



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."

Fifth Sunday of Easter 6th/7th May 2023



FAY ROBERTSON has been awarded the **QUINN MEDAL** by the Archdiocese for her generous work in the Church of Brisbane over many decades. She has been invited to a dinner with Archbishop Coleridge and is **wondering whether anyone else is going and can give her a lift??** See Fr Denis if that's you ASAP please.



WE (our Parish) are in this month's CATHOLIC LEADER!! During May "National Volunteer Week" is celebrated from 15th to 21st. One of our parishioners is especially featured as a representative of all our volunteers and volunteers everywhere. Who is this parishioner??? She sings, is a driving force with her group in investigating Solar Panels to cater for all our Electricity use, she was a mainstay in the funding and building our Contemplative Garden (behind the Parish Office), she (and her "other half") have 3 Daughters and, so far, 2 Grandkids. Can't guess?? **Buy the "Catholic Leader" and find out!! \$4.**

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Lord's Day

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is **good for us to reflect** not only upon the Sunday obligation but **upon the meaning of Sunday itself**. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

✠ Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



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CLEANING SERVICES

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THANK YOU to all who contribute financially to our parish regularly. Most people do not carry cash with them and so we need to use other means to facilitate your giving;

- **Our Tap N Go Terminal** at the doorway of the Church
- **Direct Debit:** You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account: **BSB 064786; Acc No. 100012690 (Planned Giving DirDb)**— Ref your name & Envelope No (if you have one). *Note that the Acct no. given last week is the main parish account.*
- **The Parish Office can organise** monthly, fortnightly or weekly — Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically) ***Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver** — place on the weekend Mass collection plate.

Stafford Parish Finance Council

Once again a huge thank you for your continued support. We have a **NEW WAY** to facilitate your casual or regular giving : The **Parish Giving App** is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for **regular and/or one-off giving**. To download the App on to your mobile phone or device, <http://www.allsaintsparish.com.au/parishgiving.htm> or click on this QR CODE



Enter your details, click on "Find a Parish" — type in "Stafford". When it is found and to make things easier next time, click on the heart to make it a favourite. Enter amount to make a one-time or a regular donation. If you need help, see one of the finance council or Fr Denis (or even your kids/grandkids)





Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

13-14 May

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

*They laid hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm: 65:1-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death,
in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Gospel: John 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate.*



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 8 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 9 th	8.30am	Prayer with Communion
Thu 11 th	8.30am 9.45am	Mass Latte Ladies
Fri 12 th	9.00am 12pm	Mass Anna's Group
Sat 13 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass
Sun 14 th <i>Mother's Day</i>	9.00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass



MARK YOUR DIARIES!!! This year's Stafford Parish preparation journey for the Sacraments of **CONFIRMATION** and **EUCCHARIST** will start with

a **Parent Meeting** on **TUESDAY 18th JULY at 6pm**. This meeting is a **MUST** for all parents considering celebrating the sacraments with their children (**7yrs or older this year**).

If you miss this meeting, you will **need to wait** until next year (2024) to join in this journey of faith with your child (ren).

NOTE: If your child was **NOT** Baptised at STAFFORD, you will need to **contact the place of Baptism**, giving the child's name and approximate Date of Baptism for a copy of the certificate.

The Mass is the **SOURCE** and **SUMMIT** of our Christian life. **Start a routine** of bringing your child to worship with us (Sat 5pm, Sun 9am) – It is an essential part of Sacramental preparation.



Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound – certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well – which makes it hard for us to move in the future."

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ABLAZE

Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

2023 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

Catholic Leadership Intensive

In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers: think Brené Brown, Simon Sinek and Stephen Covey meet Jesus, St Peter and St Paul.

Facilitated by the Parish Leadership team of Evangelisation Brisbane, this is an opportunity to grow and develop in your leadership whatever your context.

