



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."

3rd Sunday OF Easter – Year B 17th/18th April, 2021

Congratulations to Ben Nave who, at 5pm Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Nicole and Robert, his parents for their example and commitment to Ben's faith.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A ministry in the Catholic Church offering couples a weekend of discovery for their marriage

Enhance communication and rekindle the passion in your marriage!

Such a weekend would make an excellent anniversary present for your spouse

For details & application visit
wwme.org.au

Or contact David and Maria Murphy on dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Marriage refers to the Catholic understanding of the spousal relationship between a man and a woman

Last week, we thanked all those involved in the Liturgy of the Triduum (which, of course, is ALL OF US. As well as the Liturgy, all through Lent and on Good Friday morn-



ing, we prayer the "Way of the Cross" and so THANK YOU to:

- ♦ The organiser, coordinator and leader of the Stations;
- ♦ The Cross holder
- ♦ The Readers
- ♦ The Cantor,
- ♦ The computer operator
- ♦ The Musoe
- ♦ Those who joined in this mediation

(- a "Stations" that reflected our Stations on the wall of our church, corresponding Scripture Passages, sections from Pope Francis' "Laudato Si'", reflections for Christians in the 21st Century) - it was very prayerful.

Booking for Liturgies in general (e.g. normal weekend masses) – it is much **PREFERABLE** that, if you **think** you are going to be at a particular Mass, you book and then find you **cannot attend** -- rather than **not book** and **then turn up** having to complete contact details and then be allocated seats (often with 1 minute to go before Mass starts!). If you **book and find you cannot attend**, send me an email – pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au and if I read it before Mass, I can inform the Marshalls and make your booked seats available if they are needed. **Make it a habit** to do your bookings for the following weekend at the same time on the same day each week (**BEFORE WEDNESDAY 3.30pm**).

All other booking issues should be directed to Debra in the parish office by phone or email.

If you are unable to serve at the assigned Mass, you can use **CHURCHBOX** to ask your team if someone can cover for you by clicking the Request Cover button. Watch the video at <https://www.churchbox.co.uk/learn/request-rota-cover> to see how. If you need help, please email the roster team at gqchurchbox@gmail.com or see the computer operator after Mass.



Call to all Catholics

4th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

1st Reading: Acts of Apostles 4:8-12

2nd Reading: St John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18



Last weekend, I was reflecting with some people at church about why a number of families have not 'returned' since the start of the Pandemic - in many parishes including our own. There were three ideas offered as to why this may be the case (by someone who themselves needed to be away for several months):

1. **Health reasons** - their own, elderly parents or little children (e.g. catching the virus at church or elsewhere and passing it on to these people). - A very valid and understandable reason!!

My hopes - while "away" from our weekly gathering, are they nurturing their faith life properly? It's easy to miss Mass but not replace it with anything - the 'Mass or nothing' syndrome.

The Word of God and gathering with Community are essential for our Christian Faith - I really hope people (and families) are at least reading and reflecting on the Sunday Readings (a resource for adults and children is provided in every Friday email.) AND, I hope they remember to at least log on to our ZOOM (link in the newsletter and on our website - passcode is "eucharist" - without the inverted commas). In this, overcome the inclination to simply "watch" as they would every other TV show but be actively involved with responses, attitude etc as they would be in the church building.

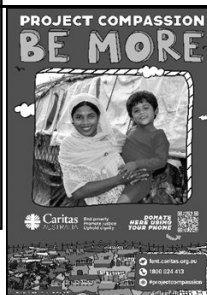
2. Some people are **worried about taking up space** in the church and others missing out.

NO WORRIES!- we've NEVER had to turn people away (except Easter and Christmas because of special COVID rules) - we can always manage to find seats.

3. Some people **forget to book in** through Eventbrite. IF they're not sure how to do this, they are WELCOME to ring the parish office and Debra will guide them.

IF they FORGET or are TOO LATE TO BOOK - **TURN UP ANYWAY** - please **be early** - and you can complete contact tracing via a QR code or manually. It is helpful if they do book, but if they forget, no worries, **we WILL find a seat for them.**

We have adjusted to Coronavirus conditions in a safe way. In all likelihood, these conditions are going to persist for **at least the remainder of this year**. I am very concerned about how all our parishioners' (and their children's) faith is being nurtured with the long absence from Word, Community and Sacrament.



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back this week as I will preparing tax receipts in the next week or so.** Thanks Debra.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

#projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Containers for Change have offered to promote us on their website, so we may attract donations from outside our parish community. This will change our scheme donor number. **Our new scheme ID number is C10446303.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - VIRTUAL OR LIVE-IN, APRIL or MAY 2021

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday.

Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc - 0437 388 513

Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au

Live-in weekend Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston (on Brisbane's bayside).

Contact Maria and David Murphy (07) 3342 1456

Email: dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

VERSE FOR VINNIES Our next Verse for Vinnies Concert is **APRIL 18 at 1.30pm at 67 Dawson**

Parade Grovely Cost \$15 The Feature Performer is the **Australian Performance Champion Carol Heuchan**. Carol is flying from NSW to perform for us. Patrons to attend you must follow **the following conditions.**

If you have coughs, colds or COVID symptoms **please do not attend.**

You must **email us (noel@noelstallard.com)** full details **in the following order:**

SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER EMAIL

Each patron will be issued with a SEAT NUMBER and **on arrival will be ushered to this seat.** If you want to sit with friends you will need to inform us the names of these friends.

We do not want to give change from money so Please Bring **the Exact Money for Entry (\$15) & Raffle**

Unfortunately we can not provide afternoon-tea-food but you can **BRING-YOUR-OWN** so long as you do not share with others. We will provide tea, coffee and water.



"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37



Stewardship
a way of life

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

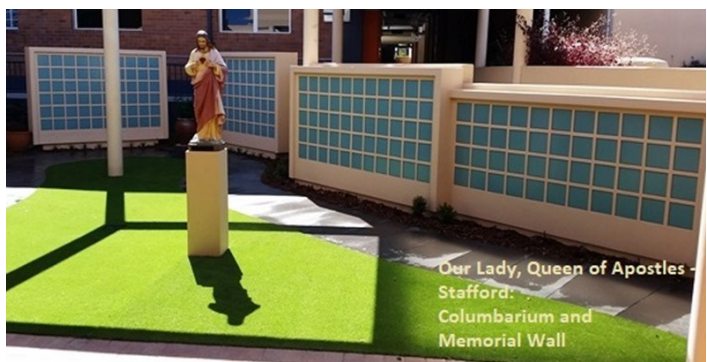
STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS

From recent stamp sales, we have sent \$250.00 through the MM to the reliable contacts they have near the Myanmar/Thailand border. Many people are stranded in the jungle, fearful of returning to their villages, and food and hammocks are greatly needed. We are glad to be able to assist in this small way. The stamp man can readily sell recent stamps in good or unused condition. We realise they are harder to come by nowadays, but if you or someone you know works in an office or department that receives larger volumes of mail, perhaps you could organise saving these stamps for us. They can be left in the specially marked box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you and God Bless!

Date Claimer Sunday 25th April 2021 10.45 – 4pm Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, Order Founder and Author. **Commencing with Mass at 11am**, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book **"Mary Disciple and Mother" by Bishop Brian Finnigan. St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill**, car park Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome Info Paul 0417 104 460

Have you pondered about your wishes for yourself after you have died? Have you been considering a spot in our **Columbarium Wall**? Is there someone special in your life or your heart that you would like to honour by way of a memorial plaque? We have many reserved places in both our memorial wall and our niche spaces.

At the time of its installation there was much excitement about having a dedicated space to remember loved ones. If this is something that interests you, perhaps speak with Debra in the office about reserving a places for yourself or someone special. If you and your family would like to know more about our Columbarium Wall, contact Debra for more information.



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles - Stafford.
Columbarium and Memorial Wall



This year Evangelisation Brisbane is launching a new series of mini retreats - **'A Morning's Prayer'** - to facilitate a profound engagement with God— Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Throughout 2021 there will be 6 opportunities at

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre to unpack just this. The next one will be held on Saturday 24 April from 9am-12pm and will have an Easter theme. Spaces are limited, so RSVP by 17 April at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc2>

Give the Gift of Faith. The dedication you have for Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



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What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 19th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 20th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 21st		
Thurs 22nd	8.30am	Mass
Fri 23rd	9:00am	Mass
Sat 24th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.
Sun 25th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.

Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights

CHEAP RATES!
Bookings available through the
office Monday to Thursday



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan
Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
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

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford
School email: pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au
School Principal: Nigel Bird
APA: Leanne Murray
APRE: Ben Campbell
School Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)
Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

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

Margaret Roberts, Jim Corley, 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:

John Duncan, John Davis, Pina Padayhag, Barbara Tofoni, Janice Smith, Noel Davis, Shirley Coe, Barry Thompson, Michael Daley, Maria Vieira and Irene Johnson.

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

Fay Barrett, Gordon Jardine, Isaac and Brendan Camille, Bob Devine, Nicole Dyer, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Rupert Officer Jnr, Brian Officer, Mary Axisa, Beryl Cowie nee Officer, Sonia & Fernando(snr) Palmer, Peter O'Donnell, Paul Glynn, Sonia Officer and Pam & Norm Ward

Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808532313>

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