



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."

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 21st / 22nd January 2023



WELCOME!! To all our new parishioners!!! Currently our Parish Vision statement is "To Follow the Example of Jesus By Serving Others." – I hope you accept that that's a goal and not a boast about where we are now!

As I was saying, you are **very welcome to join our community** but don't expect perfection! We do good and bad, beautiful and ugly things – we are human beings struggling to be open to the Holy Spirit and journeying together in our Christian mission to make the world a better place according to the Way of Jesus.

It doesn't matter where you live (we have parishioners from as far away as Bald Hills, Banyo and Woolloowin!). The **parish you belong to** is the one where you regularly and frequently celebrate the Eucharist with the local community. It's where you get to know and are known by other members of the community.

Dive into our website (<https://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au>) and discover more about us. When you resurface, come and meet us, come and share your gifts with us on this great mission. See some of the things we do by checking out our Liturgical and Sacramental Ministries, our Community and Social Ministries. Join us and tell us about yourself using our Census Form. Share God's gift to you via our Thanksgiving Programme as reflected in the offertory procession. God Bless you in whatever you are doing with your life – let it be for the common good and may you always rejoice in God because as we pray: "Blessed are You Lord God of all creation, because it is through Your goodness, that we have these gifts (our lives and everything about them) to offer!"

You will find it helpful in joining our parish if you refer to this link <https://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au/new-parishioner-info.html>) or if the internet is not something you are comfortable with, grab one of the "Welcome Packs" located around the church. --Fr Denis Scanlan - Parish Adm (also known as "Denis")



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 26

Changing our "Acknowledgement to Country".

Over time, **our knowledge changes and improves our understanding of the world around us.** In our learnings this often challenges how we have understood things to be. At mass, as part of our invitation to all, we offer an acknowledgement to Country. This practice ties us to the traditional custodians and places around Brisbane.

Recent advice, from Traditional custodians has meant that we need to change our Acknowledgement. The advice indicated that we need to include acknowledgement to the **two large clan groups from Brisbane's northside and near south side of Brisbane** – the **Turrabul** peoples and the **Yuggera** peoples. Both groups have custodial obligations to the country around Brisbane and, where our parish and homes are built. The new wording for our Acknowledgement will, therefore, be as follows:

We acknowledge the Turrabul (too ra bull) and Yuggera (yug er rah) peoples, custodians of the land on which our homes and church are built.

We also acknowledge elders, those past and those present, and thank them for passing down their knowledge and wisdom to us.

Next Weekend's Readings
4th Sunday – Ordinary Time,
January 28th & 29th



First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

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.

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 23rd	8.30am	Mass
Tues 24th	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed 25th		
Thurs 26th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 26th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 27th	5.00pm	Mass (Ord 04)
Sun 28th	9.00am	Mass (Ord 04)

"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

Lenten Discussion Groups

This year our parish will offer Lenten Discussion Groups on Mondays and Fridays following morning Mass and Monday evenings via Zoom. The Zoom sessions are an opportunity for families to pray and reflect together. If your child/ren have received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, this Lenten program would be a perfect opportunity to further explore as a family, the opportunities we have to live our lives in light of Catholic teachings. We will draw inspiration from the text from Ashes to Hope and the input and discussions will be age appropriate.

The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote (usually by Pope Francis) and a simple prayer.

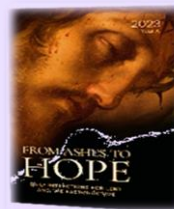
The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for an individual to read, reflect and pray on.

This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. We take time to 'look to Jesus' – in our families, workplaces and the community – we will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

Discussion groups will **commence Monday 20th February. Ash Wednesday is 22nd February.**

For Zoom Discussion Group, please register at the Parish Office or use the form at the back of the church, an invitation will be sent to you with details.

If you have missed the deadline for ordering From Ashes to Hope it is available through Evangelisation Brisbane.



