



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."

Fourth Sunday of Advent 17th / 18th December 2022

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All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



JESSE TREE

We continue our journey to Christmas as we remember



Zechariah	Anticipation	Luke 1:57-80	Pen & Tablet
John the Baptist	Preparation	Mark 1:1-8; Matt 11:7-15; Jn 1:19-23	Grasshopper
Mary	The Hope for a Future	Luke 1:26-38	White Lily
Joseph	Trust	Matt 1:19 -25	Carpenter Tools
Shepherds	Welcome	Matt 2:1-6	Lamb
Jesus	Birth of the Messiah	Luke 2:1-20	Manger
Magi	Worship	Matt 2:1-12	Star

We're staging a KIDS' Nativity Play!
for the 5pm mass on December 24 ☺



Let's make this a very Merry Christmas!"

CHRISTMAS PARTY

BRING A PLATE!!! (Please – and with food on it :) – When?? Christmas Eve 8PM Mass and Christmas Day 8am Mass.

– we're going to have a little party!



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 Weekend's Readings
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
December 24-25



Christmas Vigil
(optional)

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5
The Lords in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
For ever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Paul spoke of Christ,
the son of David.

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25
A genealogy of Jesus Christ,

Christmas Night
(optional)

Isaiah 9:1-7
A son
is given to us.

Psalm 95:1-3, 11-13
Today is born
Our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.

Titus 2:11-14
God's grace revealed
to all people.

Luke 2:1-14
Today a saviour

Christmas Day
(optional)

Isaiah 52:7-10
All the ends of the earth shall see
the saving power of God.

Psalm 97:1-6
All the ends of the earth
have seen the saving power of God.

Hebrews 1:1-6
In our own time God speaks to us
through his Son.

John 1:1-5, 9-14
The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us, and we saw

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 19th	8.30am 6.30pm	Mass "Simbang Gabi" (Day 5)
Tue 20th	8.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayers with Communion "Simbang Gabi" (Day 6)
Wed 21st	6.30pm	"Simbang Gabi" (Day 7)
Thurs 22nd	6.30pm	"Simbang Gabi" (Day 8)
Fri 23rd	9.00am 6.30pm	Mass "Simbang Gabi" (Day 9)
Sat 24th	5.00pm 8.00pm	Mass (Christmas Vigil with Children's Nativity) *Mass (Christmas Night) *Cuppa after Mass
Sun 25th	8.00am	Mass Christmas Day -Cuppa after Mass

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

Box of Tissues: \$2.00

Toilet paper roll: \$2.00

Paper Towel: \$3.50 ~~SOLD OUT~~

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



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. ☺

Congratulations to
Zara Sheedy



who, at 5.00pm Mass this weekend
will be fully initiated into the Church
through celebrating her first Communion!
We the church thank Julia, her Mum for her
example and commitment to Zara's faith.

CHURCHBOX: Thanks to all our volunteers at Mass over the past year. Most are getting the "hang" of churchbox – it's especially good when people can get replacements almost at the last minute.
PLEASE if you cannot attend for your roster, go to CHURCHBOX and ask for a replacement. -Denis.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL UPDATES

from our Stafford Representatives

"The appeal amount we have received to date is \$7,525.

FOR MORE DONATIONS,

PLEASE SEE BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS BELOW:

SVDP Stafford,

BSB: 064 786

A/C No. 100026699

Several hampers have been packed last week and we are very happy with what has been donated so far. Our parishioners are so generous and special mention must also be made of the great support we have received from our parish school. Many thanks for your great support of our Stafford conference."



Christmas Mass Times

24th December: 5.00pm (Christmas Vigil)
*8.00pm Christmas Night)
*Cuppa after Mass

25th December (Christmas Day): 8.00am *
*Cuppa after Mass

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

31st December (New Year's Weekend)
5.00pm - Vigil Mass for the Feast of "Mary, Mother of God" and New Year's Eve
1st January: 9.00am - New Year's Day

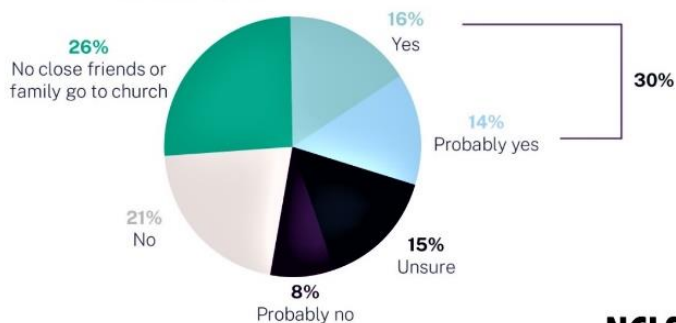
2nd January (Monday) onwards:
Mass and Liturgy Times will return to normal

Something to think about this coming week:



Three in ten Australians likely to go to a Christmas church service if invited

3 in 10 Australians are likely to go to a Christmas service this year, or related event at a church if invited by close friends of family. Another 15% are unsure.



