



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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 20th/21st August, 2022

Congratulations to ANNE

THOMAS who was one of our first residents in the Convent. ANNE is the first of our "graduates" to be given **Australian Citizenship (last Tuesday Night in the Convention Centre)**. She is a real blessing to our Parish (having been fully initiated through celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2018). This ceremony created an Australian Record for a Citizenship Ceremony—**2600 new Australians** were made—aren't we blessed!!



IT'S THE LAW of the Land! "Safeguarding" includes the policies and practices of our Church trying to ensure our children and any Adults who may be vulnerable to abuse are kept safe. We need to develop a reputation that **anyone who works in various positions in our parish** will have a Bluecard and/or Police Check (whichever is needed).

If you are on the Parish Missionary Council, Parish Finance Council, Sacramental Team, Children's Liturgy Team or other ministries requiring these certifications, PLEASE complete them **within the next two weeks**. (When you access the Archdiocese's Volunteer Portal, it will tell you what you are required to have.

We will soon be enacting a **"No Card and/or Police Check—no ministry" protocol**. Sad to say we have to do that but **our Children and vulnerable parishioners deserve all the protection we can give them**.

Next Sunday is Social Justice Sunday!



Action

How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse

-  • **Listen to, support, and believe** those who are experiencing violence and abuse.
-  • **Speak out** about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.
-  • **Publicise the support** available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.
-  • **Reflect together** on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.
-  • **Reject spiritual abuse** by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.
-  • **Connect with programs**, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.
-  • **Promote resources** on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

You can access more information (the Statement, Prayer and action sheet etc) from **this website**: [https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SJS22-23/327b65/10455\(17521?](https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SJS22-23/327b65/10455(17521?h=QuBtopPEngFrV0FoZg6glY3acsqYrG5RnC31aaNI0dl))

[h=QuBtopPEngFrV0FoZg6glY3acsqYrG5RnC31aaNI0dl\)](https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SJS22-23/327b65/10455(17521?h=QuBtopPEngFrV0FoZg6glY3acsqYrG5RnC31aaNI0dl)). Also, there are printed copies of these at the back of the church. This weekend.

Congratulations to LUCAS WILLIAMSON who, at 5.00pm Mass last weekend become fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion!



We the church thank his parents, Kimberley and Tony for their example and commitment to Lucas' faith.

Thank you for the prayers and support during my recent illness. I'm feeling much better now. **Cynthia Oxenham**



The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Eccl 3:17-20, 28-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 22nd	8.30am	Mass
Tues 23rd	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 24th		
Thurs 25th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 26th	9.00am	Mass (<i>Would you like to change the time to 8.30am?—discuss</i>)
Sat 27th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 28th	9.00am	Mass

Share the dignity

Access to period products is a right, not a privilege. But 1 in 5 Australians have been unable to afford period products at some point in their life. That's why we're collecting period products to help those in need this month, as part of @sharethedignityaustralia's #DignityDrive. We accept all products in original packaging, including pads, tampons, maternity pads, period undies, menstrual cups and incontinence products. **There will be a box at the rear of the church for collections during the month of August.**



WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF PERIOD PRODUCTS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

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Give the Gift of Faith. Your generosity towards Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.



Stewardship
a way of life

Validate someone today!

See page three for more details!

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Safeguarding Survey

These short online surveys aim to help gather feedback from children, parish congregations/communities and workers about our approach to safeguarding. They also form part of our commitment to achieving compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

There are two short online surveys, one for children 5-12 years of age and another for adults. All responses are completely anonymous and the parish will not be identified. Each survey should take less than 1 minute and can be completed on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Kids)

Click on this link [Child Safeguarding Survey](#) to take the short (8 questions) survey or scan the below QR code.



Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults)

Click on this link [Parish Safeguarding Survey](#) to take the short (10 questions) survey or scan the below QR code.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

to be celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

Saturday 24th September 2022

11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 21st September
email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030

The Cathedral car park will be available.



2022 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

Catholic Leadership Intensive

Below is this week's question:

What is a significant change you'd like to see in your parish or community, and how would you go about leading that change?

Pope Francis dream for Parishes: They are mission-oriented, inclusive and open, offer friendship with Jesus, are flexible, reflect the mission creativity of the pastor and community, promote dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration, and are environments of living communion and participation. Particularly evocative of parish sustainability is the phrase 'continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters."'



Validations from the church bowl...

Sacristan (Blanca) who ably and reverently prepare the Altar for our Eucharistic Celebration. Our weekday Sacristan (Blanca) who also prepares the Altar ably and reverently and also irons all the hangings as Church seasons change.

Dianne Hoiberg who is available to collect goods for our St Vincent de Paul who can then help many needy families during the week. Its very much appreciated.

Gary McLean is doing a great job with the Men's Group.

Peter Robertson for taking ownership in organising gifts for Fr tom and Ian Elmer.

Fr Denis for great work in our parish community, welcome back!

Tony Davis—quiet and unassuming, confident, sees a need and does something about it (Sounds similar to our St Mary MacKillop).

Emily Jackson for her work in being a role model for our children through Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Len Cavanagh for sharing his time and talents. His commitment to his chosen ministry is outstanding.

Thank you to those who accepted the challenge! Let's keep this going. I'd love to make this a regular feature in our newsletter. So much good in our parish. Let's celebrate it!

Tennis Courts for Hire with Lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



The Australian Blanket Exercise

(I have done this exercise — it is very powerful and thought-provoking!! - Denis)



Walk in the footsteps of Australian First Nations Peoples through storytelling and immersion facilitated by Thelma Parker, Alfredo Barahona and Connor Sarazin.

Details:

Time: 11am to 1pm

Date: 6th October

Location: John Paul II Building, ACU Banyo (1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo)

Cost: \$50pp

Find out more and register your parish group here: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22_BE

A Morning's Prayer

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours?

Evangelisation Brisbane are hosting another 'A Morning's Prayer'

mini retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in September.

It's about providing the space for a profound engagement with the God who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are.

The retreat will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from

the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome.

Find out more and register here: <https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>



BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?

There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>

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Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540

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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:

Jeremy Willson, Timothy Willson, Marion O'Shea, John Mahony, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Trevor Cavanagh, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle,

We pray for those recently deceased:

Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts,

And those whose anniversaries occur

at this time: Francis Savellon, John & Bridget Coyle, Jane Flaherty, Family and friends of Norman (dec'd) and Tess Hall, 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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For however you choose to say goodbye.

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monthly
publication
available from
the first
weekend of the
month.

The August
edition will be
available this
weekend!

\$4 each

THE
CATHOLIC
LEADER

Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting
Meet anytime

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