



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022**



## JESSE TREE

We continue our journey  
to Christmas as we remember

Ruth	Rescue	Ruth 2:2-3, 8-12; Ruth 4: 13-17	Grain
Jesse	Branches from the tree	Isa 11:1; Jer 23:5	Stump
David	A Shepherd for the People	1 Sam 16:1-23 - 17:58, 2 Sam 5:1-5, 7:1-17	Shepherds Crook
Solomon	The Beginning of the Kingdom	1 Kings 2:45 Isa 9:6-7	Crown
Jonah	Three days	Jon 1:1-6; 11-17	Big Fish
Isaiah	The Call of the Holiness	Isa 1:10-20, 6:1-13, 8:11-9:7	Hot Coal

## "CAROLS PRACTICE"

**after 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 17<sup>th</sup> 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), at the next carols practice (approx 45 minutes) 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)*

## Third Sunday of Advent



Lord God, may we, your people,  
who look forward to the birthday of  
Christ experience the joy of salvation  
and celebrate that feast with love  
and thanksgiving.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## "Calling all Kids!"

We're staging a **Nativity Play!**

If your family is coming to the **5pm mass on Christmas Eve**, we'd love you to participate.  
If you're keen, please stay for a **10 minute practice**  
after mass this weekend on;  
**Saturday 9th, 5pm mass**  
**Sunday 10th, 9am mass**  
Let's make this a very Merry Christmas!"



**Anna's Group** has been put in place for  
widowed women in our parish.

Ladies meet the **second Friday of each month, 12pm**,  
at **Mocca Bella Cafe, Flockton Village, Everton Park**.  
Phone **Dianne** for further information **0407616637**.  
Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!!



**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 7:10-14  
*The virgin will conceive.*

**Responsorial psalm** 23:1-6  
*Let the Lord enter: he is King of glory.*

**Second reading** Romans 1:1-7  
*Jesus Christ, descendant of David, is the Son of God.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 1:18-24  
*Jesus was born of Mary,  
the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*

## What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10am	Mass <b>Josie Barillaro</b>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayers with Communion Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11.30am	<b>Joan Good's Funeral</b> Latté Ladies Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass Christmas Carols Practise

## WHO GIVES A CRAP?

### MISSION

50% of profits are **DONATED** to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime

And with your help, we'll get there.

**Available FOR SALE at the parish office**

**Toilet paper roll: \$2.00**

**Paper Towel: \$3.50**

**Please inquire w Fr Denis if you would like to purchase after mass. Thank you.**



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Office for Safeguarding Services

## THANK YOU to all our PARISH VOLUNTERS ☺

For all other parishioners who wish to volunteer, please send an email to the parish office and we will get back to you regarding the process as required by the Safeguarding office of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. ☺

**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. ☺

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm**, 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)

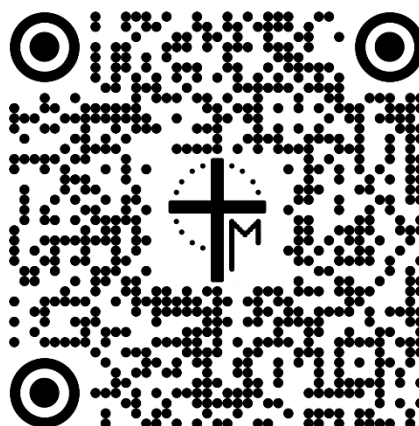
**We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good. -- St. Francis of Assisi**

**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



## QR code linked to our parish

### FB page



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## Christmas Mass Times

13<sup>th</sup> Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation. 6.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve): 5.00pm and 8.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day): 8.00am

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

New Year's Weekend - 31<sup>st</sup> December:

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

9.00am 1<sup>st</sup> January - New Year's Day

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



## "Simbang Gabi"



"Simbang Gabi" is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. It is the spiritual preparation for Christmas, in commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join the Filipino community as they carry on this tradition. ☺

### MODIFIED Schedule

(as Mass is usually celebrated early in the morning)

15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) to 23<sup>rd</sup> (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:

Jima 0432374239

Zara 0487435315



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.

## Third Sunday of Advent 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of the Lord is at hand."**

**JAMES 5:8**

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

(Accessed on November 24, 2022 from

[www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-)



Our Meeting Room was buzzing with energy and creativity during the recent *Eco Friendly Christmas*



## Care for Creation

**Workshop.** Twenty-one parishioners gathered to gain insight and practical tips on the way in which we can create meaningful and joy filled celebrations whilst maintaining a low carbon footprint.



You can access all the 'how to' details and links on our Care for Creation website Home (weebly.com) It is easily accessed from our Parish Website, just follow the diagram

1. Go to the Parish Website

2. Click on Groups & Ministries

3. The second last listing is Care for Creation. Click on that and it will take you directly to our weebly

## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

### Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish Missionary Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

**(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services:**

**07 3324 3752)**

STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or

[AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

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### School Contacts

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

School email: [pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au)

School Principal: **Nigel Bird**

APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

Phone (Thuruna St): **3352 9200**

Phone (Chuter St): **3326 0400**

**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.



## LENTEN PROGRAM

With Ash Wednesday occurring in February next year it is necessary to plan now for Lent. The Evangelisation Brisbane resource for 2023 is "From Ashes to Hope" and costs \$5 per book. We are looking at running a Lenten group on Mondays during Lent following morning Mass.



These books can be used in groups or for personal reflection. It is imperative we **order** them before Christmas as they are very popular and usually sell out. If you would like a copy please contact Tish in the Parish Office

33567155 or email [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

or Rosemary Haydock 0431464211/rhaydock@live.com.au

**on or before 15th January.**

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.



## 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:

Rachel McGurk, Jessica Lehman, 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, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Trevor Cavanagh & Kevin Tyack

### We pray for those recently deceased:

Joan Good, Bernie Brady, Editha Weyh, Mary Josephine Barillaro, 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 and Noel Brennan.

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bruce Oxenham, Lynette & Ronald Matthews, Molly Vlug, Maria & Dominic Pham and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

## Funeral Prayers will be celebrated for...

**Josie Barillaro**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.**

**Joan Good**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.**



### Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend Masses](#)

Meeting ID: 933 1588 2077

Passcode: eucharist7 One tap mobile