Source: 2021 Australian Community Survey run by NCLS Research (n=1286)
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Factors that encourage Australians to accept invitations to church services

Important: If I felt that it was important to my friend or family member that I	34%
Welcoming: If I could be confident that I would be made to feel welcome	16%
Caring: If the church was doing good work in the community (e.g. help the vulnerable)	13%
Convenient: If the church was convenient for me to get to	12%
Inclusive: If the church was inclusive of all sexualities and genders	11%
Short: If the church service was short and wouldn't take much of my time	11%
Social: If I had an opportunity to informally talk with other people at the church when I visited	7%
Clear: If my friend/family member explained to me what happens at a church	7%
None of the above	47%

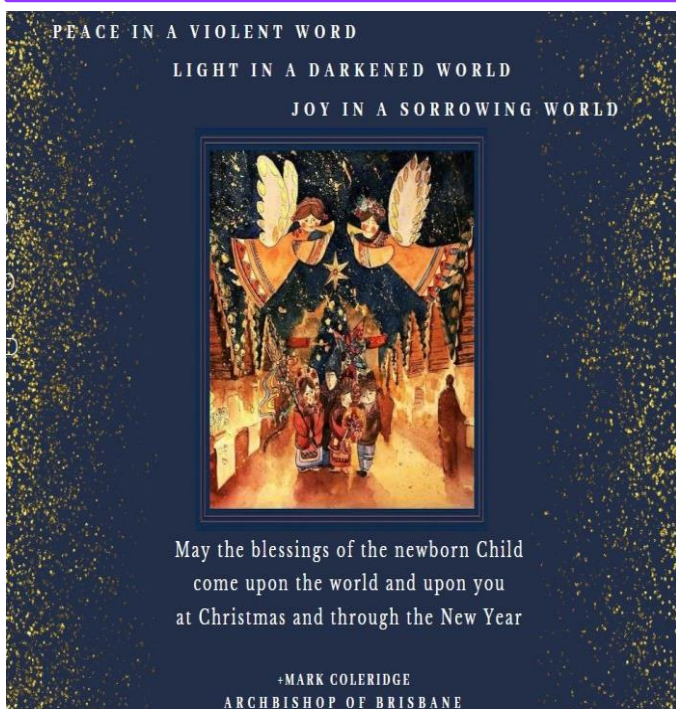
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Office for Safeguarding Services

THANK YOU to all our PARISH VOLUNTEERS ☺

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. ☺



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



Care for Creation

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

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.



https://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/groups--ministries.html

STAFFORD CATHOLIC P. 1. Go to the Parish Website

HOME OUR PARISH MASS TIMES SACRAMENTS GROUPS & MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS CONTACTS & LINKS

MINISTRIES - LITURGICAL & SACRAMENTAL

MINISTRIES - COMMUNITY

SOCIAL GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

SCHOOLS & CHILDCARE

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

SUSTAINABILITY IN OUR PARISH

CARE OF CREATION GROUP

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

PARISH ORGANISATIONAL CHART >>

New and existing parishioners are encouraged to actively participate in our p... community, greeting, music etc. There are other opportunities to get involved e.g. keeping our gardens tidy or joining c... click on the links below or contact the parish office for more information.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these ministries, you will need to complete a Volunteer Registration whi... Children and Vulnerable Adults strategy.

The volunteer registration can now be completed online using The Welcome Portal which can be accessed via http://archbne.org/welcome. This will eliminate the need for up to ten documents to be completed. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the parish office.

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

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

QR code linked to our parish FB page:

Queen of Apostles Catholic...



Queen of Apostles
Catholic Parish -
Stafford



**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
School Contacts**

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

School email: pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au

School Principal: **Nigel Bird**

APRE: **Megan Conroy**

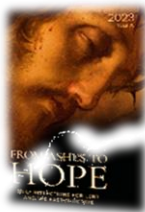
APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

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

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

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

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

on or before 15th January.

4th Sunday of Advent

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

(Accessed on December 13, 2022 from

[www.archstl.org/about-](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletininserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

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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.



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.



Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Caitlyn Lengkeek, 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 and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

**Tennis Courts for Hire
with lights**

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.



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

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