<https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/products/from-ashes-to-hope>

The **Parish Missional Council ("PMC")** would like to extend an invitation to our Parish members to attend the upcoming **Catholic Leadership Intensive Course for 2023**. Based on the positive feedback from our five Parishioners who attended last year's course, the PMC would like to send at least 10 Parishioners this year but depends on the interests received. The cost for the attendees will be covered through a grant funding secured from The Catholic Foundation Grant Award.

The dates (all Mondays*) for this Catholic Leadership Intensive are:

Week 1- 29 May

Week 4 - 19 June

Week 5 - 10 July

31 July - Week 8

Week 2 - 5 June

school holidays - 26 June

Week 6 - 17 July

7 August - Week 9

Week 3 - 12 June

school holidays - 3 July

Week 7 - 24 July

14 August - Week 10

*If you cannot physically attend, then you can access a Zoom link to attend remotely.

Please take note of the dates, and if you are interested in attending, let us know via a reply to the Parish Council email address (ppcstafford@gmail.com), contact the Parish Office (stafford@bne.catholic.net.au), or you can talk to either one of us after our weekend masses. From last years' experience, the starting time for each session will 6.30pm for a start at 7.00pm to 9pm. Venue: Xavier Conference Centre, at the Seminary in Banyo. If you have trouble with transport, we can help. Don't miss out – it's FREE and a great experience!!

Stafford Parish Scheme ID:



C10195625



CUPPA

After Weekend Masses (Sat 5pm & Sun 9am)



Please let us know if you are able to assist.

Contact Tish at the Parish Office:

3356 7155 or stafford@bne.catholic.net.au



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 09.45am with the Prayer Service commencing at 10.30am.

This is 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.



Why it's important to be settled in before Mass starts:

One of our visiting priests is **amazed and very grateful** that Stafford Parishioners are **all present and ready** to celebrate Mass together **on time** (and even 10 or so minutes early!). His reaction is not just because he's got a thing about being punctual but for **more serious and important reasons**, namely:

- We celebrate the **real presence of Christ** in three ways at Mass (this is spoken about in one of our Eucharistic Prayers: "Blessed indeed is your Son, **present in our midst** when we are (1) **gathered by his love** and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, (2) he **opens the Scriptures** and (3) **breaks the bread.**" – We need to be "gathered" from the start!
- The Mass is something **we DO TOGETHER** (the priest does NOT "say Mass" while we "follow") – we are a Body and are disabled a little when we are not all present. As someone once told me "God has given each of us only a certain time in this life and others have no right to waste ours!"

- Practically, we often spend the few minutes before starting time (5pm Saturday, 9am Sunday) to learn new hymns or be reminded of hymns we may have forgotten. (Singing is a part of our Mass and is something we all do together regardless of how "good" our voice is.)

- The "Gathering Hymn" has a purpose – it helps unite us by our joining in singing it together, it prepares us to celebrate together and it opens our hearts to God's Spirit in preparation for receiving Christ in the Word proclaimed.

- If you are consistently late, your mind is not in tune with the congregation assembled while you find a seat and get settled, it disturbs our worship of God, distracts us from listening to the Word, and means that you miss the introduction which often focusses on a particular aspect of our faith that we wish to celebrate at this particular Mass, or maybe gives some input to help understand the readings.

NOTE: We're human and sometimes there is a dirty nappy, a flat tire, an alarm that didn't go off or some other reason we may be occasionally late. That's understandable. It's just important for all of us not to be USUALLY late or just on time!

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Parish Office

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QRcode to access site:



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

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School Contacts

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<https://www.qofa.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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

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:

Christopher Clarké, 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 and Phil Bawden.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Eileen O'Brien, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan, Joseph Ratzinger, Eris Smyth, Antonia "Toni" Pilz, Joan Good, Bernie Brady, Editha Weyh, Mary Josephine Barillaro and Marion Helen O'Shea

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Aludia Tolentino, Domenico Antonaglia and Francesca Antonaglia 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.

