



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."

Feast of Christ the King - (the Last Sunday of Year C) 19th/20th Nov, 2022

WELCOME to our new Parish Secretary!!

Tisha King started work with us last Monday. She belongs to the St James Parish in Coorparoo. Tisha is transitioning from her previous role in New Farm and probably will not be able to begin her full hours of employment with us until January. The rest of November and December will be an opportunity for her to familiarise herself with the processes and people of Stafford.

I'm sure you will all make her very welcome.

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!

WHY is it so important that we not only

Reconnect

but be a community (common-union) with one another as Christians??

Our FAITH depends on it!!! Read the evidence that proves it: (From the NCLS survey that a wide cross section of congregations (Catholic and other) completed late 2021, early 2022: "Given the complexities of gathering together during COVID-19, the move to online services or very small groups, and in many cases, no in-person face to face worship gatherings, it appeared that this would be a **difficult season for the local church**. Was it able to provide sustained nurture of faith?

In the 2021 NCLS, we asked church attenders **whether or not, and to what extent, they believe they had grown in faith through their local church, in the past year**. The results showed a drop to 25% in the 2021 survey, down from 33% in

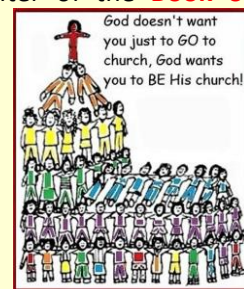


the 2016 survey. We believe we can attribute this to the pandemic and lockdowns keeping us separated.

"We can surmise that growth in faith happens when we are in community," said NCLS Director, Dr Ruth Powell. "We can tell this even though this question was not asked explicitly. **The number of people who said 'my church nurtured my faith' went down, and that was due to the fact we were not meeting together.**" ... The writer of the **Book of Hebrews** exhorted believers

"never to give up meeting together".

Since biblical times, Christians have regularly gathered together for worship, prayer, the sacraments, and the teaching of the Word. The COVID-19 period of enforced separation from other believers shows that these instructions are given for practical reasons: **we do better together, and better together in person."**



Children's Liturgy

of the Word: Speaking of Faith and

the need for Community (see above), we

need at least **two more volunteers** to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word. You may be rostered once a month and training is provided. It's a great way for yourself and the children to grow in appreciation of Scripture.

See Denis or Gina Antonaglia or ring the office **if you are interested** or have questions.



Care for Creation



Planning your Christmas shopping? Take a look at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre gift line [ASRC Shop | Asylum Seeker Resource Centre](#). Mary and Joseph experienced the need to seek asylum soon after the birth of their precious Son, our Saviour. Perhaps in this time of giving, you might share the benefit of your gifting dollars by purchasing from the ASRC on-line shop? The products are ethically sourced and the funds support those who are most vulnerable, to find security and to live a dignified life in Australia.

First Sunday of Advent (First Sunday of Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 21 st Nov	8.30am	Mass
Tues 22 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 23 rd		
Thurs 24 th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 25 th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's Group
Sat 26 th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 27 th	9.00am	Mass

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

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 Coordinator 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.

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 **ARE** available after Mass today).

Advent Program 2022! For those who ordered, we are still waiting for the books' delivery.

Vinnies Christmas Fund Raising and Hamper Appeal starts next 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. This year our local Vinnies helped over 500 families (including over 800 children) in need in our area. Our parish community, through our local Vinnies helped people with food, clothing, rental assistance, books and uniforms for schools etc to the value of over \$50000.00. This is a wonderful way to live out our Parish mission statement, 'to follow the example of Jesus by serving others'. **Collect an envelope** from the back of the church and give a (tax-deductible) donation.



THANK YOU

for your prayers and the beautiful flowers.
I'm so grateful to have kind people
around me.

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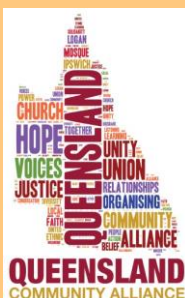
Do you remember the great campaign we were a part of as members of the Qld Community Alliance?? Finally—here's the result of our work to build a fairer society — Winning on cheaper parking

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/>



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LAUNCH
EVENT

Engaging the baptised in a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Invites you to the launch of the
Archdiocesan Centre for Catholics Formation
24 November, Thursday. 10-11.30am
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
Register: TINYURI.COM/ACFCLAUNCH



Refugee Sponsorship Initiative Information Night

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Refugee Sponsorship Initiative invites you to the 2022 Information Night for dinner, conversation and to hear from guest speaker, CRSA, Community Engagement Manager, Blaise Itabelo.

Time: 6-8:30pm. Date: Wednesday 30th November 2022

Location: Hanly Room, Cathedral Precinct Cost: free R

SVP: Friday 25 November

Register here: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/rsi_info22

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS



Our stamp man is back on the job again and he'd like to thank those people who have been saving stamps for us this year. We know that stamps are harder to come by now, but if you or someone you know works in an office or department that receives larger volumes of mail, perhaps you could organise saving these stamps for us. We just received some excellent ones from a local Medical Centre. All stamps are welcome, especially undamaged recent ones - used or unused, Australian or Overseas. They can be left in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you and God bless !



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.



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APLE: Leonie McCormack

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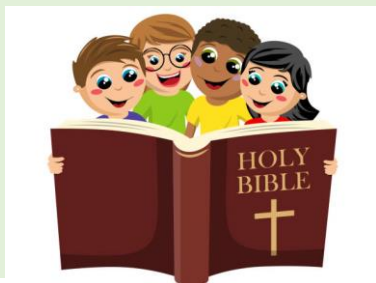
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BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month

(**except** during Lent and OCTOBER).

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**

please contact the Parish Office.



Question: How many total words are there in the Bible?

In terms of the English Bible, this varies from translation to translation. The range is from just over 715,000 words to almost 785,000 words. This doesn't mean things have been left out or added.

It just means that some translations are more wordy than others in rendering the meaning of the Hebrew and Greek originals. As for the number of letter characters, the total count in the KJV is a staggering 3,116,480. That count would also vary from translation to translation.

Question: How long did it take for the Bible to be written?

Scholars say about 1,500 years went by from the time the first Bible book was written until the last one was completed.

Question: How many different authors were involved in writing the Bible?

ANointing OF THE SICK IF you are going to the 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**



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 and 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, brothers and sisters in Christ and those who have passed on because of their faith.



Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

<https://zoom.us/j/93315882077?pwd=Vko3TIQ0TnFUUHRva2xnRTlmY2tWUT09>

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