



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 12th/13th Nov, 2022

So Long, Farewell to Debra who finishes her time of serving us in her role as Parish Secretary today (Thursday).

Of course, as many of you know, Debra has been more than a "Secretary". She has been a generous "listening ear" to those who come to the counter. She has been a "helping hand" for groups needing secretarial support, advice on the arrangements of plants etc in our Contemplative Garden, painting the parish office. She has been the "WHS" person ensuring that all contractors are up to date and keep themselves and others safe. She has been the support for Helen Royan our Safeguarding officer in keeping records up to date, reminding people if they haven't completed their Blue Card, Police Check etc applications. She has been the friendly voice on the

phone helping out, being patient and providing guidance. She has promoted various resources advertised e.g. Advent Literature and programmes, so that we all can foster our faith in these important times. She has provided support and welcome to our Residents in the

Convent. She has been a friend to Mark our groundsman and myself. She has helped get our finances in order, kept the Tennis Court bookings organised, paid the bills, got "deals" for needed resources. Over Covid, she has risen to the challenge of learning new software and diligently organised and printed the dreaded "tickets" we all needed. She has shown extraordinary patience when, someone needs her help and her desk is covered with things "to do". Her gifts of efficiency, integrity, organisation, bookkeeping, compassion, diligence and friendship—she has willingly shared with us all.

THANK YOU DEBRA for all the above and more. May your time in Banyo/Nundah parishes be fulfilling and know that we have really appreciated your time with us setting us up well for whatever the future sends us. - Denis (on behalf of everyone!)

Thank
you

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. NEXT weekend (19/20 November) we will 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.



Prayer and Pizza NEXT SUNDAY

(20th) For catering purposes: please register through Eventbrite using this QR or online using this link <https://bit.ly/3sV81tY>
Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm



An opportunity to prepare for the Christmas season. It'll be an opportunity to spend some quiet time in reflection and prayer before the hustle and bustle of Christmas - **facilitated by Evangelization Brisbane.**

Feast of Christ the King (last Sunday of Year C)

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43:19

[Daily Mass Readings](#)



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 14th Nov	8.30am	Mass
Tues 15th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 16th		
Thurs 17th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 18th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's Group
Sat 19th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 20th	9.00am	Mass

Congratulations to **MABEL PARKER** who, at last Sunday's 9.00am Mass was fully initiated into the Church through celebrating her first Communion! We the church thank her parents, Jules and Christ for their example and commitment to Mabel's faith.

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!

Christmas Cards (\$3 per pack of 8) will be available for sale from the parish office during the week (**Note Office Hours on back page**) (some available after Mass during November). If you'd like to reserve cards, please call the office (and leave a message) they will be put aside for you.

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** and put in your recycling bin.

Advent Program 2022! The Brisbane Archdiocese Advent program has sold out! However we're getting another resource, "**Incarnate**" containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 Jan). Still \$5. I will place an order for those already on my list and a few extras too.

Our Parish Community—Our Spiritual

Home: (Here's what one of our parishioners feel about our Community—very appropriate for our feast day!):



Our family came to Stafford Parish from Townsville, in the latter part of 1998. One of our daughters was gravely ill, requiring ongoing treatment at the Brisbane Children's Hospital. Our transfer to Brisbane was swift and had the potential to be most unsettling

for our three children aged at that time, three, five and 7 years. We placed our concerns in God's hands and set about finding a school and new parish. After having secured a place in the Queen of Apostles Primary School for our daughter, I went on to the Parish Office to introduce myself and enquire about the sacramental program. The welcoming reception and gentle listening ears of empathy offered by Rosemary Haydock, was the answer to our prayers. The Parish Vision "*To follow the example of Jesus, by serving others*" was absolutely apparent on that very first day! Christ

uses us as His vessel, in that critical moment, I felt His warm embrace. We are so grateful to be part of this community and to call it our 'spiritual home'.
Louise Scott.



Care for Creation

Does this look interesting? Join us on Saturday 3rd December 9.30am-12.00 noon and learn how you can **make your Christmas gifting an 'eco-friendly' affair**.

Environmentally friendly gifts give double the joy as they help to lower our carbon footprint by reducing waste and plastic pollution. This is **a hands-on workshop that would interest grandparents, parents and children**.

