



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."

"Epiphany of the Lord"

7 - 8 January 2023



With the death of Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI), the Archdiocesan Requiem Mass will be celebrated this **Saturday in the Cathedral at 11:30 am (7th)**.

Archbishop Mark will preside at this Solemn Eucharist. Live-streaming at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia>

*"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"*



*Next Weekend's Readings
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)
14-15 January*

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 9 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 10 th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 11 th		
Thurs 12 th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 13 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 14 th	5.00pm	Mass (Ord 02 – Year A)
Sun 8 th	9.00am	Mass (Ord 02 – Year A)



Do you remember a few weeks ago, when we gathered for Eucharist on Sunday, we welcomed **TAYLOR GREEN** into the Christian Community by the sign of the cross (done by his Parents, Daniel and Shanti and one of our readers)? Well, **today (Sunday) during the 9am** Celebration of Eucharist, we will be **CELEBRATING BAPTISM with Taylor** as he begins his journey to full initiation through eventually celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist. Shanti, Daniel and Taylor's sisters, Elise and Claudia welcome you to celebrate after Mass with sharing in a **cuppa and cake**.



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](#)

We invite you to share your thoughts on how you access Catholic content in our survey.



The Archdiocese of Brisbane is currently doing an online survey. They would like to hear from as many people as possible as this will help them understand which sources of information are preferred by different age groups and how often people in each age group access different sources of content. With this information, they can ensure their website, social media, printed materials and other channels are meeting the needs of our community. Please use link below: <http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl>

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 'mustered' 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!!



This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will **focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament**. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. Subscribe to our podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#) streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

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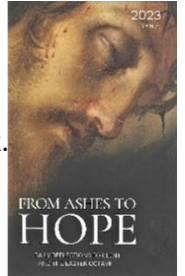
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<https://m.facebook.com/100080464021445/>

LENTEN PROGRAM

With Ash Wednesday occurring 22nd February (in 6 WEEKS) it is **necessary to plan for Lent**. The Evangelisation Brisbane resource 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 ASAP 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** (that's **NEXT SUNDAY** everyone!!)

Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Bob Devine, 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,

We pray for those recently deceased:

Joseph Ratzinger, Eris Smyth, 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.

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.

BAPTISMS

are celebrated at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except** during Lent and OCTOBER).

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS** -- contact the Parish Office.

For **further information** on website: <https://bit.ly/3VHHC>



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. immediately after Mass.**



Time: Weekend Masses (Click on the underlined sentence below and follow on-screen instructions)

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend Masses](#)