



# 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 Easter— Year C 30th April/1st May, 2022**

**WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS** to all our **NEO-PHYTES**, **Ashton Childs**, **Caitlyn Ward**, **Isabella Ward** and **Jenna Waddell** who were initiated by celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil AND **Shanti Green** who was initiated at the 9am Mass last Weekend.

## From Fr Denis:

**I will be away on Renewal Leave from this Saturday (30th) to Saturday Aug 6th.** I will do a bit of reading and participate in a couple of retreats and other formative events. Looking forward to the break!

In the meantime:

- The **Parish Missional Council** will continue to support you all as we try to be more "missional", more outreaching as we live "Christ's way" to the world. The Executive (or the whole Council) will be consulted regarding any new activities that affect the whole parish.
- The **Parish Finance Council** will continue to oversee our finances, support the payment of bills and supervise the material wellbeing of our parish. They will make decisions re unexpected large expenses and any other extraordinary events.
- **Day to day administration** will be in the hands of Debra (she does it all anyway!) in the Office (Mon, Tues 9am-3.30pm, Thur 9am-1pm).
- The **grounds and regular maintenance** will continue to be looked after by Mark and Kerry.
- Also, the **Presbytery and the Church** are both in much need of **minor repairs and painting**. This has been organised and will **START pm Thursday 5th May. This means the church will be UNAVAILABLE for any services for the weekdays from 5th May until 20th May unless otherwise advised.** WEEKEND MASSES will be **as usual but possibly** with some large machinery parked to the side. Past generations have built these buildings. We need to ensure they are 'healthy' for the future.
- The **Sacramental Team** will advertise and run the Confirmation and Eucharist Preparation programmes when the time comes. (Basically, this is supporting parents in their prime responsibility of "training their child(ren) in the faith".)
- The **Musicians and Singers** will continue to plan for our Liturgies, practise their gifts and support you all in worship with good and prayerful music - remember: they **SUPPORT** you in song - your job is to sing up as best you can.
- The **Computer people** will continue to ensure those at home can join us in worship via ZOOM and those in the church building can respond and sing wholeheartedly.
- These and so **many others** (visitors to TriCare, "Social Gathering" people, Coordinators, Sacristans etc etc will generously and faithfully continue to serve you all.)

- Our school, guided by an excellent leadership team, will continue to thrive and provide its excellent education and formation of our children. Of course, as with everything, this is in cooperation with their parents and carers,
- You will be really blessed with the gift of **Fr Tom Elich (Welcome Fr Tom)** will preside at Weekend Masses, Anointings and Baptisms.
- Other priests have generously volunteered to look after **Funerals** and emergency visits to Tri-Care.
- It's wonderful that the spirit of "gathering for prayer" will **continue** with some of you leading and attending Weekday Liturgies here at Stafford on **Tuesdays 8.30am and Fridays 9am.**
- You still have access to the celebration of **Weekday Eucharist** at Kedron, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.00am, Wed 9.00am.

We in Stafford Parish have long recognised that **EACH and ALL of us are what makes our Parish alive and healthy.** As you can see from the above, a Parish is not the priest, and a parish can be healthy and alive without his presence (something to remember as our church faces huge challenges over the next 10 years or so).

If **YOU** can do anything to pick up the slack while I'm away (e.g. ensure the church is locked after Liturgies, help out fellow parishioners in need, support the various activities that will continue), **please do so.** It will inspire your kids/grandkids and will be a witness to the wider society.

Denis

## Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement

Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from **[www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)**



**ELECTION STATEMENT 2022**

## *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*

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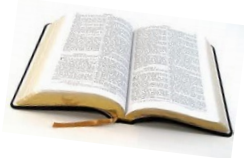
Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference **[catholic.org.au](http://catholic.org.au)**

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



### [Daily Mass Readings](#)

### What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 2nd		
Tues 3rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church with Communion
Wed 4th		
Thurs 5th		
Fri 6th		
Sat 7th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 8th	9.00am	Mass

**Painting begins in the church on Thursday 5th May.** There will be no liturgies in the church from 5th May to 20th May or until further notice.

### Daily Gospel Reflections

Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up to receive a one page reflection each weekday in your inbox.

Sign up here:

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



## Plenary Council Second Assembly—Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3.



Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities.

Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

### Do you like a cuppa after Mass?

Let's regain some of our social activities which we all enjoyed pre-COVID. **To make this happen on a regular basis we need more volunteers to complete the COVID SAFE TRAINING COURSE produced by TAFE QLD.** This is a free course and is done online. The course will take around 30 minutes to complete. A certificate is issued at the completion of the course. Send the certificate to me, for our records and you will be able to assist in the preparation and service of morning tea and supper. This is not a huge commitment as it happens only a few times per month depending on what is happening in the parish. With enough interest we could make it a weekly event! This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will endeavour to assist you. The link to the course is here. Debra <https://covidsafework.tafeqld.edu.au/course/126/covid-safe-work-training-for-dining-in>

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)



How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them every day.



## Some Information about Islam (who are also children of Abraham):

**"Eid-ul-Fitr" is celebrated by Muslims on 3rd May:**

Also called the *Festival of the Breaking of the Fast*, this religious holiday is celebrated by Muslims worldwide and marks the end of the month-long, dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. The date is based on the sighting of the new moon by religious authorities and therefore varies from place to place.

Special prayers are said, generally at communal gatherings in open areas or large halls or mosques. Charitable donations, called Zakat, are given to the poor. It is a time of family celebrations and feasting with special foods according to the local cultures. The traditional greeting to all at this time is *"Eid Mubarak"*

## Registration of Volunteers in ministry

There have been changes to the requirements of the various ministries in parishes some time ago. We do still encourage all volunteers to register on the Welcome Portal (link below). However, there are only a select few ministries that still require a Working with Children Card (Blue Card) and a Police Check. These include the following areas of ministry in our parish

- ♦ Local Safeguarding Representative
- ♦ Pastoral Council
- ♦ Finance Council
- ♦ Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ Sacramental Program
- ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to sick (hospitals etc or private residences)
- ♦ Care and Concern—home visits

[Welcome Portal - Home Page \(brisbanecatholic.org.au\)](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au)

If you are currently involved in these ministries and have not yet completed your registration process, please do so as **a matter of urgency**. For those that have registered on the Welcome Portal, please take note of the instructions to finalise the process. **I do need a Statutory Declaration for all the above ministries and there are some outstanding at the moment.** If you are unsure about any of the processes and requirements, please contact me via email or phone to discuss further. Thank you, Debra

## The Gifts of Visitation—a retreat for women



God visits us, we come to know God; we come to know ourselves; we come to know each other. A weekend of learning to be open to visitation and the gifts it brings us. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

**Dates: Friday 15 June - Sunday 17 June 2022**  
(program begins on Friday at 6pm and concludes on Sunday at 3pm)

Place: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

**To register or enquire contact:**

[grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283



Archdiocese  
of Brisbane

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

"The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenceless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community."

(Apostolic Letter issued 'motu proprio' by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, 4 June 2016)

## Purpose

To promote a culture of safeguarding within the Archdiocese and reduce the risks of abuse and harm.

## Scope

This policy applies to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Brisbane and to Associations of Christ's Faithful or Public Juridic Persons which freely opt in to its application and which enter into an agreement with the Archdiocese accordingly. The policy applies to all Archdiocesan workers (including clergy, religious, employees and volunteers).

## Policy

### National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Archdiocese adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

### Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

### Safeguarding Principles

- ♦ Safeguarding is a shared responsibility.
- ♦ Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- ♦ Prioritise the protection and best interests of children and adults-at-risk.
- ♦ Provide safe physical and online environments.  
Actively identify and manage safeguarding and abuse risks.
- ♦ Monitor compliance with safeguarding standards, policies, and procedures.  
Respond promptly and effectively to abuse concerns, suspicions, disclosures, complaints, reports, and incidents.  
Comply with all legal obligations to report suspected

### 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 Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan  
Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
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 Local Safeguarding Representative:

**Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540**

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  
APRE: Megan Conroy  
APLE: Leonie McCormack  
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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.

There are celebrations of this Sacrament on the **third weekend of the Month** (ex April 23/24th)



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:

Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Eileen Matthew, Trevor Cavanagh, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, & Norm Ward.

#### We pray for those recently deceased:

Katrina Roberts, Titing Padayhag, Mary Backstrom, Andrew, Molly Rampa, Peter Muir, Bruce Willson, Anne Stevens, Patricia Schonrock, Marry Rah, Alma Campbell, Nola Costello, Rita Sorbello, Da Dia, Maria Del Rosso, Sandy Eglin, Neville Lamb,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick McKewin, Pina Padayhag, Gloria Patalinghug, Margaret Roberts and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



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