



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."

Third Sunday of LENT – Year C 19th/20th March, 2022

COMMUNION PROCESSION CHANGES: From this weekend we are reverting to the PRE-COVID processions (for the time being without the Blood of Christ). This means that:

- ♦ **those in AREA A** will process forward **from** the **FRONT SEATS** along the aisle near the windows and then return to their seats via the Aisle between areas A and B.
- ♦ **Those in AREA D** will process **behind Area C via** the aisle between Areas C and D (**starting** from the **REAR SEATS**) and **return via** the aisle between Areas D and E. (**Musicians** at the **Organ**, if rostered, go to one of the **ministers in the centre aisle**)
- ♦ Those in **AREAS E and F** will continue as we do now. (**Musicians**, if rostered in Area F AND **Computer people**, go the minister serving this area)

When the **ideal**, that is Communion under the forms of bread AND wine, is restored we will adapt some more.

Keep in your prayers our Elect during this time of preparation for Baptism at Easter

Shanti Green Ashton Childs

Caitlyn Ward Isabella Ward

Jenna Waddell

They will celebrate baptism, confirmation, and first communion in our parish during the Easter Vigil and the following Sunday.

The Parish Missional Council are considering what it means to be missional within the context of our own parish and are hoping you, as parishioners, can help us shape our actions over the coming months as we wait for the results of the NCLS Survey. To this end we have developed a very short Q of A Parish Survey with the following question

List 3 positives about our parish

List 3 areas for growth for our parish.

What does being missional mean to you?

How do you live out your mission each day?

What can the parish do to help you live out your mission?

We invite you to share your thoughts with us. Please complete the survey and return by email to ppcstafford@gmail.com or, if you wish to remain anonymous, return completed form to parish office or Church next weekend.

Printed surveys will be available at the rear of the church or use the link on our website.

Congratulations to JACK SCHMIERER who, at 9am Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Colleen and Dan, his parents, for their example and commitment to Jack's faith.



Prayer for Peace in Ukraine, The World

Dominican Sisters, Grand Rapids, USA.

Posted In: Justice, Peace, & Care of Earth, Prayer & Reflection

God of all People,

We pray for peace today and every day, especially for the people of Ukraine.

Send your Spirit of wisdom upon our world leaders. May the decisions they make be in the interest of all Earth's citizens.

Send your Spirit of compassion upon those who bear arms. May they turn instead to reconciliation and dialogue.

Send your Spirit of healing upon those who are injured. May they know your touch through the hands of those who care for them.

Send your Spirit of welcome upon those who are killed in this act of war. May they know the embrace of your love.

Send your Spirit of consolation on those who have lost loved ones. May they know comfort in your promise that one day they will see them again.

Send your Spirit of protection on those who have lost their homes. May they find shelter and security.

Send your Spirit of hospitality upon all nations. May they welcome refugees into their midst.



4th Sunday in Lent (Year C)

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

2nd Reading: Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 21st	8.30am	Mass
Tues 22nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church with Communion
Wed 23rd		
Thurs 24th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 25th	9.00am 9.30am 9.45am 5.30pm	Mass Stations of the Cross (after Mass) Lenten Group with cuppa Stations of the Cross (Church)
Sat 26th	10.00am 5.00pm	Music practise in the church Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 27th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by



Synod Consultation



In February a small group of parish-ioners met to consider the three themes of the synod - Communion, Participation and Mission. Although it was a small group, the conversation was lively, and the topics generated much discussion. These were the responses generated and sent to the National Team for consideration.

Communion

Our group felt that our Parish Community is doing a good job of encouraging us to "walk together". We are a "Community of communities" and this should be encouraged. However, we all felt that we are not listened to by the Church hierarchy and pray that this synod will make a difference. Past experiences. Such as *Hearts on Fire* and *Jubilee 2000* make is sceptical of **real** change. We hope and pray that there will be courageous, candid and responsible discussions of issues that are in the forefront of many Australian Catholic minds e.g

- ♦ Married priests,
- ♦ women integrated into the Church hierarchy and given voice,
- ♦ no discrimination and dignity and acceptance of all regardless of sexual orientation or marital status
- ♦ inclusive language,
- ♦ consideration of the language of the mass in Australia

We acknowledge the difference COVID has made to participation and involvement and wonder how Church will be different in the future.