When: 7-9pm Mondays, 29 May - 14 August 2023

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo

Cost: From \$150 for groups and individuals under 35 years old

Find out more and register at

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/leadershipintensive>

Latte Ladies

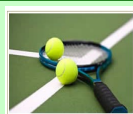


Latte Ladies will meet **THIS Thursday, 11th May** at **Mocha Bella, Flockton St, Everton Park at 9:45am**. All are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cupp' great conversation and companionship.

Anna's Group

Anna's Group will gather **THIS Friday, 12th April** at **Mocca Bella in Flockton St at 12pm**.

Ring Dianne 0407616637



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

or scan:



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Please contact the parish office for **PERMANENT BOOKINGS**.



It's **COOOLD!!!** Why are the fans operating??

One of the major ways **COVID** is spread is by air (people breathing, coughing etc). It is **recommended to keep windows open and air flowing**. If you are a bit of a

“frog”, it may be an idea to bring an extra jumper/coat. Fans will be on through winter **before** you arrive and so then you may be able to choose a “warmer” seat.

AND DON'T FORGET to sanitise your hands at least as you enter the church.

*Have a read of some articles by the members of the **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP**. We will be publishing them in the coming weeks leading up to the referendum.*



The First Nation Voice to Parliament

There are different ideas about how we should vote in the upcoming referendum. I find it a bit confusing at times. So, I keep returning to the Uluru Statement from the Heart. A request from the Heart for all Australians to acknowledge the true gift of Indigenous cultures. It provides a way forward to improve the lives of Indigenous people.

This is surely what we want for our own children and grandchildren.

In the final sentence, we are invited to walk together as one people to create a better future for all.

This is why, I will vote “YES” for a First Nation Voice to Parliament. **Robyn Carter**



With money tight, how about bringing your items in need of repair to the local repair café where we'll try to repair it for you for FREE.

Hats, jewellery, blunt tools, bicycles, computers, teapots – and whatever

Hey, also if you like to tinker and repair things you could come and join the Team.

Next Repair Cafe Stafford

When: **Saturday May 20, 2023 – 9:00am to midday** (last appointment 11:30am)

Where: **The Community Place, Stafford. 33 Teevan Street, Stafford (Keong Park)**

Yarning Circle

“1 in every 20 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people made a direct contribution to Australian World War 2 efforts either as servicemen or women or civilian labourers. Returned Aboriginal and Torres Strait servicemen and women were often denied the honour and rights given to other returned servicemen and women.” (Ref: La Trobe University)

“After the war, I went back to being just another blackfellow.” (Ref: Leonard Waters, the first Aboriginal aviator and pilot to serve in World War 2.)

How would you feel if you or a relative were treated so unjustly?

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“Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts.”

(Matthew 5:16)

We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish or our Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

OUR MISSION

We donate 50% of our profits to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime.

And with your help, we'll get there.

*Saving The World,
One Wipe At A Time.*

Available at the parish office:

Toilet paper roll: \$2.00

Paper Towel: \$3.50

Tissue: \$2.00



Universal access to WASH would decrease global illness by 10%



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Parish Office

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Office Hours: **Mon, Tues Fri: 9am-3pm**

QR code 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

SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORMS
may be accessed from the brochure table
which is at the left front corner of the
church.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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APRE: **Megan Conroy**

APLE: **Leonie McCormack**

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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>



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:

Peter McDade, Gerard McGrory, Bev Lofgren, Kath Shanahan, Geraldine Hurley, Rachel Oxenham, Sr Regina Millard RSC, Sr Catherine Heffernan RSM, Sr Patricia Coyle RSC, Joanne Austen, Carlos De Leon, Miguella Savellon, Timothy & Jeremy Willson, Jo Haines and Eileen Matthews.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Sr Judith Christy RSC, Alf Gow, Ellen Jean Jones, Maureen Noonan, Tore Manai, Florence Ryan, Peter Chilvers, Sr Joan Murphy and Paul Horan.

And those whose anniversaries occur

at this time: Titing Padayhag, Gloria Patalinghug, Patrick McKewin and 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](#)

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.



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