



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 5th/6th Nov, 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.

The month of Remembrance

November is traditionally the month in which we remember and pray for those family members and friends who have passed away. We are aware that over the past 2 years, due to the Covid pandemic, many of us have lost loved ones and were unable to attend their funeral services due to lockdowns limiting numbers of mourners and making overseas travel impossible. On the weekend of 19/20 November we plan to celebrate a **Mass of Remembrance** to provide an opportunity for us to come together as a community to remember our loved ones and farewell them. If you are aware of anyone who has lost a family member, please make them aware of this invitation to join us in remembering.

We have a **Remembrance Book** placed in the chapel area for this month. If you would like a loved one to be added to this book, please contact us at the office and, it will be included in the book sometime this month or for next year.



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 parish-

ioners 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.

Practice of the Better (From the Centre for Action and Contemplation):

- Francis of Assisi is the inspiration for this core principle of the CAC: The best criticism of the bad is the practice of the better. — Richard Rohr
- There is nothing to be against. Just keep concentrating on the Big Thing you are for! —Richard Rohr
- "Resurrected" people are the ones who have found a better way by prayerfully bearing witness against injustice and evil—while also agreeing compassionately to hold their own complicity in that same evil. —Richard Rohr
- The whole of Jesus' ministry was to establish a community so convinced of their Belovedness to God that they proclaim the Belovedness of others. Belovedness is a massive act of owning and accepting your humanness as a gift from a God who deeply loves you. —Osheta Moore
- Initially, it seemed a bit ridiculous to me to think that by starting a small community, we could somehow change the world, but now, it seems more ridiculous to me to think that somehow the world will change if we don't do something. —Becca Stevens
- What if all of Creation is the most palpable expression of our Creator's generosity, sense of wonder, and commitment to diversity? What happens if we begin to include the fungi, the flowers, the fritillary butterflies, and the flocks of wild geese as our neighbors, our family, and our Creator's expressive face? — Gary Paul Nabhan

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

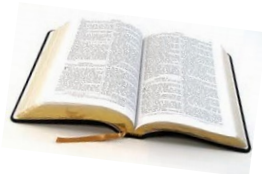
(Year C) (Our Parish Feast Day!!)

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 7th Nov	8.30am	Mass
Tues 8th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 9th		
Thurs 10th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 11th	9.00am 12.00pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat 12th	5.00pm	Mass and supper
Sun 13th	9.00am	Mass and cuppa

Anna's Group has been put in place for widowed women in our parish. Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 11th November** at **The Coffee Club**, Flockton Village, Everton Park for lunch and be a support for each other. Phone Dianne for further information 0407616637. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!



Latte Ladies meet on the second Thursday morning of each month at 9:45am at **Mocha Bella**, North-west Plaza, Flockton St Everton Pk. They will meet again on **10th November**. All welcome

Prayer and Pizza

Sunday 20 November 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Please join us in this opportunity to prepare for the Christmas season. This session will be facilitated by Evangelization Brisbane and will offer the opportunity to spend some quiet time in reflection and prayer before the hustle and bustle of Christmas. For catering purposes we ask you to register through Eventbrite using the link below or the QR code. <https://bit.ly/3sV81tY>



Advent Program 2022! The Brisbane Archdiocese Advent program has sold out! I will be purchasing the next best thing—through the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. **Incarnate** is a 86-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November 2022) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2023). It is the same price (\$5), so I will place an order for those already on my list and a few extras too.



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 which is THIS WEEKEND!!

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 (**Note Office Hours on back page**) 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



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

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.
PLEASE NOTE: Office Hours on the Back page.

Milk bottle tops

Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept milk bottle tops for recycling as our contact is no longer processing them. Our current advice is to place the lid back on the bottle before placing it in your recycling at home. We will reinstate our recycling effort when we source a new collection point. Stay tuned!

Catholic Leadership Intensive Celebrations

Last Saturday evening Evangelisation Brisbane held a Mass and celebration for all those who completed the Catholic Leadership Intensive, including the six representatives from our own Parish. Held at St Stephen's Cathedral, Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the celebrant and during the Mass he commissioned all those who participated in the CLI as leaders in their Parishes and communities. Not all of our participants were able to be present on the night, but those who were and their guests had a most enjoyable experience.

We would encourage anyone wanting to enrol in this ten week course in 2023, to contact our Parish Missional Council on ppc.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au. Those members of our community who attended this year found it valuable, both personally and in their roles in whatever communities they minister and work.

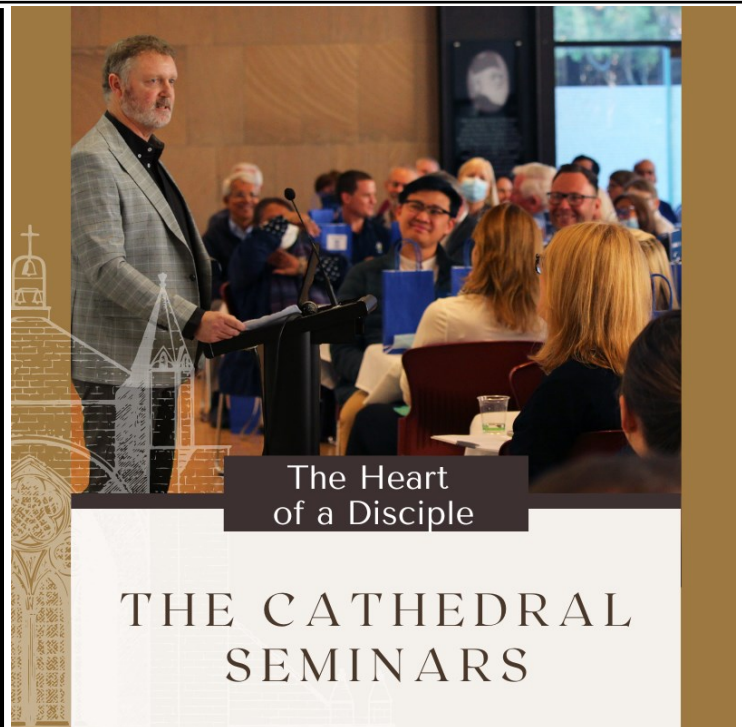


From left to right Helen, Rosemary, Maria, Allan, Debra, Esther and Wesley



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.



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.

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

Register now

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."2

Thessalonians 2:16-17



There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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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:

Tina Watson, 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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