



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."

First Sunday of Advent 26th / 27th November, 2022



JESSE TREE

This Advent we trace not just the lineage of Jesus but also the prophecy fulfilled and the Good News of His coming. We make connections between the Old and New Testaments to see God's perfect plan to bring all people back to Himself through Jesus. This week our symbols are

God	Creation	Gen 1:1 -2:3	The Earth
Adam & Eve	The First Sin	Gen 2:4 - 3:24	Apple
Noah	The Flood	Gen 6:11 - 22, 7:17-8:12, 20-9:17	Rainbow
Abraham	The Promise	Gen 12:1-7, 15:1-6	Field of Stars
Isaac	Offering of Isaac	Gen 22:1 - 19	Ram
Jacob	Assurance	Gen 27:41 - 28:22	Ladder

"CAROLS PRACTICES"

after 9am Sunday Mass, 11th Dec
after 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 17th Dec

"We invite all parishioners to join our musicians for approximately 30 minutes of Christmas Carols before all of our Christmas Masses (5pm and 8pm Christmas Eve, and 8am Christmas Day), and at one of 2 carols practices (approx 45 minutes), after the 9am Mass on Sunday, 11 December, and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 17 December, at the Church. There will be well known carols as well as a couple that may not be so well known. No special skills are needed, just willingness to be part of our community singing together. We encourage and welcome as many as possible to join in these Parish activities."

Michael Coe and Nic Forster
(for the Parish Missionary Council)



First Sunday of Advent

All-powerful God,
increase our strength
of will for doing good that
Christ may find an eager
welcome at his coming and call us to
his side in the kingdom of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit one God,
forever and ever.
Amen.



Latté Ladies Christmas Lunch

11:30, Thursday, 8th December
Stafford Tavern, Webster Rd
Stafford

Enquiries - Truci Dove
0403726584 before Mon, 5th Dec.



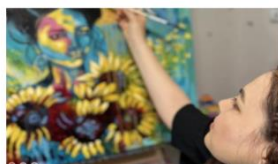
MEN'S MORNING TEA (LUNCH)



This year like others has flown by and the Christmas countdown has truly started. Our next meeting will be **Fri 9th Dec - midday** (a week earlier than normal) so not to clash with other Festivities. **RSVP to Gary Mon, 5th Dec.** We will finish our Year with a celebration lunch at the Stafford Tavern. We might even add a bit of local talent to entertain us, but it was a great gathering last year and will be again this year. You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates (Catholic or not). Stay well see you all soon. Don't forget to RSVP please! (Gary - 0408 711 496)



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.

DAILY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

Responsorial Psalm: 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 28 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 29 th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 30 th		
Thurs 1 st Dec	8.30am	Mass
Fri 2 nd	9.00am	Mass
Sat 3 rd	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 4 th	9.00am	Mass
Tue 13 th	6.30pm	Second Rite of Reconciliation



TENNIS ANYONE?????

We have some groups (**Sundays 7.30pm**) looking for more players **or** if you are wanting to form a group please send an email to the parish office. Thanks. ☺



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Speaking of Faith and the need for Community, 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.

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!

Advent Program 2022! For those who ordered, books are ready for pick up before Mass or in the office.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS are now available for sale (\$10)



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The Canali Program is the official discernment program run by the Brisbane Archdiocese Vocations office to help men discern with a 'real world' encounter of ordained ministry.

It includes becoming an active lay minister in a local parish community, prayer and the sacraments.

Actively discern today by visiting

www.vocationbrisbane.com/canali

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.



Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at:

www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

Roll up your sleeves, make a difference overseas

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.



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.



Christmas Mass Times

24th December (Christmas Eve): 5.00pm and 8.00pm

25th December (Christmas Day): 8.00am

26th (Monday), 27th (Tuesday), 28th (Wednesday)
- No Mass or other Liturgy

New Year's Weekend - 31st December:

5.00pm - Vigil Mass for the
Feast of the "Mary, Mother of God"
and New Year's Eve

9.00am 1st January - New Year's Day

2nd January (Monday) onwards: Mass and Liturgy Times will
return to normal



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!



2022 ANNUAL
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THANK YOU, Stafford Parishioners

for all you do to support those in need in our local communities.

This year, your parish raised \$3,300.20 to support the Campaign – a tremendous contribution, received with absolute gratitude for your kindness and care.

Archbishop Mark recorded this special thank you to you, our parishes and communities who support the campaign.

Please take a minute to watch it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su-thwspRHQ>

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



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.

NEXT WEEKEND



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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.



The Meanest Mother in the World

We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things, other kids did. Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore. **Source unknown**

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:

Graham (Macca) McLean. 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 and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

<https://zoom.us/j/9331588207>

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