets.
- ♦ Pot succulents in a recycled coffee mug or glass jar.
- ♦ Bake some treats and gift in a glass jar.
- ♦ Give the gift of time. Make a voucher pledging something meaningful like help in the garden, a massage or an 'in home' pedicure.



Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

Stewardship *a way of life* We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again. Amen.



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. More stock arrived this week!

What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 7th	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Colin Kenny
Tues 8th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 9th		
Thurs 10th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 11th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat 12th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 13th	7.00am 9.00am	Zoom Liturgy Mass (Booking required)

Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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

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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

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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APA: Leanne Murray
APRE: Ben Campbell
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Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

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 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

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



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:

Colin Kenny
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/86073654551>

Meeting ID: 860 7365 4551

Passcode: way

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