



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."

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 28th/29th 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")

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 2 - 5 June	Week 3 - 12 June
Week 4 - 19 June	school holidays - 26 June	school holidays - 3 July
Week 5 - 10 July	Week 6 - 17 July	Week 7 - 24 July
31 July - Week 8	7 August - Week 9	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!!

"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

Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation:

Would you like to **understand** more about your **faith**? Would you like **help** to **integrate** hearing the **Scriptures** with your daily life? Would you like help to **discuss/answer the questions** of your **children** or **grandchildren**? Here's is some help. STAY behind and watch a 4-minute **video** explaining how to get skills and answers living your faith. See more at: catholicformation.au

Next Weekend's Readings
5th Sunday – Ordinary Time,
February 4th / 5th



First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Your light will shine like the dawn.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 111:4-9
All light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16
You are the light of the world.

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 30th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 31st	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed 1st		
Thurs 2nd	8.30am	Mass
Fri 3rd	9.00am 6.00pm	Mass Divine Mercy Group
Sat 4th	5.00pm	Mass (Ord 05)
Sun 5th	9.00am	Mass (Ord 05)

Prayer for the Ending of Human Trafficking



God of freedom, beauty and truth
 we believe that your deepest desire,
 your most powerful energy,
 is that all creation might know abundant life.
 We raise our voices in anguished prayer
 for our sisters and brothers,
 women and girls, men and boys,
 who are modern day slaves;
 They are your beloved daughters and sons,
 exploited sexually or forced to work
 because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger
 and your sacred passion
 that those who are trafficked
 might know healing and justice;
 that traffickers will come to
 repentance and conversion;
 that all of us might live in such a way
 that others are not made to pay the price
 for our comfort and convenience.
 Hasten the coming of the day when
 all people and our precious Earth itself
 will be treated, not as a commodity,
 but as radiant images of your
 freedom, beauty and truth.

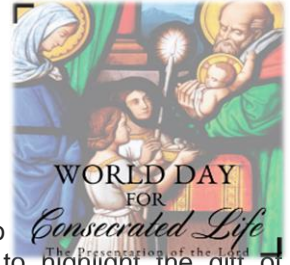
Amen.
 May it be so.

As shared by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent
 Station, N.J.

Pray for the [End of Human Trafficking – Dominican Sisters](http://ardominicans.org)
ardominicans.org

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - Feb 2, 2023 (Celebrated in Parishes Feb 4-5)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



Latte Ladies



Latte Ladies will meet **next Thursday, 9th February**
 at **Mocha Bella, Flocton St, Everton Park at 9:45am.**

All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa',
 great conversation and companionship.
 Enquiries - Truci Dove 3359 2267

Anna's Group



Anna's Group will gather **next Friday, 10th February**
 at **Mocca Bella in Flockton St at 12pm.**
 Any questions ring Dianne on 0407616637

HELP NEEDED

Especially for Saturday 5pm masses
CUPPA (after third weekend masses)



Please let us know if you are able to assist.

Contact Tisha at the Parish Office:
3356 7155 or stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

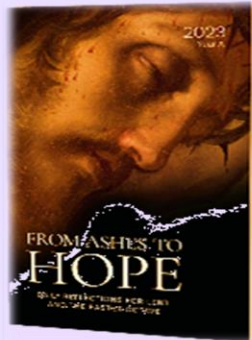
The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for an individual to read, reflect and pray on.

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>



Care for Creation

Date Claimer 11&12 February following the weekend Mass

Stay after Mass for a further 15 minutes and watch an inspirational short movie, **Regenerating Australia**. A Damon Gameau film, the maker of 2040 and That Sugar Film, this film is set on New Year's Eve 2029 and takes the form of a news bulletin looking back at the, 'the decade that could be'. The movie projects real possibilities for a healthier, greener Australia that embraces our ecological responsibility. We invite you to give a small donation

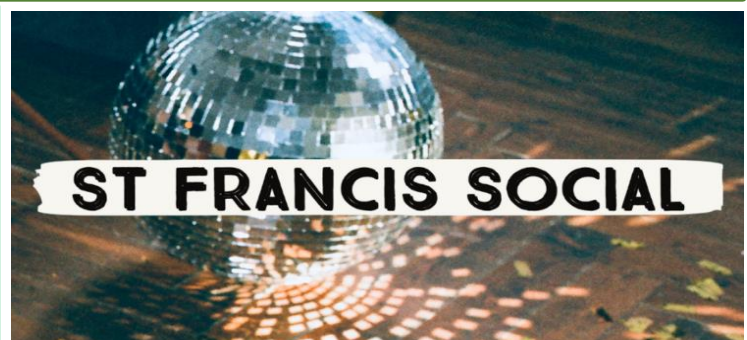


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Stafford Parish Scheme ID:

C10195625



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

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Missionary Council: 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

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services:

07 3324 3752)

STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or

AOB@stopline.com.au

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

School email: pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au

School Principal: **Troy Parsons**

APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

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

Phone (Chuter St): **3326 0400**

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.

Further information on our 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:

Eileen Matthews, Christopher Clarké, Eileen O'Brien, Christopher Clarke, Bob Devine, Rachel McGurk, Jessica Lehman, Wilson Villaflutete, Tina Watson, Cath Taylor, , Arthur (9 years young), Sr Joan Murphy, Bevan Luhrs, Judy McCully, Gerard McGrory, Carolyn Bohl.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Kathleen Hicks, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan, Joseph Ratzinger, Eris Smyth, Antonia "Toni" Pilz, Joan Good, Bernie Brady, Editha Weyh and Mary Josephine Barillaro.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Domenico Antonaglia, Francesca Antonaglia and Angelo Di Mauro 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.

