



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."

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 26th/27th Feb, 2022



2021 National Church Life Survey

A FRIENDLY REMINDER about our Attender Survey this weekend:

Dear Parishioner,

We've publicised a lot about our 2021 National Church Life Survey which can be done in the Church during Mass this weekend. (if you have done it already — **THANK YOU!**)

We hope you will take part if you haven't already done so.

You will be asked about your experiences of our church, your thoughts about our ministries and activities, as well as your personal spiritual beliefs or religious practices.

We remind you to please complete the Survey by THIS SUNDAY 27th Feb 2022

- **It will take 15-20 minutes to complete.**

It is anonymous and confidential.

TO TAKE PART:

- **Complete a paper survey form or**
- **Go online to: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au**

and enter our Church Code: TAB09801

The results of the survey will help our local church to assess our church health, understand our strengths and build directions for the future.

The Survey is designed by NCLS Research, as part of the 2021 National Church Life Survey and has Ethics approval from Charles Sturt University. More information about the survey can be found at 2021ncls.org.au/attender-survey

Yours faithfully,

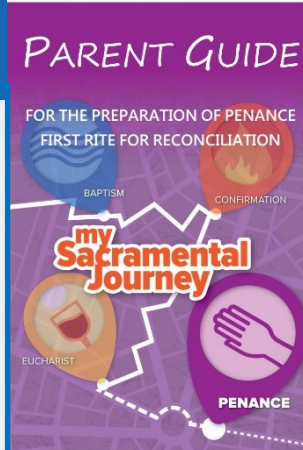
Parish Missional Council.

Congratulations to ABIGAIL VELASQUEZ who, at 10.00pm Mass LAST WEEKEND become fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank her parents, Cindy and Richie for their example and commitment to their Abigail's faith.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (for Children): Parents of children who turn

TEN or older in 2022 are welcome to enrol their child for this preparation which will begin on **MONDAY 14th March** (see below). Please go to the link below to **complete the enrolment form on or THIS Monday (28th)**. If you cannot enrol via the internet, please ring/email the Parish Office



(pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or 3356 7155) and other arrangements will be made. The Parish Team **will help Parents prepare their children** over three meetings. **For both at least one PARENT AND CHILD(REN): Dates are: Monday 14th March 6pm, Monday 21st March 6pm; Monday 28th March 6pm.** Here's the link to enrol: <https://bit.ly/34vAZIt>



Join a Caritas Conversation

This Lent, you have the opportunity to connect directly with Caritas Australia's staff, partners and program participants to learn how your compassion is making a difference.

Caritas Conversations are one-hour sessions held on Zoom during the six weeks of Lent. You will hear inspiring stories from this year's Project Compassion and explore issues from around the world, including Mozambique, India, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Solomon Islands and Australia.

These sessions are suitable for individuals, as well as parish social justice or youth groups.

You can register for a Caritas Conversation by going to lent.caritas.org.au or scanning the QR code.



1st Sunday in Lent (Year C)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 28th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 1st	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church with Communion
Wed 2nd	7.00am	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs 3rd	9.00am	Mass
Fri 4th	9.00am	Mass
	9.45am	World Day of Prayer (see page 3)
	5.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
	6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group (Church)
Sat 5th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 6th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom
	10.05am	Blessing of Contemplation Garden

Are you ready for Lent? 'The Spirit and the Cross' (\$5) and 'Cup' (\$14.95) has arrived. For those that placed an order, your reserved copy will have your name on the back cover. **If you missed the deadline and are wanting a copy of the Lenten program - I ordered extras!** Debra

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are also available this weekend.

The Cursillo Movement offers men and women, young and not so young an opportunity to grow in faith. There is a weekend planned for 23rd-25th April, led by laity, which offers you a few days of time to do something for yourself. It will be an experience of talks, discussions, shared meals, free time, reflection and fun. If you are interested in finding out more about Cursillo, or the coming weekend make contact with Rosemary Haydock on rhaydock@live.com.au or call her on 0431464211.

Are you aware of The Voice?



