



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 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 29th/30th Oct, 2022

Reconnecting our parish

Following the Leadership Intensive course the parishioners who attended have already met to plan how they might support and strengthen our parish. We wish to capitalise on this energy and enthusiasm. Our NCLS data shows that we are a highly relational parish but that connection with parish has declined by 50% since



the onset of Covid. This project is aimed at reconnecting with those parishioners who have not returned to Sunday worship following Covid as well as reconnecting more broadly within the community. This project will reach out to existing parishioners to re-engage them with Church, initially with Christmas and Easter campaigns, followed by some locally provided opportunities for personal spiritual development.



For those interested in participating in the mail drop, please add your details to the sign on sheet at the rear of the church this weekend.



Month of Remembrance is coming up in November. The parish has a remembrance book which is placed in the chapel area for the month of November. If you would like a loved one to be added to this book before November, please let me know next week with their date of death and full name. Debra

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'"

LUKE 19:8



Stewardship
a way of life

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

ALL SAINTS

Ideas for Kids



Throughout history, there have been many heroes of our faith – we call them Saints! They were human beings of all ages, not unlike us, who said 'yes' to following Jesus and shared God's love with others in amazing ways.

In a particular way, the Church remembers this 'great cloud of witnesses' and calls on their intercession when we celebrate the **Feast of All Saints!** They are like a heavenly cheer squad, praying for us and encouraging us to follow Jesus in all we do.

To help include the children in our parish or family in the celebration of the Feast of All Saints, some resources have been created that you might like to use, to pray with the saints and get to know them better!



Download Free Resources Here

To unpack these ideas, watch the video link.

Narooma/Cobargo Update



"Michael and I are currently visiting Narooma and Cobargo and have been overwhelmed by the words and gestures of the members of the Narooma Vinnies and the parishioners of Cobargo Parish. Many stories were shared about the significance of our Parish donation of \$20,000 after their horrendous bushfires.

We were taken to dinner by Narooma Vinnies and heard about some of the specific people whose lives were impacted by your generosity. Then we attended Mass with Father Joseph Tran at Cobargo and heard very personal stories of what our Parish donation meant to those present. They were especially moved by the letters from the school children of Queen of Apostles, which will be included in the Museum to be built soon.

We were given gifts by the Parish during Mass including a wonderful painting by Father Joseph appropriately called "Walking Together" which will be shared with you along with more touching stories when we get home.

If you donated to this appeal, please understand that your donation changed lives. As Father Joseph said: "We have you all in our hearts". Alison Golden.

This is our last weekend with Fr

Tom. Please extend a big thank you to Fr Tom for the way in which he has pastored to the parish this month. He fits in here like it's a second home. Until next time you are in our neighbourhood. Thank you



The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

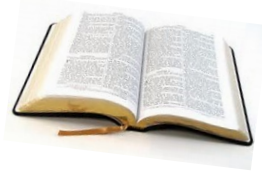
(Year C)

1st Reading: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

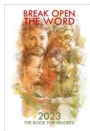
[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 31st Oct		
Tues 1st	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 2nd		
Thurs 3rd	8.30am	Mass
Fri 4th	9.00am	No Mass today—School liturgy to celebrate feast day.
	6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Sat 5th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 6th	9.00am	Mass

BREAK OPEN THE WORD contains readings and psalms for each Sunday with NEW commentary providing fresh and insightful background to the text and assistance on how to read it, along with a section entitled "The Ministry of Reader". The popular pronunciation guide is also included. Break Open the Word is a vital publication for readers. They are still \$24 per book.



Orders for BOTW can be placed by phone or email to the parish office. I will then send a payment link for all orders. Please place your order with me **before 1st November** to allow time for the books to be delivered in good time for Year A to begin (27th November). Thanks, Debra

Christmas is coming and so is Advent!

While some of us are dusting off the tree and gathering ingredients to make the Christmas pudding—Catholics prepare during Advent with prayer and reflection for the much anticipated season of Christmas. Heart of the Disciple is a new 28-day reflection resource for Advent or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust him to lead us forward.



Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer. Heart of the Disciple is just \$5 each. Get a group of friends together or use it in your daily prayer routine this Advent. **I will be placing an order on 7th November** to have the books here before Advent begins on 27th November. Contact me to place an order by phone or email or just pop in to the office. Debra To view a sample or find out more, visit our website [here](#).

FEATURED ARTICLE

2023 ACRATH CALENDAR



The Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) 2023 calendar is now available for purchase. Funds raised help to eliminate human trafficking and the harm associated. Here are some links for further information, <https://acrath.org.au> and [ACRATH TAKES ACTION - YouTube](#). At just \$10, the calendar is not only a tool for organising a busy life.....

These calendars are a wonderful marketing and conversation tool that can be used to inform a cold audience around: • who ACRATH is, • what yearly projects and advocacy work ACRATH are working on, • highlighting some of the wonderful ACRATH people and programs, • fundraising and donations information and links, • important dates to observe, • education on modern slavery in Australia and worldwide, and • above all, to support ACRATH's vision of a world free of human trafficking. It makes a good calendar too.

The calendar will be on sale after Mass 5/6 November.

