



# 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."**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



**Our Parish's Blessing and Commissioning of the Staff at our School - NEXT FRIDAY 9am (20<sup>th</sup> January):**

PLEASE make a special effort to come along to Mass that day to join in the special blessing for our Staff.

The school is probably the biggest investment in time and money of our parish to help fulfil our role as church which we commit to (via the Godparents) in our children's Baptism i.e. **"to help the parents in their role as CHRISTIAN parents."**



## Care for Creation

## Looking Back on 2022

The Care for Creation Group has enjoyed a busy year seeking ways in which to better lives in our world honouring its beauty and diversity, Contemplation Garden, inspecting all living creatures and protecting its resources. Here are just some of the actions that our parish took in 2022.

Go to our Weebly to learn more; updated monthly it is full of resources. [Home \(weebly.com\)](https://www.careforcreation.org.au/)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clean Up Australia</li> <li>➤ Laudato Si themed Stations of the Cross</li> <li>➤ Lenten discussion groups</li> <li>➤ Carbon Footprint Offset fundraiser</li> <li>➤ Celebration of Laudato Si Week events</li> <li>➤ Climate Action Awareness Campaign during COP 27</li> <li>➤ Eco Friendly Christmas Workshop</li> <li>➤ Cash for Container promotion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Celebration of Season of Creation events</li> <li>➤ Care for Creation activities at the Junior School Campus</li> <li>➤ Kedron/Stafford Parish Interactive Workshop</li> <li>➤ 3 Five Leaf Eco Awards</li> <li>➤ Regular newsletter articles to support our 'ecological conversion'</li> <li>➤ Plastic Bottle Top Collection</li> </ul> |
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## "CHURCHBOX"

(our on-line rostering system)

**THANKS** to all our **volunteers** who help us celebrate Mass last year. (Musicians, Cantors, Readers, Prayer Leaders, Coordinators, Welcomers, Computer (Zoom and Easyworship operators, Sacristans, Ciborium people.) **if YOU would like to join any of these groups, let's know**

-- Denis

## Vinnie's Thank You

**\$14,355 and 86 Families helped with hampers!!!** 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 raised and **contributed \$14355** (A RECORD!!! Even more than last year.) -Denis



*Next Weekend's Readings*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time,**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3**

*In the midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10**

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

**Second Reading: 1Cor 1:26-31**

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

**Gospel Reading: Matt 5:1-12**

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

*Something to REALLY think about...*

## BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp-  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbour  
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,  
So sombre give me a clue. ▯

'Hush, child, He said, they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you.

JUDGE NOT!!

**Remember ..** Just going to church doesn't make you  
a Christian any more than standing in your garage  
makes you a car.

Every saint has a PAS T ...  
Every sinner has a FUTURE!!

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. It has  
no point!!

**Why should you never write with a broken  
pencil??? - It'd be pointless!!!**

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

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Mass
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Mass, Blessing of School Staff, Men's cuppa
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5.00pm	Mass (Ord 03)
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am	Mass (Ord 03)

## Looking for a game of Tennis??

Permanent AND Casual Bookings are available! You could even join one of the **existing groups** who are looking for new players! **Contact Tisha** at the office 33567155 or email [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)



## LENTEN PROGRAM

With Ash Wednesday occurring 22<sup>nd</sup> February (FIVE weeks time!) it is necessary to plan now for Lent. The Evangelisation Brisbane resource this year is "From Ashes to Hope" and costs **\$5 per book. Pay Cash/Credit Card.**



We are looking at running a Lenten group on Mondays during Lent following the morning Mass. 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 do one of the following:  
Put your name on the **Order Form at the back of the church** **OR** **contact Tish** in the Parish Office **33567155**  
**OR** email [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
**(DEADLINE TODAY -- Sunday!!! ☺)**

## 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.**

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.

Stafford Parish Scheme ID:

**C10195625**



### UPCOMING EVENT: *World Day of Prayer 2023*

hosted by The Salvation Army at Hayward St. this year.

The date, Friday, March 3rd. The format is usually a Morning Tea starting at 0945hrs with the Prayer Service commencing at 1030hrs.

This a wonderful time of the year to show our support, so let us have Queen of Apostles well represented at this Service.

We will provide more details as the date draws closer.

Meanwhile you may like to contact Toni Evans on 0431705456 or Cynthia Oxenham on 33502742 for more information.



## 7:30pm Saturday 4 February 2023

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End**

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s-1970s (ask your parents and grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

**GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD +  
FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO  
& TO PURCHASE YOUR  
\$20 (+BF) TICKETS

*We all hope you won't need this soon!!*

The information that follows is required to gain a Registration of Death.  
(please print clearly)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Usual residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's given name & surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's given name & maiden surname: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Your place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age when married: \_\_\_\_\_

Where married: \_\_\_\_\_

To whom married: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

(if married more than once, enclose details of each marriage)

Children's given names & date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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**

QRcode to access



site:



**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)

## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

### School Contacts

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School Principal: **Troy Parsons**

APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

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

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## 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/3VHHQ62>



## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office  
Monday, Tuesday & Friday.  
9am-3pm

Tel No: 3356 7155

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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are **going to the hospital unexpectedly** for an op OR develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Denis know and we

can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand.

Celebrations of this Sacrament are 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).



**NOTE: To keep our "unwell 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. Thank you.**

## Let Us Pray

### We pray for those who are unwell:

Thae Davis, Eileen O'Brien, Christopher Clarke, Bob Devine, 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.

### We pray for those recently deceased:

George Pell, Kevin Noonan, 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, Michael McVerry sm.

### 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.

**TIME:** Weekend Masses (Click on the underlined sentence and follow on-screen instructions)



[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend Masses](#)

## 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.