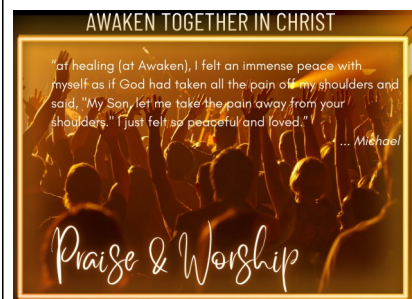
As Australia progresses in its journey towards reconciliation with our First Nations Peoples, a healthy attitude of listening, dialogue and mutual learning must occur. Our Social Justice committee would like to recommend listening to a 2021 webinar which unpacks the role of Indigenous Voice as an educator and influencer in National Parliament. The webinar is 1hour 23 minutes in length. It is an interesting, informative and colourful presentation by respected leaders, including Dr Donna Odergaard, Dr Emma Lee and Mr Jeff Kennett. A summary of the webinar could be gained by listening from 1:04:47 to 1:10:00

[impact2021 webinar: Indigenous Voice - Engaging our community in the co-design process - YouTube](#)

AWAKEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Talks by Steffanie Le & Fr Lam Vu
Saturday 5th March 7.00pm
Our Lady of Fatima Church
350 Mortimer Rd Acacia Ridge
Book now on Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/awaken-together-in-christ-tickets-266495313657> or go to parish website for link:
<https://www.fatimaacaciariidge.org.au/>
Email: admin@awaken.org.au

Phone: 0437 006 264



BE PART OF THEIR JOURNEY

Your gift can help support novices as they become Church leaders for their communities.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!](#)

This year is an exciting one for Catholic Mission as we prepare for the impending beatification of Pauline Jaricot, a young, faith-filled woman who, desiring to support missionaries around the world, founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 200 years ago. As the first Pontifical Mission Society, it endeavours to support communities in need and is a cornerstone for our work here at Catholic Mission.

To help celebrate this momentous occasion, we invite you to learn more about other great women of faith and action who are following their call. One such woman, novice Saren Teresa, is following her calling to become a Salesian Sister to serve those in need.

You can learn more about Teresa and how you can support novices like her by scanning the QR code, going online to catholicmission.org.au/faith, or calling our friendly team on 1800 257 296.

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Reach out. Give life.



Pope Francis wants to hear from us!

Until **27 February 2022**, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church.

All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in *Australia*. The Synod is focussed on the Church *globally*.



Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kf0>

You can make your submission here: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



Care for Creation

What do you do with your used household batteries?

These everyday items, whilst very useful are also hazardous as waste. Although the 'dead' battery may no longer function it still holds some charge, which can cause fire. The commodities that make up a battery are valuable and are not able to be regenerated. Thus it is important that we use and dispose of batteries in a responsible manner. This week B Cycle has been launched as a national scheme to recycle batteries. B Cycle has linked with major retailers including Woolworths, Coles, Bunnings, Officeworks and ALDI to put battery collection bins at thousands of their stores. Consumers [can log onto B-cycle's website to find their closest drop-off station](#).



Here is a link for further information.

[Australia's first national recycling scheme for household batteries launches - ABC News](#)

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)



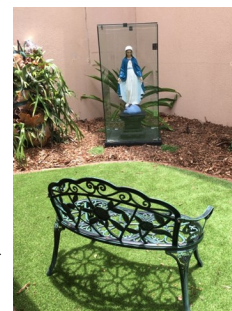
Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



Care for Creation

Blessing of our Contempla-

tion Garden Sunday 6th March immediately following 9.00am Mass. We invite our parish to join together in thanksgiving as we This outdoor space, offers a place for peaceful reflection, where immersed in the wonder of nature we may take the opportunity to sit quietly with our Creator God.



The Care for Creation Group has registered for **Clean Up Australia Day**, Sunday 6th March. Join us at 4.00pm and help to care for creation. Register via the link [Clean Up Australia \(cleanupaustaliaday.org.au\)](https://cleanupaustaliaday.org.au) Just put in the postcode 4053 and you will see the Keong Park event.

STEP UP TO CLEAN UP
Harvey Park and Roy

World Day of Prayer 2022

This year's service is being organized by St. Paul's Uniting Church Stafford, who have deemed their church unsuitable in the current COVID climate.

The Salvation Army have kindly made their church available for the service.

Date : Friday, March 4, 2022

Location : Salvation Army Church
32 Hayward St,
Stafford



Morning Tea will be served from 09:45am.

Service to commence at 10:30am.

Cynthia and Toni are looking for two readers from our parish to read on the day. If you are interested please call Toni on 0431705457 or Cynthia on 0404923930. Also looking for a someone who speaks Welsh to recite the Lord's Prayer.

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

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<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

Call 1300 734 880 for more info.

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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:

Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Ting Padayhag, Eileen Matthew, Trevor Cavanagh, Peter Muir, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, Timothy Willson, Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn and Norm Ward.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Nola Costello, Peter Muir, Rita Sorbello, Da Dia, Maria Del Rosso, Sandy Eglin, Neville Lamb, Kevin Mewburn, Veronica Nicholson, Fr Ellis Clifford, Wal-ly Kusnierz, Norman Hall, Brian Wellman,

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



Our faith sustains us through challenging times.
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to
help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral
activities and to provide ongoing sustainability.

To assist you to support
the Parish during this
time of isolation, you can
now give via



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



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