



# 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."**

**"Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God"**

**31 December 2022 – 01 January 2023**



*Peace and security are an essential factor of human life. A peaceful and secure environment is critical to every society. For maintaining tranquility and harmony throughout the globe.*

<https://www.latestly.com/lifestyle/festivals-events/world-day-of-peace-2022-date-history-significance-and-celebration-of-solemnity-of-mary-mother-of-god-3208868.html>

## Next Weekend's Readings Epiphany of the Lord (Year A) 7–8 January



*First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6*

**The glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

*Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

**The revelation means that the pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.**

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12*

**We have come from the East to worship the king.**

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

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayers with Communion</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Mass (Vigil Mass for the Feast of "Mary, Mother of God" and "New Year's Eve")
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass (Feast of "Mary, Mother of God" and "New Year's Day")

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. 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 **raised \$13,410** (MORE than last year.) I'll let you know the final total when we have it! -Denis



**New Parishioners** are invited to collect a **"Welcome Pack"**

in the holders at the Doorway of the church. OR you may simply like to click on the following **USEFUL LINKS** which will take you to the articles on our website:

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

**ADVENT** and **CHRISTMAS** initiatives **welcomed!!** Initiatives proposed and implemented by the PMC (and in particular, **Helen Royan** and **Nic Forster**) proved a big hit to many. Here's an extract from an email received: "First of all thank you for your input to all the lovely celebrations leading up to Christmas. The 5.00pm Mass Christmas Eve was just beautiful. Hopefully my grandchildren will attend our parish more often after their joyful experience. That was a lovely touch at the end of the Mass, the joy on the faces of those we gave iceblocks and biscuits to said it all!" (**Nic did well** in 'mustering' the kids for the 'pageant'.)

**The "Jesse Tree" reflections** (very much Helen's work) were also a great source of Scripture reminders of those who make up Jesus' (and therefore our) family tree. The **carols before Mass** helped create "community" for our Christmas celebrations. Thanks to the **Musoes and Cantors** and all!!

*Pope's World Peace Day Message: There is light even in our darkest hour.*

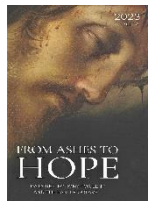
On December 16, 2022 Pope Francis published a message for the 56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, to be celebrated on January 1, 2023. In his message the Holy Father reiterated that all crises are interconnected and we must not forget any crisis, but act for the good of humanity.



*“To all men and women  
of goodwill, I express my  
prayerful trust that,  
as artisans of peace,  
they may work, day by day,  
to make this a good year!”*

### 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. As well as people doing **personal reflections**, a **group** will gather on Mondays during Lent following morning Mass. (If **you want to start a group**, let's know.



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](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) **on or before 15th January**.

**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.



### 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**.

### Let Us Pray

#### *We pray for those who are unwell:*

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

#### *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’Donnel, 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.

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#### **Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):**

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**(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services:**  
**07 3324 3752)**

STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or  
[AOb@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOb@stopline.com.au)

### Live Mass via Zoom

Time: Weekend Masses

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend Masses](https://zoom.us/j/93315882077)

Meeting ID: 933 1588 2077 Passcode: eucharist7  
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/93315882077>

