



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."

Sixth Sunday of Easter 13th-14th May 2023

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30-31

Wishing you God's unending favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day

and thank you

Happy Mother's Day

A Mother's Love is the Candle in our Souls

STAFFORD CATHOLIC PARISH

13-14 May 2023

just a little note to say

Happy MOTHER'S DAY!

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THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

THANK YOU
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FAY ROBERTSON sadly, suffered a Stroke during the week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2023

**Hope for the Earth.
Hope for humanity.**

Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare invites you to an ecological action event online. In 2 hours take 10 actions to care for creation in your home. Wednesday May 17th from 4pm AEST, 3:30pm ACST, 2pm AWST. Bookings are essential via the link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CHVPE>



Care for Creation

Join us in the Contemplation Garden on **Friday 19th May** following Mass, we will pray the **Laudato Si' Chaplet** and share morning tea.



Sacred Pilgrimage

"Everything is interconnected and we are on a wonderful pilgrimage bonded with other creatures" (LS 92).



Join us for breakfast in the Meeting Room on **Friday 26th May 7am-8.30am** and participate in a unique prayer experience, a *Sacred Pilgrimage*. We will be guided by Judith Keller, an accredited Laudato Si' Animator. Using poetry and the Chartres Labyrinth and in communion with participants from around the world, we will reflect on the call to care for creation. Breakfast is provided. We will conclude in time for Friday Mass at 9.00am.

Please **register by Monday 22nd May**, session materials will be printed for you.



Next Sunday's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

20-21 May

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky?

Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth

has been given to me.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 15 th	8.30am	NO Mass
Tues 16 th	8.30am	Prayer with Communion
Thu 17 th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 19 th	9.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Mass Laudato Si Chaplet & Morning tea. Men's Cuppa
Sat 20 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation The Ascension of the Lord Supper after Mass
Sun 21 st	9.00am	The Ascension of the Lord Anointing of the Sick Baptism Cuppa after Mass

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze



MARK YOUR DIARIES!!! This year's Stafford Parish preparation journey for the Sacraments of **CONFIRMATION** and **EUCARIST** 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.



Message of the Holy Father for the 57th World Day of Social Communications

Speaking with the heart: The truth in love (Eph 4:15)



By Vatican News staff writer

"Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate" (Doing the truth in charity) is the theme for World Day of Social Communications 2023.

The theme, which connects with that of 2022 – "Listen with the ear of the heart" is intended to form part of the path that will lead the entire Church to the celebration of the Synod in October 2023.

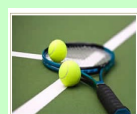
Speaking with the heart, explained a statement, means giving "a reason for your hope" and by doing so gently, "using the gift

Men's Group CUPPA

Friday next week (21st Apr) 10.30am-12nn
Café 63, Stafford



You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates (Catholic or not) and enjoy each others company plus a drink and something to eat.



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING FOR CASUAL HIRE

Click link below:

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

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)

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



Catholic Leader—May 2023

*Young and old March Brisbane city for life.

*Mary leads us to follow Jesus' way & **MORE!**

OUR MISSION



Universal access to WASH would decrease global illness by 10%



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

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.



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.

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**

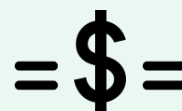
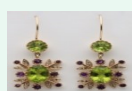


Bring and Buy Table **May 27th/28th**

'Caring for Creation is an integral part of our Faith-Action. It is not an optional extra for members of the Catholic Church. We have a special privilege, duty and responsibility to care for the Earth (our common home) so that human life and all God's creatures may be sustained in harmony.'

This is the opening statement of our Environmental Sustainability Policy, launched in 2020. One of the focus areas within our policy is Biodiversity. This year our action is to respond to the needs of our iconic marsupial, the koala. From deadly disease to catastrophic wildfires, floods, and rampant deforestation - koalas have been hit from all angles. Now up listed to **ENDANGERED** status along our east coast, they're at a critical crossroad. We will fundraise to support the World Wildlife Foundation Adopt a Koala program. <https://www.wwf.org.au/adopt/adopt-a-koala/>

We ask for small items ... Jewellery, Bric a Brac, Fresh garden produce, Books



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;

Stafford Parish Finance Council

- **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.

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)

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

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Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

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Parish Missionary Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

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

Address: **10 Thuruna Street, Stafford**

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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>



*"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.

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:

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

We pray for those recently deceased:

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

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: especially our 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](#)

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, jewelry, 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)**

