



# 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."*

**6th Sunday Of Easter – Year B 8th/9th May, 2021**

**Today (Sunday) we pray for Pu Reh, our Catechumen who is preparing for Baptism on Pentecost Sunday at the 9am Mass.**

**THE THINGS WE DO IN OUR PARISH (as well as all the things individuals do to spread the "Good News" to work, family and society!)**

## **Ciborium Helpers**

Assist with bringing out Ciborium from the tabernacle to the altar during Communion.

## **Computer/AV**

Project the visual content onto the Church screens.

## **Computer/AV Trainee**

An opportunity to learn how to operate the Computer AV at Mass. Volunteers needed.

## **Computer Streaming**

Stream the Mass to the participants at home via Zoom.

## **Church Cleaning Helpers (COVID-19 GROUP)**

Spray and wipe down the church seats & fixtures after Sunday mass. Takes about 20mins -- part of the Covid-19 regulations.

## **Marshall Helpers**

From about 30 minutes before Mass, recording of those present – issue tickets, record those present whether pre-booked or not. (this will continue while the Covid regulations persist).

## **Altar Servers**

Boys and Girls are eligible after celebrating Confirmation and First Holy Communion and are normally rostered at the Mass they usually attend. They will be trained "on the job". Adults are invited when there are no altar servers.

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Simplified Liturgy of the Word for Children helping them prepare to be more fully involved when with the adult community. Children dismissed after Gloria and return at Preparation of the Gifts. Leaders of CLOW, need to prepare and keep to the format of the Liturgy. Leader is accompanied by a 'helper'. This is offered during Sunday 9.00am Mass at times during the year.

## **Communion Ministers**

For all people (16yrs and older) in our community with a regular commitment to celebrating Eucharist with us and have undertaken suitable training. They help share the One Bread and One Cup (the Body and Blood of Christ) with the community during the celebration of Mass.

## **Coordinators at Mass**

Setting up for Mass is a great service to the community. Our Coordinators get to the church about 20 minutes before Mass. They set up the Chalices and Plates, Puri-

fiers and Corporals, Missals and Lectionaries. They light the candles, ensure there is an adequate supply of Bread and Wine and everything else that may be needed for this celebration. After Mass, they clean and return all to their proper place and, if necessary, lock up the church and Toilets. They are an invaluable resource working in the background.

## **Cantor**

Music promotes participation of those gathered for Mass. This vital role of prayer in song comes to fruition in the liturgical celebration where the cantors lead the congregation in song. All cantors come together to sing on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. The Musicians and Singers Group see themselves as a subcommittee of the Liturgy Group and work together with readers and audio-visual operators. This group meets regularly for practice, to learn new hymns and revise existing repertoire and to support new people to familiarize themselves with hymns/ Psalms etc. Band members meet monthly for practice and new members are always welcome. See "Musicians and Singers Group" below.

## **Faith Formation (overall)**

The Parish Council is working on establishing two new areas of Faith Formation to accompany the current RCIA Team (see below) and Sacramental Team (see below).

## **Faith Formation ALPHA**

One of these areas is the "ALPHA" programme which enables people through sharing a meal, watching a video, and developing a sense of belonging to come to know not just "about" Jesus but, more importantly "who" Jesus is. Find more information about "ALPHA" by clicking on this link ( <https://www.alpha.org> ) .

## **Faith Formation (Babies to PreSchool)**

The other area the Council is planning for is to promote and provide resources to help parents form their babies and toddlers in the faith which they promised to do at Baptism. This will gradually progress over the years starting for 0-1 years up to 4 years in age. All of this is underpinned by the "Source and Summit" of our Christian life - regular celebration with their parent(s) at the weekend Mass.

## **Liturgy Group**

Liturgy is the "Source and Summit" of our life as Christians. The Liturgy Group is a group of volunteers who form themselves in the documents on Liturgy in our church and then try to create an environment to enhance the worship of the community – especially around the Easter Ceremonies. (An image of what they

## The Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

1st Reading: Acts of Apostles 1:1-11

2nd Reading: St Paul 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



do is that they are the cooks who, using a recipe put the dish together.) Linked to this group are those who prepare the music, the rosters, the church building and the many other important roles that need to be done for the good of the Community's prayer.

### Musicians and Singers Group

(We would love some extra keyboard players – or other musicians to join us) Music promotes participation of those gathered for Mass. This vital role of prayer in song comes to fruition in the liturgical celebration where the cantors lead the congregation in song. The not-negotiable reason this group exists is to HELP ALL THE COMMUNITY SING the parts of the Mass which is their right as baptised people. Band members meet monthly for practice and new members are always welcome.

**LOTS MORE NEXT WEEK !!!!**

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND Eucharist—2021 (for children who are 7years or older in 2021) The

Introductory Meeting for the new

programme is on **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**JUNE at 7pm. (RSVP: TUES 1<sup>st</sup>**

**JUNE)**

(For your **calendars**: Parent and child meetings will be June: 22; July 13; Aug 10; Sept 7 & 14; Oct 12; Nov 9).

This meeting will inform you about the programme, what's required and show you how to enrol.

