



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."

Second Sunday of Advent 3rd / 4th December 2022



JESSE TREE

We continue our journey
to Christmas as we remember

Joseph	God's Providence	Gen 37, 39:1 - 50:21	Coat
Moses	God's Leadership	Exod 2:1 - 4:20	Burning Bush
Israelites	Passover	Exod 12:21-27	Cup
Israelites	Exodus	Exod 16:4; 14-15; 31	Manna
God	Giving of the Torah at Sinai	Exod 19:1 - 20:20	Tablets of the Torah
Joshua	The Fall of Jericho	Josh 1:11, 6:1 - 20	Ram's Horn Trumpet

Second Sunday of Advent



Make his path straight.

"Oh God of Hope, give us endurance, encouragement, joy and peace. Move us to repentance, change our hearts with your eternal Word, and dwell with us forever; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen"

Latté Ladies Christmas Lunch

11:30, Thursday, 8th December

Stafford Tavern, Webster Rd
Stafford

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



"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)*



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)



New Parishioners are invited to collect a **"Welcome Pack"** in the holders at the doorway of the church. It contains an invitation to complete a census form (see below) so that we can get to know you. You are all invited to share with all the other parishioners in paying for the expenses of the parish by joining our Thanksgiving Programme (this, liturgically, is symbolised by the Bread and Wine brought forward at the "offertory" or "Preparation of the Gifts" time at Mass). Included in the pack is also information about how we safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

All these forms can be found on our website by clicking on the appropriate links indicated below. Should you wish your new home (if you've moved into our area) to be blessed, please see Fr Denis or contact the office to arrange a suitable time. If we can do anything else for you, please don't hesitate to ask. Otherwise, a parishioner will make contact to discuss with you what the Parish has to offer and to ascertain any specific needs you may have.

USEFUL LINKS

- [Welcome from our Parish Priest, Fr Denis Scanlan](#)
- [Parish Census Card for Download & Completion](#)
- [Thanksgiving Programme Information](#)

NEXT SUNDAY's MASS READINGS



First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
God himself will come and save us.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:6-10
"Lord, come and save us."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10
You also must be patient; do not lose heart,
the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11
Are you the one who is to come
or must we wait for someone else?

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 5th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 6th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 7th		
Thurs 8th	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Latté Ladies Christmas Lunch
Fri 9th	9.00am 12.00nn	Mass Men's Morning Tea (LUNCH)
Sat 10th	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 11th	9.00am	Mass Christmas Carols Practise

Our ADVENT preparation for CHRISTMAS

Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy?

On **Tuesday 13th December, 6.00pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance. **How to do that??** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on "why do I do these things") and write them and your answer down on a piece of paper BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

"... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us....But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. –

Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:5, 8

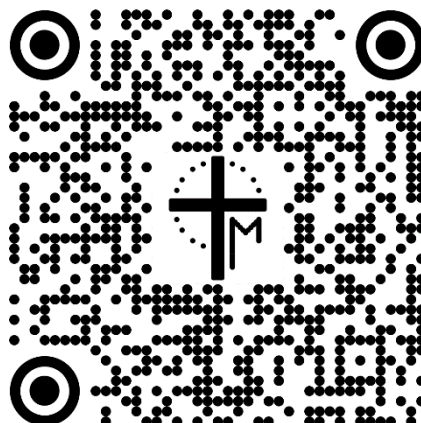
Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners! (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)

We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good. -- St. Francis of Assisi

Whoever is willing to serenely bear the trial of being displeasing to herself, that person is a pleasant place of shelter for Jesus. St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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Queen of Apostles
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Graduation
Blessings
to
Class 2022
of
Our Lady,
Queen of Apostles



*This is the day which the
LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

*Have a Great Holiday to all students and
staff in our parish school and to all in
education and learning.
Enjoy your break!*

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!



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. ☺



Christmas Mass Times

13th Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation. 6.00pm

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*



Care for Creation

**A generous parishioner
has sourced some mini, native,
Living Christmas Trees'
for our parish to sell,
with all proceeds going to
St Vincent de Paul.
At just \$5 it could be the perfect gift,
or simply a wonderful way
to 'pay it forward' at Christmas.**

**On Sale at the Eco Friendly
Christmas Workshop and after Mass
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th.**



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.

Second Sunday of Advent

*Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit
will be cut down and thrown into the fire.*

Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

(Accessed on November 24, 2022 from

www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-

"Simbang Gabi"



"Simbang Gabi" is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. It is the spiritual preparation for Christmas, in commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

"Simbang Gabi" originated in the early days of Spanish rule over the Philippines as a practical compromise for farmers, who began work before sunrise to avoid the noonday heat out in the fields. Priests began to say Mass in the early mornings as early as 3.00 which would be followed by a simple breakfast shared amongst the farmers.

MODIFIED SIMBANG GABI

15th (Thursday) to 23rd (Friday) December 2022 here at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Church

6:45pm-Rosary

7:00pm-Carols;

7:30pm-Holy Mass

For further information, please contact:

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Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Missionary Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: **Tisha King**

Office Hours: **Mon, Tues Fri: 9am-3pm**

Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email:

lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services:

07 3324 3752)

STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or

AOB@stopline.com.au

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

School Contacts

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APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

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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.



December 2022 Highlights

Archbishop Coleridge appointed to Caritas Australia board
Brisbane's new deacons ready to serve* Mount Isa priest
promotes early intervention to curb DV scourge* Protest against
NT anti-discrimination bill that could force Catholic schools to
close AND MORE ☺*

This is now a monthly publication available from the first
weekend of each month.

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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 each 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:

Joan Good, Wilson Villafutete, 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

We pray for those recently deceased:

Marion Helen O'Shea, 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 and Don Muir.

*And those whose anniversaries occur at this
time:* Maria & Dominic Pham, Ivy & Nev Taylor, Georgina
& John Bakker and Jack Wilson and all deceased
parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers
and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because
of their faith.

Marion O'Shea's Funeral Prayers

will be celebrated on
Tuesday 6th December at 1pm.



Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the
office Monday, Tuesday & Friday.



Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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

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