Christmas Cards This year I got in early and have ordered and received packets of Christian Christmas Cards from Christian Supplies. They will be available for sale from the parish office during the week and I will make arrangements for some to be sold after Mass during November if the need is there. If you'd like to reserve cards, please give me a call during the week and I'll put some aside for you. They are \$3 for a pack of 8 cards. Debra



Confirmation photos have arrived in the parish office this week. They can be collected from Mary's room this weekend or from the parish office during the week.



HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS

Are there patterns of sin and/or trauma in your family tree? Bring your family tree Genogram to the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist at the **Healing of the Family Tree Mass to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon, on Friday, 4th November, 2022 at 7.30pm.** Fr. Neville Yun will be the principal celebrant. Preparation information for the Mass and a Genogram are available on the CCR Brisbane website under "Resources" www.ccrbrisbane.org.au This information will also be available at the Church on the night. The Genogram will be presented as part of the Offertory during Mass. Arrive at the Church early. For more details, contact Len on lenpatairey@gmail.com or by mobile 0421 977 849. (Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Bardon.)

Dwelling in His Presence

The Lord is calling us to come deeper into His presence, to surrender, to sit at His feet and abide in Him.

'But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42

That is the presence of God and it will not be taken away from you.

Seek the presence of God.

TALKS BY
STEFFANIE LE &
FR LAM VU

AWAKEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST

5TH NOVEMBER 2022

6.00PM

Our Lady of Fatima Church

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Acacia Ridge

admin@awaken.org.au

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or

0488 220 606

[HTTPS://AWAKEN_TOGETHER_IN_CHRIST.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/](https://awaken_together_in_christ.eventbrite.com.au/)

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

7:30pm Saturday 26 November 2022

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s - 1970s (ask your parents/grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good of fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD PEOPLE +
FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT

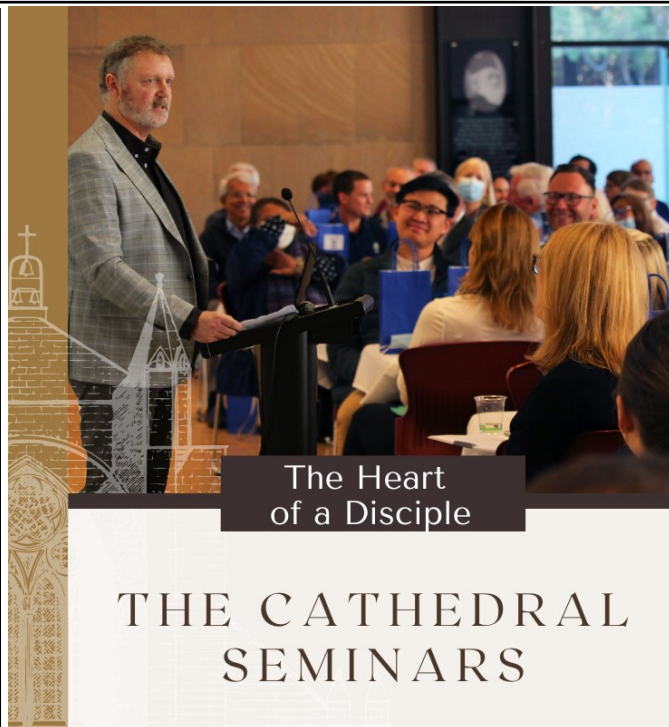


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Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the
office Monday to Thursday



The Heart
of a Disciple

THE CATHEDRAL SEMINARS

Registrations for *The Cathedral Seminars: The Heart of a Disciple* are now open. Have you considered coming along with your Catholic friends for some personal faith formation?

The Cathedral Seminars with Shane Dwyer will help you grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience.

Join us for this fourth seminar where we explore what it means to have a heart of a disciple as we await the coming of Christ throughout the period of Advent.

Time: 6.30am arrival for a 7pm start - 8:30pm

Date: Thursday 24 November 2022

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (**196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City**)

Cost: \$10pp in-person or recording

If you're unavailable on the night but would like to still hear the content that is covered, you can purchase an online ticket (via the button above) for a recording of the seminar.

Register now

We pray that in some small way *The Cathedral Seminars* will contribute to your ongoing journey of faith.

Is God's will in your Will? Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.



Churchbox Rosters - As the silly season approaches and our calendars get busy, please remember to adjust your availability before the roster is done. Much appreciated! Debra

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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:

Cath Taylor, Kathleen Hicks and family, Arthur (9 years young), Sr Joan Murphy, Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, Gerard McGrory, Carolyn Bohl, Rachel McGurk, Jeremy Willson, Timothy Willson, Marion O'Shea, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Trevor Cavanagh, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh,


We pray for those recently deceased:

Fr Michael McVerry sm, Betty Bird, Rosemary Reeves, Eduardo Bernedo, Jacinto Gloria, Antonio Bonomo, Elizabeth Windsor, Veronica Strong, Barbara Jones, Ann Mellick, Val Moorhead, Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Collette Horn, Francesca & Domenico Antonaglia, Angelo Di Mauro, 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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The October edition will be available this weekend!

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