Participation

In responding to the questions, we discerned the following:-

Goals are set by a few in leadership with little consultation with individuals in the Church. Any steps for taking them forward is left for the individuals to discern on their own. The model of church is still perceived as hierarchical with the bishops and priests exerting authority. Evaluation is infrequent and often ad hoc. Little, if any, feedback on outcomes is communicated. Parish councils and teams, where they exist, reach out to their communities with little guidance or support.

Decisions are made by a few and do not always represent the views of everyone. Often decisions are made before consultation begins. A patriarchal model still exists where it seems some believe that they know best and that the general assembly knows little. This does not take account of the levels of education and theological studies undertaken by many lay persons. Church documents need to be mindful of lay persons and use language that educates, informs and invites action. The recent documents from the Vatican, e.g *Laudate Si*, have been very accessible and have encouraged action without the imprimatur of clergy. This has been challenging for some as it is seen as a loss of authority. Using the KISS (Keep It Simple) principle is beneficial.

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At local level the Parish council uses the shared wisdom model to promote full participation of council members, but sometimes cultural mores promote the primacy of clergy as some cultures are conditioned to a hierarchical model rather than a more devolved model where all the baptised are the Church and can have voice.

Mission

What is the mission, and what is the message?

First we confront a personal challenge of faith. Not so long ago the focus wasn't on Christ's love, but dos and don'ts, the sins done in thought or deed. Many people have long given up or looked for simpler answers elsewhere.

For those who stay or become catholic, if we believe we profess God's love, and have duty to share this, is it not demanded we live it? How can we true followers of Jesus if won't love everyone? We exclude people who are divorced, or don't fit the traditional sexual stereotype?

Women are excluded from the most senior leadership, celibacy is demanded, and no one can explain the benefit to a sceptical and educated youth who self-exclude from formal vocations.

There is no question that as a faith/church/ community we have given so much, through schooling, hospitals and community support such as SVDP. Our church has a history of well-intentioned good deeds.

The immense damage of human frailty and poor leadership has blighted us.

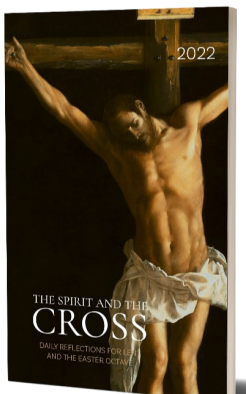
The 'modern' history of Australia is largely a secular story. This is a great benefit to our church as we can and be viewed against other faiths on the merits of our message and how we live it. Do we really understand those other faiths and what they offer?

Why must change go through a group of aging male bishops? Change is stifled for decades or more. Many people take their own path. For those who stay, we try and live a Christian life, accommodating as much as is palatable for modern living as is possible, while being a Catholic. How is that a compelling message?

Would you like to join our Lenten discussion group? We will follow the daily readings and reflections from The Spirit And The Cross. Join a Zoom Discussion each Monday evening during Lent at 7.00pm or meet after Stations of the Cross on Friday 9.45am in the Meeting Room. We will enjoy a cuppa and share our thoughts on the daily reading. Click on the link to join the Zoom.

Meeting ID: 944 3799 9915

Passcode: aat7WHBG



[Click here to join the Lenten discussion](#)

Can you help? My name is Michael Bruynesteyn and I was deputy principal at Queen of Apostles school a few years ago before I retired and became a Catholic hospital chaplain at Prince Charles. I also support refugees and one of them, a lovely young Iranian man by the name of Erfan, is in desperate need of support for his accommodation. He was homeless and living on the streets until I found out about his situation. Since then he has been financially supported by a local Baptist church group to pay his rent but that money runs out in mid April. I have been supporting him too through various fundraising efforts but it is not enough to pay his whole rent. If anyone would like to pray for him or support him financially that would be greatly appreciated. No amount is too small. Please contact me on 0427924185. Many thanks, Michael Bruynesteyn



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"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)



We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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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:

Janice Itong, 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:

Molly Rampa, Bruce Willson, Anne Stevens, Patricia Schonrock, Mary Rah, Alma Campbell, Nola Costello, Peter Muir, Rita Sorbello, Da Dia, Maria Del Rosso, Sandy Eglin, Neville Lamb, Kevin Mewburn, Veronica Nicholson, Fr Ellis Clifford,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael O'Donnell, Barbara Cavanagh, Frank Blumke, John Blumke and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or disposed-



What to Give Up...

Give up complaining...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

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Name (Optional) _____ (if you need support in your mission)

Contact Details Phone _____ Email _____