



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."

First Sunday in Advent – Year C 27th/28th November, 2021

Congratulations to **AMANDA** and **MATTHEW WESSEL** who, at 9.00am Mass this weekend present their daughter, **MADELEINE**, for **BAPTISM** into the Church Community. She joins us as a disciple of Christ proclaiming Good News to the world

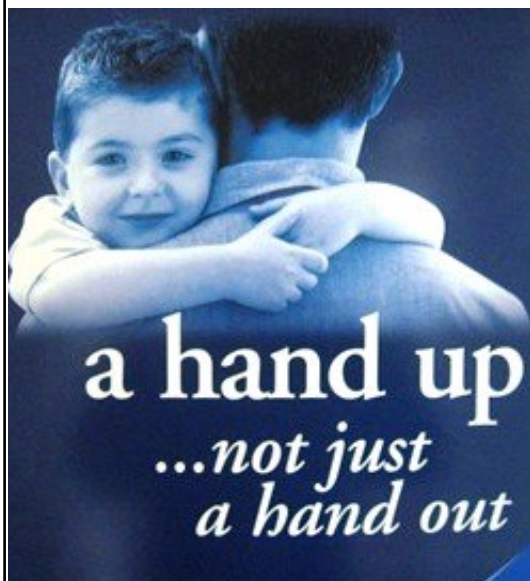


Stafford St Vinnie's REPORT for this year: Some of the things mentioned at Mass last weekend:

- This year, we have been able to assist : **383 families in need**, including
- a total of 672 children.

With the help of your generous donations ... we have been able to **provide \$44,000 in financial aid**, in the form of Food Vouchers, Fuel cards and clothing vouchers.

We have **also assisted with** furniture, utility bills, rent and supplied essential white goods.



We were able to **help families prepare for the school year.**

Because of COVID, we have not been permitted to visit families in their homes, so we have had extensive telephone conversations with many of our families and arranged to

leave the needed vouchers in their letter boxes.

During this Christmas season, we are conducting our Annual Appeal. Please take an **Appeal envelope from the back of the Church** ...and you will be able to donate to our Appeal by returning the envelope at any Mass until Christmas. There is information on the envelope about different ways you can donate.

Some COVID rules have changed and therefore this year, you may make **donations for our Annual Food Appeal** (left under the Christmas tree **from this weekend until December 12th.**) These will be used to pack Christmas hampers for the families who are struggling. Small gift tags are available at the doors of the Church over the next few weeks to give you some idea of the items required.



DO YOU CARE ABOUT OUR DEMOCRACY?

Are you concerned about integrity, political donations from vested interests, what sort of world your kids and grandkids are going to inherit??

"Our Democracy" is a grass roots gathering of Aussies from all over the place.

Please take 10 minutes to complete this survey.
(<http://ourdemocracy.com.au/survey>)

Sistine Chapel Exhibition Oct 27—Jan 2, 2022

Take a life-size up-close perspective of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel. With special expertise and care, the ceiling paintings from the Chapel have been reproduced in a truly unique way using high-definition photos. Visitors are given a way to engage with the artwork in ways that were never before possible; seeing every detail, every brushstroke, and every colour of the artists 34 frescoes.

**MICHELANGELO'S
SISTINE
CHAPEL
EXHIBITION**

Tickets: Adults for \$22 per person;

VIP Adult \$28 per person;

Seniors or students \$17.60 per person,

VIP Senior or Student \$23;

Children for \$15.50 per person

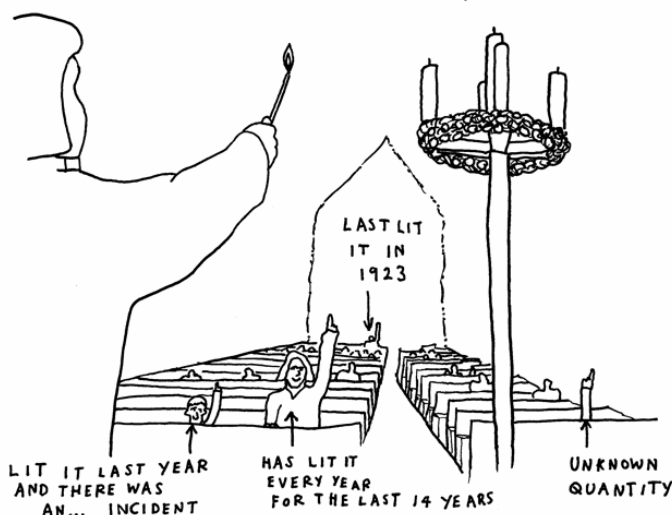
Venue: The Ice Cream Factory, Level 2, West Village,

97 Boundary Road, West End 4101

Visit <https://feverup.com/m/101306> for bookings.

ADVENT

DURING THE SUNDAYS IN ADVENT THE VICAR MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE. IT IS ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS



Second Sunday Of Advent (Year C)

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Daily Mass Readings

Healing Mass Are you in need of healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 3rd December, 2021, at 7.30pm. Fr. Tom Kessy, CSSp, PP, St. Michael's, Dorrington, will be the celebrant. Prayer for healing and the release of the Holy Spirit will be offered during Mass. COVID requirements will be followed. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

SOS For Vinnie's Stores !!!!

