



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 Feast of **PENTECOST** – Year B 22nd/23rd May, 2021

Today (Sunday) we pray for Pu Reh, our Catechumen whom we are initiating through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the 9am Mass.

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

Family Groups

Family Groups consist of eight to twelve families, who come together monthly for social activities. The groups consist of a cross section of ages, from new babies to grandparents, and different family structures, for example, parents and children, couples without children, single parent families, widows, widowers and single people.

The aims of the Family Group Movement are to: Get to know other members of the parish. Support each other, sharing each other's joys and sorrows and so build a Christian Community as in the early church. Involve our children in our Christian sharing directly, if possible. If not, then indirectly by our example. Each group has many activities at minimal cost.

Latte Ladies

This is a group of ladies meeting on the 2nd Thursday morning of the month at Mocha Bell Cafe, Northwest Plaza, Flockton St, Everton Park at 9:45.

Men's Coffee Group

Men's Coffee Mornings (3rd Friday 10am at the Cafe 63 in Stafford City) is a regular catch up for men (parishioners and others who are interested). It started initially as a retired men's group -- but due to its popularity, it has been extended to friends, neighbours, relatives and anyone else around the areas/community. A table booked and invites sent out by email, telephone message or by letterbox. Just turn up if you don't receive an invitation (we're usually in the far corner).

Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council exists to enable the Parish Priest and the people of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Stafford to work together responsibly in the mission of our Church. The Council's principal responsibility is to provide advice and assistance to our Parish Priest on financial and administrative matters. If you think you have the appropriate experience/skills please let Fr Denis know as the PFC rolls over membership every

couple of years.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of committed lay people who come together with their pastor to share responsibility for the development of the parish community of the faith and the mission of the church. It involves listening and studying the life and activity of the parish to:

Research and identify needs, ideas, hopes and feedback of parishioners. Evaluate parish life and mission in the light of Christ's teaching, broader church initiatives and the values and goals of the parish. Develop, implement, review and improve pastoral programs.

Refugee Support Group

Providing friendly support and accommodation for Asylum Seekers in our old Convent by cooperating with the Romero Centre

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

Religious Goods Store

The parish operates a stall for the sale of pious items. A range of goods are available such as Holy Pictures, Cards, Rosary Beads, Medals, Crosses and chains, Mass Books, Candles, Gift items and more. This stall is outside the Church and operates prior to and following each of our weekend Masses for a short while. NOTE: During COVID, there are goods available to be purchased from the Parish Office during the week.

You are welcome to order articles from several catalogues and we now have the facility to pay by Credit Card. (Sorry – no cash out).

Reconciliation Action Plan Group

Purpose is to create a reconciliation action plan for the Parish to enable our part of the country to honestly face the truth of our history so that we can come to true peace and reconciliation especially with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Social Justice Group

The Social Justice Group endeavours : To inform our parishioners of various social justice issues to help in deciding on action. Examples of recent activities in-

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading: St Paul 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



clude: Help fundraise for the fight against Human Trafficking; Bushfire response in January and February 2020; Promotion of websites concerning social justice issues; Promoting the Queensland Community Alliance; Sponsoring a Fair Trade shop for people buying Christmas presents; Promoting and formulating our "Reconciliation Action Plan" (RAP). If you'd like to belong, please contact the Office. There are currently around 10 members and new members are always welcome to join.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

The society of St Vincent de Paul is a group of parishioners who with the generous support of our parishioners, assist with helping those in need in the Stafford area. (Families and individuals with support for food and essential utilities). "Vinnies" also provides advice on budgeting as well advocacy on social justice issues.

Our main mission is the development of our own spirituality through prayer and visitation and to see the face of Jesus in the people that we are called to see.

AND THERE'S LOTS MORE NEXT WEEK !!!!

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.

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

The Introductory Meeting for the new programme is on **TUESDAY 8th JUNE at 7pm. (RSVP: TUES 1st 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.**



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

James A. Baldwin



Please SIGN IN for this meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/3gCQZfe>.

(RSVP: TUES 1st 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) (RSVP: TUES 1st JUNE)

NATIONAL SORRY DAY EVENTS



*The Lord Mayor's National Sorry Day event will take place on 26 May, 11:00AM – 12:00PM, at the memorial plaque in **King George Square**, 100 Adelaide Street, Brisbane. No bookings are needed.

*The ceremony at Kalinga Park, **48 Kalinga St, Kalinga**, will take place on 26 May, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

*The Teralba Park ceremony will also take place on 26 May starting at 7:00 AM, at **120 Pullen Road, Everton Park.**

"twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive".

Laudato Si 95



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.



Care for Creation

Reduction in consumption of precious natural resources will reduce our global carbon output and help the cap global warming.

We at Queen of Apostles strive to encourage and educate our community in environmentally sustainable actions.



We opened Laudato Si Week with a Swap Table, which generated lots of healthy conversation and interest.

Our parishioners are keen to Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Repurpose; in doing so we take pressure off our resources and encourage a mind shift away from wasteful consumerism.



This weekend Masses 22/23rd May, the Care for Creation Group will hand out seedlingsa prompt to encourage all of us to invest in agriculture. Vegetables, herbs, flowering plants and fruit trees are productive, regenerative, essential and beautiful parts of our environment. Take a seedling, plant it and consider how you might further develop your 'green thumb'!

Here are a couple of websites to get you going!

<https://www.liveforless.com.au/herb-home-part-1/#>:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKKul-RHcvk>



"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."
1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6



All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

As we conclude **National Volunteer week**, it is timely to acknowledge the marvellous works of so many in our community. I won't

start to name names....that runs into dangerous territory! Just to mention a few 'jobs' around our community, some are easy to see - Fr



Denis never has a weekend

off, the many faces that proclaim the word, lead us in song, spray the church to keep us safe, deliver Eucharist to those unable to be with us at mass, those that keep our gardens and surrounds looking lovely, those that care for the needy in our community, those making a commitment to pastoral and finance councils, those making us aware of our impact on the environment by way of our Care for Creation group, those visiting the sick and housebound, those sharing their talents in AV and technology, those helping with the counting and preparation of banking each week, those giving their time to teach English to 'new' locals, those sending a card to families after a funeral or after a baptism. These are just a few 'jobs' that are joyfully done by volunteers in our parish, many without anyone knowing! Thank you to all that 'work' in our parish. You are very much appreciated by the 'staff'. You are the lifeblood of our parish. Debra

volunteer

NOUN a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

VERB work for an organization without being paid.

What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 24th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 25th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Communion
Wed 26th		
Thurs 27th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 28th	9:00am	Mass
Sat 29th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.
Sun 30th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom—see page 4 for details.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

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AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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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>

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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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