Our parish looks forward to helping parents in this most important responsibility.



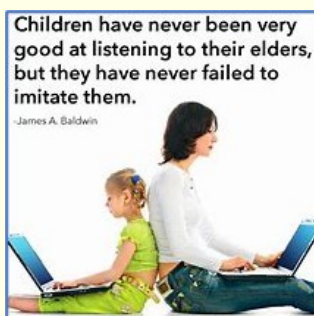
No date is going to be convenient for everyone. **If you cannot attend this meeting, then you will need to postpone until 2022.** As with

soccer, dancing or whatever, we need to choose a "sign on" date and it is **ESSENTIAL** that at least one parent **organise their diary to be present at this meeting.**

Please SIGN IN for this meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/3gCQZfe> . (RSVP: TUES 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE)

For background about your child(ren)'s formation go to our website <https://bit.ly/3aDiiCv>

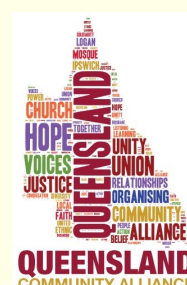
**PLEASE NOTE:** This programme is for **families who live and/or worship in Stafford Parish** as the core of the programme happens in the context of our weekend masses. (If you have difficulty enrolling on-line, please ring the parish office or email Fr Denis – [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) ) (RSVP: TUES 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE)



**T**here's no election on the horizon in Queensland but we still have to hold our Politicians to account. Would you like to **join around 1000 other people** in pushing the Premier to include some **important issues in the next Budget??** It's on **May 20th 6pm-8pm via ZOOM.** (More details later) What we are asking for is:

### The Queensland Community Alliance's 3 budget priorities:

1. Emergency funding boost for community neighbourhood centres (such as the one down the road at Keong Park) to deal with extra community need from Covid-19 and the end of JobKeeper. (addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness with a whole-of-person, whole-of-community and whole-of-government approach )
2. \$2B extra investment in transmission and storage over the next 2 years to achieve a just transition of our energy system. (This will deliver training an alternative jobs for our current Fossil Fuel Industry workers.)
3. Deliver funding for workplace rights education for vulnerable migrant workers e.g. Some of the women in our convent are being ripped off and treated terribly but don't know their rights at work.



**Sign up here:** <https://bit.ly/3gDsGhj> (scroll down to bottom of page (Oranisation = Catholic Church))

### STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

We have sent another \$50.00 from stamp sales for refugees on the Myanmar/Thailand border. Again we ask 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. ALSO can anyone please help us out with some CARDBOARD of no less than DSM 650 thickness ? When we post the sold stamps to buyers we need the cardboard to protect the stamps. Many years ago a parishioner in the printing business gave us a large boxful of cardboard cut to size from 'offcuts' which has now run out. If you can help please phone 33535720 or 0411049379. Thank you and God Bless!

**T**he Anna's Group is now open to **ALL WIDOWS.** They **meet** on the **2nd Friday** of the **month** at the **Coffee Club in Flockton Village** at **12pm**. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 14th May** for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!! Contact Dianne 0407616637 for further information.



**Vinnie's SOS....Our Vinnie's shops are desperate for volunteers. Why not ring your local Vinnie's and see if you can become a volunteer, you won't regret it?**

**We are now using the Check In Qld app.** We will still be using Eventbrite for pre booking.

**This is only for walk-ins.**

**What you need to do to prepare for the changeover...**

The Check in QLD app is in use in many local businesses and you may have already downloaded the app and used it. If you don't have the app on your phone you can download from your App Store or Google Play. Click on this link to download and set-up the app

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qlld>

**Features of the app**

- Easy to use
- Retains your details - first name, last name, phone number and email address
- Easily add family members or group details. These additions will be retained so you don't have to enter each time you check in.
- We will have several posters with the new QR codes

**It is as simple as showing them the screen with the tick on entry before you press 'Done'**

**The National Catholic Men's Gathering** for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Cost: FREE Registration: [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au) Program: Available from Saturday 31st July 2021.

*"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?"*

*Acts 2:37*



## CARITAS APPEAL

Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.



**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.

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13*



Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

## Mass Attendance Count in May

In this census year, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference asks parishes and communities to undertake the customary count of attendance over four consecutive weekends in May. The count will begin this weekend! Those on zoom will also be included in the count.

**A four year old** and a six year old presented their mum with a houseplant. They had used their own money to buy it and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you. It was real pretty but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said, 'Rest in Peace,' and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."



## What's on this week at Stafford

<b>Mon 10th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 11th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
<b>Wed 12th</b>		
<b>Thurs 13th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Fri 14th</b>	9:00am	Mass
	12.00pm	Anna's Group
<b>Sat 15th</b>	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.
<b>Sun 16th</b>	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 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](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford  
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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:

Laurence Rooney,  
Dorothy Jones,  
Gordon Jardine,  
John Duncan, John Davis,  
Pina Padayhag,  
Barbara Tofoni, and  
Janice Smith.

### 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

Sr Dorothy, John Dove, Glenda Honan, Fay Barrett, Pam & Norm Ward, 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 and Sonia Officer.

### Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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

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Passcode: eucharist

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