



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 of Lent (Year A) 18th / 19th March 2023



A celebration that does not evangelise is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. And then both of these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1)

Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter—*Desiderio Desideravi* #37 (On The Liturgical Formation Of The People Of God, 29/6/22)

Our LENTEN preparation for EASTER: Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:

Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and that God never ceases to forgive and show us mercy? On

TUESDAY 28th March, 6.30pm, we will celebrate the

Second Rite of Penance.

How to do that?? In this Lent, where we have been considering **how to make more space for God in our lives**, you may wish to reflect on the ways you have no time for God but fol-

low other God's.

(Spend some time reflecting on "**why** do I do these things") and **write them and your answer down on a piece of paper** BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!).

The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners! (An article by Fr Richard Rohr)

We must bear patiently not being good . . . and not being thought good. -- St. Francis of Assisi

Whoever is willing to serenely bear the trial of being displeasing to herself, that person is a pleasant place of shelter for Jesus. — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

ROSTERS:

HERE IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING I'M ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER -- please make yourself available for one of the Easter Liturgies especially the Easter Vigil - **Saturday 8th April at 7pm.**

Things to consider:

There are more ministries required than usual (including Readers and other "unique" ministries for the Vigil.) As usual "**Churchbox**" assumes you are **AVAILABLE** for your chosen ministries -- It is **most important** that if you are not available, you mark yourself as "**Unavailable**" in Churchbox --it'd be a tragedy if someone was rostered but did not turn up. The need to set yourself "**Unavailable**" is **the usual** procedure where you help us all by **marking for yourself** the Masses every weekend that you cannot serve. (If you are **not sure how to set yourself "unavailable"**, please see instructions **below**).

There will be some ministries during the Easter Liturgies e.g. "Jug" we will have to **manually allocate**, so don't worry about them.

How do I record dates and times when I am not available?

From the '**Rotas**' tab select the '**Your Availability**' menu. You will see the dates and times of all the services and your availability. Click on '**Change**' to update your availability.

Thanks all for all you do for our Parish's Worship over the year. I couldn't ask for people to do a better job!! Thanks, **Denis**

Yarning Circle

"Citizenship has not delivered Indigenous Australians the same quality of life other Australians expect. Basic human rights involve health, housing, education, employment, economic opportunity, & equality before the law, & respect for cultural identity & cultural diversity. These human rights must be capable of being enjoyed otherwise they are empty gestures."

JACKIE HUGGINS

© All Saints Parish Reconciliation Action Plan Team.

Music Practice

NEXT SATURDAY

(25th March) 10-11am

Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!





Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday of Lent

25-26 March

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm: 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised

*Jesus from the dead is living in you,
then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

Gospel: John 11:25, 26

I am the resurrection and the life.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 20 th	8.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm)
	7.00pm	Zoom Lenten Discussion Group
Tues 21 st	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 22 nd		
Thu 23 rd	8.30am	Mass
Fri 24 th	9.00am	Mass
	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
	9.45	Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Rm)
	5.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 25 th	9.30am	Resurrection Garden Workshop
	10am	Music Practice
	4.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.00pm	Mass (5 th Sunday of Lent)
	8.30pm	EARTH HOUR
Sun 26 th	9.00am	Mass (5 th Sunday of Lent)
Tue 28 th	6.30pm	Second Rite of Penance

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

All stamps are welcome, especially undamaged recent ones - used or unused, Australian or Overseas. They can be left in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you and God



Help end
period poverty



**PLEASE PLACE YOUR
DONATIONS IN THE
DESIGNATED BOX
AT THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH.
Thank you :**

**We need CLEANERS for the Church and Parish
Offices—Do you know any small business you
can recommend to us??**

**MUST HAVE ABN, insurance, COVID
vaccinated, etc —
Please call the PARISH Office**



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18th/19th March:

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023—help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

(This week's video after Mass will be about Priscilla's (from Zimbabwe) story).

You can donate through **Project Compassion boxes/envelopes** or

caritas.org.au/project-compassion or 1800 024 413



OR

Resurrection Garden Workshop NEXT Saturday 25th March 9.30am

Parish Meeting Room Cost \$5

Here is an opportunity to watch the Easter Story grow. Join us to make this unique Easter Garden. We will commence with morning tea and prayer, and then begin the garden construction. This is an activity that will capture the hearts of children. Parents and Grandparents bring your school aged children and enjoy a morning together.

You will need to bring:

One large planter 'saucer' around 30 cm in diameter

**One small terracotta or plastic pot
plant/ container.**



Care for Creation





THANK YOU!! To Trish McGrory and Mary Davissen who have retired from our Liturgy Committee who prepares the Triduum!! It's reassuring

to see some of the **younger generation stepping in**. Trish and Mary have been part of this little group for many years and have ensured our Triduum Liturgies have been as great as they have been!! **THANKS AGAIN TRISH and MARY.**

(If you'd like to follow in their footsteps, please see Denis/ring the office — PLEASE!)

Safeguarding update: March 2023

At its core, safeguarding is about promoting the safety and well-being of others, creating and maintaining safe activities and environments, and preventing abuse and harm.

Our Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

The safety and well-being of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. Our parish has a Local

Safeguarding Representative whose role it is to ensure that the whole parish is aware of the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; promote safe practices including articulating for others what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour; and assist the Parish Priest and staff in the implementation of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy in the Parish. Following audits in 2022 we plan to fine tune our risk assessment documentation and role descriptions for volunteers. **Our LSR is Helen Royan and she can be contacted at lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au**



PARISH ENDOWMENTS

Planting the Seeds For A Faithful Legacy

Give the Gift of Faith

The dedication you have for Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office (33567155)



ACN Easter Cards are now ON SALE

\$15 of 1 packet with 12 cards.

Order and Pay before/after mass or

**during office hours.
Mon. Tue & Fri 9am-3pm.**

**Last Day to order is on March 24,
Friday 3pm. Thank you**

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



Care for Creation

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who supported our **Clean Up Australia** action. We collected many tiny pieces of plastic and aluminium, saving our waterways and marine life from the scourge of micro plastics.



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Parish Office

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Parish Secretary: **Tisha King**

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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

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:

Sr Regina Millard RSC, Sr Catherine Heffernan RSM, Sr Patricia Coyle RSC, Joanne Austen, Carlos De Leon, Miguela Savellon, Timothy & Jeremy Willson, Jo Haines, Eileen Matthews, Christopher Clarké, Bob Devine and Arthur (9 years young).

We pray for those recently deceased:

Ellen Jean Jones, Maureen Noonan, Tore Manai, Florence Ryan, Peter Chilvers, Sr Joan Murphy, Paul Horan, Gran Acuña, Eileen O'Brien, Kathleen Hicks, Thae Davis, Jack Smith, George Pell, Kevin Noonan.

And those whose anniversaries occur

at this time: Bayliss Family, Sr Regina Millard RSC and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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.

Further information on our website:

<https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



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



[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#)

Our Parish PIETY 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.



Universal access to WASH would decrease global illness by 10%



Fifty percent of all profits go towards water and sanitation projects, helping to provide people in developing countries with access to toilets.

**Toilet paper roll;
\$2.00**

Paper Towel: \$3.50

Tissue: \$2.00

After Mass, ask Fr Denis and he'll unlock the Shop's Door for you.)