



# 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 Ascension of The Lord – Year B 15th/16th May, 2021**

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

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

## **Divine Mercy Prayer group**

On the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the Church from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Once again this devotion is open to all.

## **RCIA Team**

RCIA is the acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA, also called the Catechumenate, is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Christian Church and, in particular the Catholic expression of Christianity.

In summary, the RCIA team, with and on behalf of the community helps the inquirer: Grow in relationship with Jesus and His Body (the church community) through prayer, reflection on the Word of God, and linking their life of service to the mandated mission Jesus send all his disciples on.

Stafford Parish RCIA Team meetings are held as needed. This is a wonderful ministry – it's like being a "match-maker" where you help the inquirer grow into relationship with Christ so they are prepared to commit to Initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and it's life-long responsibilities. The Team only operates on behalf of the wider parish – it is the community who is responsible by prayer and example to form inquirers and welcome them on the way of Christ. NOTE: There is a similar process for those adults baptised in another denomination and feeling called to join the Roman Catholic Church.

## **Readers -Ministers of the Word (weekends & weekdays)**

Our faith is based on the Scriptures and we believe that Christ is present when they are proclaimed and listened to with faith. Our readers at the Mass are essential in our celebration of the Liturgy. After they have undergone appropriate training, each reader joins a roster. Readers are expected to deepen prepare thoroughly to proclaim the scripture because they are the 'mouthpiece' of Christ speaking to his Body. The celebration of all the Sacraments is a response to what the community hears.

## **Sacramental Team for preparation for celebrating Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance by children.**

This is a group of mostly young parents who strive to help their peers in the faith formation of their children as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and then Penance. The philosophy of Sacramental Preparation is based on that of the RCIA – It is a journey that has no time limits and varies from person to person. The premise for planning is that at

Baptism, the parent(s) promised to train their child in the practice of the faith and the Godparents (representing the wider church) promised to support the parents in their role as Christian parents. We do what we can to help the parents by word and example train their child(ren) not just for a ceremony, but for life as active disciples of Christ in His community of disciples

## **Anna's Group**

A group of women who are widows who gather regularly for mutual support and a cuppa. (Anna is the widow who met the Holy Family in the Temple).

## **Care & Concern Group**

Care and concern is a group made up of volunteers who: Visit new Parishioners to welcome and inform them what is available in the Parish; If required, help with refreshments after funerals services; Organise morning tea on the first Friday of each month after Mass; Send notes of congratulations to those who have been baptized in the previous month; Send a condolence note to the family of those whose funeral was recently celebrated at the Parish.

## **Communication Team**

This communication team is made up of Parish Admin/Secretary with emails and newsletters.

## **Queensland Community Alliance**

This is a cooperative alliance between churches, mosques, temples, synagogues, trade unions and other community groups (SVDP, Salvos, etc). Its purpose is to empower the ordinary citizen in lobbying government to achieve a response to real needs in the wider community. It seeks to redress the balance of Government, Business and Civic Society which is essential for a healthy democracy.

Stafford Parish is part of a vanguard in North Brisbane and is in partnership with the Archdiocesan Community Alliance Team who in turn is part of the wider Queensland Community Alliance. We have had successes e.g. subsidised Public Hospital Parking for those suffering financial hardship and/or long-term sickness in their families and continue to make our State one that cares for and fosters a "society" rather than an 'economy'.

## **Ecumenical Group**

Our Lady Queen of Apostles parish cooperates with the Anglicans, Uniting Church etc in many ways e.g. advertising some of their functions, working together as members of the QCA and in particular sharing responsibility for the annual "World Day of Prayer" which is on the first Friday of March.

Some of our Parishioners join in the preparation for this event. We are always looking for helpers.

## **English Speaking Classes**

The English language group provides conversation, companionship and where needed, more intense Eng-

## Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

1st Reading: Acts of Apostles 2:1-11

2nd Reading: St Paul 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



lish language education every Wednesday morning in the Parish Meeting Room next to the Office. These classes have programs design to help develop or improve participants' written and spoken English language skills

### Environmental ("Care for Creation") Group

Our planet is suffering because of wastage of resources, lack of care for our plants and animals, and a disassociation of people from the planet. Our Environment Group tries to put Pope Francis' document, "Laudato Si'" into action by auditing our parish's use of resources, educating people and suggesting ways in which we can be more environmentally responsible.

**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.

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

—James A. Baldwin



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)

**DORIS GANT** wishes to thank all those who are praying for her, sent her cards for her full recovery.

ery. Your prayers and well-wishes are working well and she hopes to be home soon!

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

There's **just ONE WEEK TO GO!**

**Have you RSVPd yet for the Queensland Community Alliance pre-Budget Assembly** with the Premier on THIS COMING THURSDAY 20 May from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

The **specific asks** we want to talk to the Premier about are important for many Catholics:

\*Funding for **workplace rights education** for people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities;

\***Emergency funding for community centres** which are experiencing a significant increase in requests for emergency relief in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the end of Job Keeper;

\*The **creation of new jobs** through a plan for a **just transition** to a clean energy economy

If you can, please call 2 or 3 of your friends or colleagues and invite them personally.

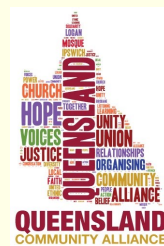
Let's make sure there is a **strong Catholic presence** at the Assembly on Thursday 20 May!

When you register, please put "Catholic Church" in the Organisation field.

You can register at:

[https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/may\\_2021\\_assembly](https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/may_2021_assembly)

I'll see you at the Assembly!!! — Denis



### 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!

**The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group** meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 21st May** at Café 63, **Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean 3863 4149 for more details.**



### 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 continue throughout May! Those on zoom will also be included in the count.



**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.

## Celebrating Laudato Si Week 16-23 May

We here at Queen of Apostles are committed to implementing sustainable practices, leading ecological change through action, education and service to others. We recognise that global warming is seriously affecting communities throughout the world. Often it is the developing countries that suffer the most because of the consumerism of the rich nations and their appetite for fossil fuel.

A practical way in which we can help is to be mindful of our consumption. Our mantra should be to

- ♦ Reduce
- ♦ Reuse
- ♦ Recycle and Repurpose



Over the weekend 15/16 May, we will put this practise into action, by hosting a **Swap Meet** after each Mass. You are invited to bring one item to place on the table.

- ♦ Jewellery
- ♦ Books
- ♦ China
- ♦ Small bric-a-brac



But please no clothing or large items. Place the item on the table before Mass; you will be given a ticket in exchange for the item. After Mass you are encouraged to use your ticket to take an item from the table. Everyone who brings something leaves with something different.

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." –*



1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

# STOPline Service



## What's on this week at Stafford

<b>Mon 17th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 18th</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
<b>Wed 19th</b>		
<b>Thurs 20th</b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Fri 21st</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Mass Men's group
<b>Sat 22nd</b>	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.
<b>Sun 23rd</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

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford  
Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
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Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford  
School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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

### 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

Crad Smith, Sr Dorothy, 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.

### 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 Dove, Maria Calini, S Khan, Dean Sarra, Nerida White, Faye Gundy, Laurence Rooney, Dorothy Jones, And Gordon Jardine.

### Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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

Meeting ID: 818 0853 2313

Passcode: eucharist

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To complete your Volunteer Registration

Go to <http://archbne.org/welcome>

If you are new to the roster in any capacity, please use the **Welcome Portal** to

register as a volunteer. If you have any questions about this, please contact Debra.



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# Welcome

### The Catholic Leader May edition has arrived!

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