Registration forms are at the back of the church or simply contact the Parish Office.



The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group

meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 18th November** at Café 63, **Stafford City** at 10.30am. All Welcome.

Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.



My Parish History: (Fay Robertson)

I moved to Stafford on the 8th January 1958, and I have been a parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Apostles since that time. In the early days I enjoyed working in the school tuckshop and I have been a member of the School Committee. I have been a member of the Parish Council three times and an inaugural member of the Finance Committee. I was a member of the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and was editor and printer of CONNECT, and have made palm crosses for Palm Sunday for many years I have also worked in the Parish Office. It has been a pleasure to be able to help by sewing altar cloths, corporals, purifiers and drapes. It is not well known but I am author of the 50th Anniversary book of our parish. I am honoured to be rostered as Communion Minister on Sundays and week-days and Co-ordinator of weekday Masses and Sunday Masses. I have taken Communion to the sick and helped cook for families when a member is in hospital or sick and unable to cope.

I have been very blessed to be a member of this wonderful parish and I hope to be able to continue living here for the rest of my life. 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.

Do you remember the great campaign we were a part of as members of the Qld Community Alliance??

Finally—here's the result of our work to build a fairer society — Winning on cheaper parking

This week we had the great news of the car park at **The Prince Charles Hospital moved from private to public operation**, when the private lease expired. True to the announcement by Steven Miles MP as Health Minister four years ago, the **cost of parking has been immediately halved** (or more). For example a 3 hour visit will cost \$7 instead of \$20!



This is **directly due to our Alliance** organising in Stafford and Chermside.

Until we got organised the carpark was set for a new private lease for multiple decades despite huge pressures on families that simply wanted to visit a loved one.

Together we won subsidised concession fares, transfer to public ownership at the end of lease, and a new car park to be built that will be publicly owned and managed.

Congratulations to our committed and persistent Stafford team of leaders. They are too many to



name individually, but they have come together from **Together Union, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Parish, St Clement's Anglican Parish, St Paul's Uniting Church, Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union, United Workers Union.**

Yours in Community,

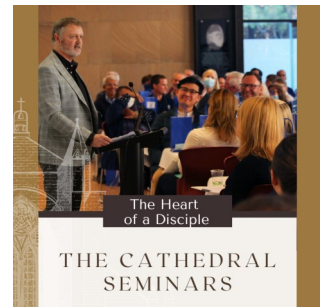
Devett Kennedy

<http://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/>

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.

"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.

Register now

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Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal will be launched this weekend. Please take a wish gift card from the rear of the church as inspiration and a reminder for your weekly shop to pop that extra item in your trolley. All donations need to be received by 10th December to allow time to sort and pack the hampers. Vinnies give generously to many families in need in our area. This is a wonderful way to live out our Parish mission statement, 'to follow the example of Jesus by serving others'.



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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:

Wilson Villaflutete, 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:

Bill Cox, 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:

Norman Hall, Dawn Shuttleton, Collette Horn, Francesca & Domenico Antonaglia, and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



The Last Word

This is my last week in the office at Stafford Parish. I have loved working and serving the community here. I have met so many wonderful people. It is a very special place, you are blessed to be part of a beautiful, caring community filled with love and friendship.

During my time here I have had the honour of being the first port of call when there has been illness or a death in the family. I've shared brighter times when a new baby has arrived in the family. I've heard of the visits to family members in far lands. Sometimes, the leave to visit family wasn't 'approved' by me! Thank you to all those that help me in my role in the office.

I'd love to mention all those who have touched my heart, but I don't the space and it will make me cry. I would like to acknowledge Rosemary Haydock. She was so gracious in her lead up to retirement. She accepted the many changes I made, while we worked together with a smile and a nod.

Fr Denis and I have had a unique relationship here. I have been accused of sounding like his mother. I consider that a compliment. He doesn't do pretty. However, the office does look a bit different to the day of my interview here. A big thank you to Mark and Kerry for always entertaining my ideas and often seeing them over the line.

Thank you all for your kindness, good wishes and gifts, Debra

Live Stream Mass via

Zoom Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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The November edition will be available this weekend!