Our Vinnie's stores are DESPERATE for help. If you are looking for something worth while to do, then this could be it People who are marginalized in our community rely on these stores to help them out with clothing, household items, and toys, just to name few. Don't let these stores close because they don't have enough people to man them. So why not ring some of the stores and see if you can help out?

Thank you and God Bless from the Stafford Vinnie's Conference

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours? 'A Morning's Prayer' is a mini retreat about facilitating a profound engagement with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who loves you and desires to walk with you in your life. The morning will include a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. It will be held on Saturday 4 December from 9am-12pm for \$15 (includes morning tea). Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc6>



Blue Card changes for various ministries!

There were many ministries that fell into the category of needing a Blue Card. This was reviewed several months ago and it was welcome news to many in parish offices and for Local Safeguarding Representatives.

Only those ministries that work closely with children eg children's Liturgy of the Word, children's Sacramental Program and altar servers trainers now require a Blue Card.

Anyone that visits residents in aged care facilities will need a police check every three years. As these fall due, you will be contacted to renew the police check.

Lost and Found a Translink gocard was found in the church recently. If you have misplaced your card, we may have it here in the parish office.

The Men's Group are celebrating the end of year with lunch. They will be gathering on 17th December 12.00pm for Lunch at the Stafford Tavern as they have Guinness on tap which saves a trip to town! Please RSVP by 13th December via telephone 38634149 or 0408711496 or email garysstationery@outlook.com.



Advent prayer reflection books are available now. Looking for a way to engage with the Advent season? New Life in Christ, a new 28-day reflection resource. Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day will include a scripture reading and a reflection. Some of you ordered copies of this resource and they are now available for collection. We have purchased extra copies of this book.



If you have pre-ordered your copy, you will find it with your tickets this weekend. For those that may have missed out on reserving a copy, we have ordered extra copies. Take a book and leave \$5 in the container. Eftpos also available.

Anna's Group is open to all widows in our community. They meet on the second Friday of the month for lunch at The Coffee Club at Flockton Village, Everton Park. This group was formed to support each other during a time of challenge in one's life. Those that have been widowed for some time share their ups and downs with those that might be adjusting to their new circumstances. Support, friendship and fellowship with a caffeine fix and a meal you haven't cooked is a great way to welcome the weekend. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637.

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.



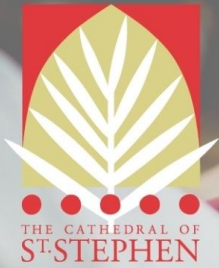
Christmas Mass Times 2021

Christmas Eve 5pm and 8pm

Christmas Day 8am (no evening Mass)

Boxing Day (Sunday 26th) 9am

Bookings via Eventbrite - link on our website



Advent Concert Series

Advent is the season of hope, of expectation, and of joy. Come along each Sunday afternoon throughout Advent at 5pm to enjoy glorious music of the season performed by the talented musicians of our Cathedral Music Department!

These are four concerts you will not want to miss.
Admission \$30/25 at the door.

November 28 | The Cathedral Schola
December 5 | Dominic Perissinotto (Cathedral Organist)
December 12 | Annika Hinrichs, soprano, and guest artists
December 19 | Christopher Trikilis (our Director of Music)

Enquiries: cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030

Our ADVENT preparation for CHRISTMAS

Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy? On **Thursday 9th December, 7.00pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance. **How to do that??** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on “why do I do these things”) and write them and your answer down on a piece of paper BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN** sheet of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

“... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.....But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. –



Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:5, 8

***Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners!** (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)*

We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good. -- St. Francis of Assisi

Whoever is willing to serenely bear the trial of being displeasing to herself, that person is a pleasant place of shelter for Jesus. —

St. Thérèse of Lisieux



What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 29th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 30th	8.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed 1st		
Thurs 2nd	8.30am	Mass
	7.00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri 3rd	9.00am	Mass
Sat 4th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 5th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
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Office Telephone: 3356 7155

Parish Local Safeguarding Representative:

Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540

STOPLine Service: 1300 304 550 or
AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APA: Leanne Murray
APRE: Kym Waters
Phone (Thuruna St) 3352 9200
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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.



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.

Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Sr Patricia Coyle, Nola Costello, Wayne Roggero, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, Margaret Blumke, Timothy Willson, Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn, Bruce Willson, Veronica Nicholson, Don Al-lerta, Maurice & Alison Drake, Bob Devine, Jose Pitts, Brian Wellman, Luca de Pascalis de Moraes, Rose Ann Takas, Nicki Goodman, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward,

We pray for those recently deceased: Joan Low, Glen Stevens, David Connors, Marcelle Zarrouk, Mary 'Monica' Harland, Peter Glasby, Francisco Ali-viano, May Smith, Patrick Sommerville, Peter O'Donnell, Jim Henry, Tom Lynch,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Georgina Wilson, Bienvenido Tolentino and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting
Meet anytime

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- ♦ Ipswich teenagers stepping up to make faith in God part of their lives
- ♦ Brisbane-based online evangelisation platform tackles key questions of faith
- ♦ Brisbane couples share joys, blessings of long, loving marriages
- ♦ Eucharistic revival is the key to Church's future
- ♦ Shanelle Bennett knows the privilege of loving others to the hour of death
- ♦ Opening up day by day to the counsel of the saints
- ♦ Catholic women to "tune in to the voice of God" for "Something Beautiful".
- ♦ All Saints and All Souls – praying for those in heaven and commemorating and praying for the dead.

