



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."

Pentecost Sunday 27th-28th May 2023

Laudato Si Week '23

With gratitude for the wisdom of Pope Francis, we continue to be inspired to Care for our Common Home, to regenerate Australia and heal our world.

Prayer and action combined, lead to positive change. During **Laudato Si Week 23** our parish has continued to embrace the Pope's call to ecological conversion. Our actions for this year included, meeting with the children from the school Sustainability Group to work on a parish/school initiative to 'Adopt a Koala' through the World Wildlife Fund <https://wwf.org.au/donate/>. Our weekend Masses included Laudato Si prayers of intercession, followed by (Fr Denis favourite!) the International Laudato Si song (via YouTube)

Last Friday following Mass, parishioners we spent time in the Contemplation Garden, praying the Laudato Si Chaplet. Looking ahead, on Friday 26th May, parishioners will have an early start, gathering at 7am to participate in an international Sacred Pilgrimage. Watch out for further updates!



Care for Creation



Anna's Group -change of date

Anna's Group will now gather **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, 1st June at **Mocca Bella in Flockton St at 12pm.**

Any questions ring :
Dianne on 0407616637



Wed, 7th June following the 5.30pm Mass Holy Spirit Church, New Farm FREE ENTRY

Divine Mercy Stafford Parish

(every First Friday of each month)

**June 2, Friday
@5.30pm**



Fr Chris Alar has been touring around Australia, taking us deeper into the Divine Mercy message and devotion. Explaining the teaching of Jesus Christ as given to St Faustina, and in his energetic style, Fr Chris Alar, MIC will help you deepen your love for God and understand why Jesus called Divine Mercy "mankind's last hope of salvation."

The demand has been overwhelming. Praise to God so many people are coming to these events. Please note that registering for the free event does not have allocated seating so please turn up early to make sure you get a seat. Thank you.



**CORPUS
CHRISTI
PROCESSION**

SUNDAY 11 JUNE | 2PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN



Next Sunday's Readings

The Most Holy Trinity

27-28 May

First Reading:

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 29 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 30 th	8.30am	Prayer with Communion
Thu 1 st June	8.30am 12pm	Mass Anna's Group
Fri 2 nd	9.00am 5.30pm	Mass Divine Mercy
Sat 3 rd	4.00pm	Reconciliation The Most Holy Trinity
Sun 4 th	9.00am	The Most Holy Trinity

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance

We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.

WITH
LAMPS
ABLAZE

Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

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 & God bless!



MARK YOUR DIARIES!!!

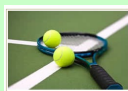


This year's Stafford Parish preparation journey for the Sacraments of

CONFIRMATION and EUCHARIST

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.



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

isvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

or scan:



[Terms and Conditions](#)

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



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>



Yarning Circle

Mary, Mother of Jesus, has been depicted through many images, including through the lens of a variety of cultures.

Have you ever considered images of Mary, with baby Jesus, depicted through the eyes of another culture?



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

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

You may have heard the exciting news that from 1 November 2023 we will be accepting glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!

Stafford Parish Scheme ID:



C10195625



VINNIE's SOS....

We are in need of blankets for the people we help. Queen/double/single blankets.

Or you may wish to donate money which you could place in envelope and write Vinnie's Blanket appeal.

You could hand it into the parish office.

Please donate blankets that you yourself would place on your bed.

New or second hand in good condition.

Many thanks ,



Vinnies
good works



Why I will be voting Yes in The Voice referendum

My understanding of The Voice is that it will be a mechanism to advise Parliament on Indigenous issues, so that our elected representatives can make more informed decisions on these issues. As such, I see The Voice is a big step forward on the journey to reconciliation. This is something that has come from Indigenous people – the outcome of years of discussion and consultation – and it is not something that has been imposed on them. Of course, not all Indigenous people are in favour of The Voice (it would be impossible for this to be the case, as Indigenous people are not a homogenous group and naturally there are different viewpoints), however I believe a majority do support it – which was confirmed in a poll that was taken in January.

I also think that The Voice will provide significant help with "Closing the Gap" – and ensuring that the gap remains closed as well. While there has been some progress, much more is needed to ensure that all targets are met, and these improvements are sustained. **Kathleen O'Brien**



LAUREL BLOW SPEAKER SERIES

FINDING THE

HEART OF THE NATION:

THE JOURNEY OF THE ULURU STATEMENT TOWARDS

VOICE, TREATY & TRUTH

WITH THOMAS MAYO

Finding the Heart of the Nation:

The journey of the Uluru Statement

towards Voice, Treaty, and Truth

Are you aware of the conversations happening around the Voice to Parliament but not really sure what it's all about? This session of the Laurel Blow Speaker Series will help you understand what's really being asked and navigate the noise that is surrounding the issue. Since the Uluru State-

ment from the Heart was formed in 2017, guest speaker Thomas Mayo has travelled around the country to promote its vision of a better future for Indigenous Australians. Through the story of his own journey and hearing the stories of others, Thomas taps into a deep sense of our shared humanity and makes clear what the Uluru Statement is and why it is so important.

When: Thursday 1 June, 10am- 12:30pm **Where:** Guadete Centre, ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

RSVP: Monday 29 May **You're invited to engage in this important conversation and listen with an open heart by registering now at:** app.tickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow

SCAN TO REGISTER





*"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 Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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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

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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>



We ask that people joining our group share our vision, and attend regular online meetings. More and more people are joining the

Queensland Care Alliance, with a range of skills welcomed, including legal, IT, fundraising, organisational and health professional skills. If you are interested to help improve palliative care to ease the suffering of Queenslanders at the end of their life, please join our group.

Please contact via email

secretaryqldcarealliance@gmail.com for more information.

Dr Luke Garske, Queensland Care Alliance

AN OINTING 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:

Terry Gesch, 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:

Trevor Cavanagh, Fay Robertson, Sr Elizabeth Wall RSC, Irene Rynders, Kath Shanahan, Sr Judith Christy RSC, Alf Gow, Ellen Jean Jones, Maureen Noonan and Tore Manai.

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.



Weekend Masses are **streamed live on Zoom**. Click

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#) OR enter

Meeting ID: **443 363 1440** and Passcode: *eucharist*

via the Zoom app.