



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."

The Nativity of the Lord 24-25 December 2022

*"When the Song of the Angels is Stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks,*

the work of Christmas begins:

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

By Howard Thurman"

THANK YOU to all those involved in the Advent and Christmas liturgies. Thanks especially for those who organised the Jesse Tree reflections. Many found them very helpful in understanding a little more about our heritage.

Thanks to all those, who for every weekend during the year, organise, plan, practice and lead us in **music and singing**. A wonderful gift to all of us and our worship and prayer would not be nearly as meaningful as it is without you. Thanks also to the **Computer people** who provide ZOOM facilities for those who cannot be physically present with us and who ensure that we have the support on the screen to be able to sing and respond. (If anyone in the congregation, would like to join any of these groups, please let us know and we will train you.)

Thanks to all those other ministers of all sorts, including those who **welcome, set up** the church, **read**, etc for the **good** of the **community**. Your efforts are like the seed planted that produces a **rich harvest!!**



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
Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
December 31 – January 1



First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel
 and I will bless them.

Responsorial Psalm: 66:2-3,5,6,8

May God bless us in His mercy.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son,
 born of a woman.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the
 infant lying in the crib...When the eighth day came
 they gave him the name of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS CUPPA

After the Masses on Saturday (24th) 8pm and
 Sunday (25th) 8am. Please bring a plate (with
 food on it ☺) to share!

"The Nativity of the Lord"



May it remind us of the humble birth of
 Jesus and raise our minds to
 contemplate
 the awesome mystery of God made flesh.
 Let this holy season fill us with hope
 that we might join him
 in the eternal Kingdom of peace in
 heaven.
 Through Christ our Lord and Saviour,
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
 Amen.

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

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| Mon 26 th | 8.30am | NO Mass |
| Tues 27 th | 8.30am | NO Morning Prayers |
| Wed 28 th | | |
| Thurs 29 th | | |
| Fri 30 th | 9.00am | NO Mass |
| Sat 31 st | 5.00pm | Mass |
| Sun 1 st | 9.00am | Mass |

Vinnie's Thank You



Vinnies
 good works

Because of the generosity of our Parishioners, Vinnie's were able to make up **86 hampers** for families from the food donated. These families are going to have a better Christmas because of you. ALSO, Stafford Parishioners have proven, once again, that their faith is not lip-service only. Even in these difficult times and with many of you no longer working, we have contributed MORE than we did last year. Thanks be to you (and to God who has given us these gifts), **we have raised \$13,410** (plus a few straggling donations that are still arriving). I'll let you know the final total when we have it! -Denis



Care for Creation

What do you do with your old sports shoes? Did you know that in Australia 110 million shoes are consumed each year? It takes 1000 years for a sports shoe to decompose!

Tread Lightly is a national recycling initiative that takes unwanted sport and active lifestyle footwear and responsibly recycles it to give it new life.

Simply take your unwanted sports shoe to a participating store near you. There are five shoe retailers in Chermiside where you can dispose of your unwanted shoes. Here's a link to learn more and help locate Tread Lightly recycling participants near you.

[Together we can step into a better future - Tread Lightly | ASGA | Save our Soles](#)

Here's a video to learn more

[TreadLightly is recycling your old sports shoes \(cleanup.org.au\)](#)



Recycle/Repurpose



Together we can step into a better future

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We say cheers to our change makers who know everyday containers hold value. There are **653,518 eligible drink containers** consumed in Unknown every month; that's **\$65,351** up for grabs! You can help make change. Return at **your local refund point**, arrange a home collection or band together with your entire neighbourhood, every effort you make is doing good. Kick off your collections right and set a goal. Start collecting empties, and then get ready to make your next return.

SET YOUR COLLECTION GOAL

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 **SOLD OUT**

Paper Towel: \$3.50

Tissue Box: \$2.00

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

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.

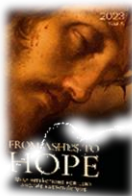


TENNIS ANYONE?????

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. 😊

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:or_email_stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

or Rosemary Haydock

0431464211/rhaydock@live.com.au

on or before 15th January.



*Congratulations
to all those who completed the
"Simbang Gabi."
May the grace of a more
meaningful Christmas be with you.*



*For those
who have not completed
the "Simbang Gabi,"
oh well,
there is always next year.*



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OF BRISBANE

Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
Parish Office**

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Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

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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

A0B@stoline.com.au

**QR code linked to our parish
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Queen of Apostles
Catholic Parish -
Stafford



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

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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.



**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, Jeremy Willson, Timothy
Willson, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun
Donaldson, Miguela Savellon, Trevor Cavanagh & Kevin
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We pray for those recently deceased:

Antonia "TONI" Pilz, 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:** Michael O'Donnell, Roy Fraser, Bruce Oxenham 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

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend Masses](#)

Meeting ID: 933 1588 2077

Passcode: eucharist7 One tap mobile

Our Parish Religious Goods Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary
beads and medallions. We have catalogues with
a huge range of gift ideas for new babies,
Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions.

