

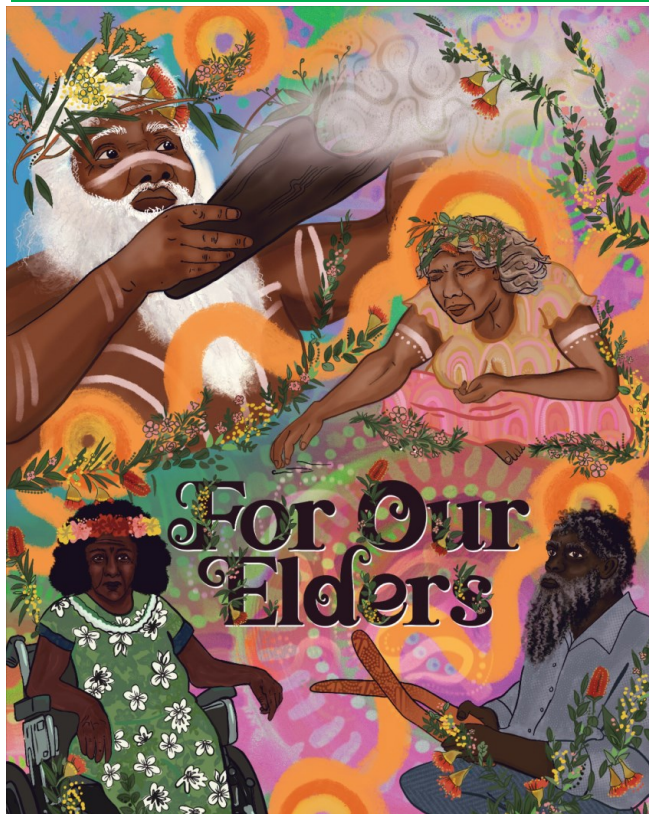


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1st– 2nd July 2023



National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

Bobbi Lockyer, a proud Ngarluma, Kariyarra, Nyulnyul and Yawuru artist, born and based on Kariyarra Country in Port Hedland, is the winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition for 2023 with her entry, *For Our Elders*.

"Where there is knowledge there are our Elders. Our Elders paved the pathways for us, taught us our knowledge, our history, they passed down their art, stories and wisdom. Our Elders are the foundation of our communities and role models for our children. With this poster I wanted to showcase how important our Elders are in passing down traditions and culture to our children and future." said Bobbi.

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week>

PARISH MEETING WITH "CONSULTORS" last Monday Night: I returned home after the meeting and met up with those still having a cuppa. When I asked how it went, they were **enthusiastic**. When I asked the most important question, "**Do you feel you were listened to?**" They responded "**YES!**" This meeting was the first opportunity you all had in giving input to what sort of parish you wish to be in future. The other opportunity we all have is to be involved in the surveys and in the actual **SUMMIT (Sunday Aug 6th, 10.30am—3pm (including lunch))**. Please register for this to help our catering. It's YOUR chance to contribute to the future direction of our Parish. The link and the QR code to register is at the bottom of this page. — Denis

One of the "Consultors" emailed me with the following comment: "I was really impressed with the warmth and hospitality of the good people who came along tonight, in person and online. I counted 82 people in attendance - that's one engaged and committed community! It was a privilege to be in their company and hear about the parish."



Youth and Young Adults

This weekend we continue in the process our parish is undertaking towards the creation of a strategic plan by dreaming for the various ministry areas we hope to build up in the coming months in our parish.

This weekend we listen to Steph Rogers (Team Leader for Youth and Young Adults, Evangelisation Brisbane) dream about what a Youth and Young Adults ministry could look like in a parish.

Do you have a dream for Youth and Young Adults ministry? If yes, we want to hear from you! Follow the link or QR code below to complete a quick 2-minute survey.

Our "**Youth and Young Adults**" survey for this week [is here](#) or scan QR Code:



Our PARISH SUMMIT is on Sunday 6th August 10am-3pm [Register here](#) or scan this QR code:

Next Sunday's Readings Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08-09 July

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how many humbly your king comes to you!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds
of the body, you will live..*

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.



What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 3 rd	8.30am	Mass
Tues 4 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 6 th	8.30am 12pm	Mass Anna's Group
Fri 7 th	9.00am 5.30pm	Mass Divine Mercy
Sat 8 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 9 th	9.00am	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Introductory Rites at Mass

The Introductory Rites at Mass consist of entrance song, greeting, penitential act or blessing/sprinkling of holy water, *Gloria* and collect prayer. The two essential elements are the first and last of these.

The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to gather people as a worshipping community and prepare them to listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The entrance song begins the Mass and announces that we are here to worship God as members of the Body of Christ, so it is very important that all join in the singing.

The sign of the cross that follows proclaims that we gather to celebrate as a community baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The liturgical greeting ('The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...') states that the presence and power of the Lord is with the gathered community.

The most commonly used form of the penitential rite is option C. It is an acclamation of the mercy and compassion of God ('You heal the wounds of sin and division'), not a time for self-accusation.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* describes the *Gloria* as 'a very ancient and venerable hymn the text of which may not be replaced by any other text'.

The final element of the Introductory Rites, the collect or opening prayer, begins with the invitation by the priest 'Let us pray'. In the silence that follows we offer our own prayers which are gathered up in the words of the collect.

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass

The Liturgy of the Word is the first of the two central parts of the Mass.

This quote from *Lectionary for Mass: Introduction* expresses beautifully the role of scripture in worship:

The Church is nourished spiritually at the table of God's word and at the table of the Eucharist: from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness.

The structure of the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass is: First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Profession of Faith (Creed), Prayer of the Faithful.

The first reading is taken from the Old Testament, except in Easter Time when it comes from Acts. The psalm is a scriptural response to the first reading.

The second reading comes from one of the New Testament epistles (letters).

The gospel reading is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, so the assembly stands and acclaim Christ's presence by singing an acclamation.

The homily unfolds the mysteries of faith contained in the readings and relates it to our lives today. A short silence should follow the homily.

The pattern of the Liturgy of the Word is one of dialogue - between reader and listener, between God and us. We participate in this dialogue by listening carefully to the reader and preacher, by being attentive to what God is saying to us during the readings and the homily, and by joining in the assembly's responses.

NEXT weekend (8-9th July), Stafford Parish will create a **Sea of Hands**, a visual display of our support for NAIDOC Week.

The hand colours match those on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags. The 250 hands will make a **vibrant display of our unity as one proud nation and one proud people of God..** *The Sea of*



Hands was first used in October 1997 in front of Parliament House, Canberra is an iconic symbol of Reconciliation, a way for communities around the nation to engage in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. A gold coin donation will help offset the cost of the hands. The hands are recycled, and will be returned to ANTaR.



Vinnies
good works

VINNIES....Would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Blanket Appeal. People have been very generous in supplying both new and old blankets. \$1,600 was also donated in cash. A lot of families are warmer this winter because of you all. May God Bless each and every one of you.

TENNIS COURT UPDATES



Court 2 SHED under renovation, Courts will be open on 10th July. Thank you!



Together, with all Australians, we have a once in a generation opportunity to take a significant step forward on the path to justice for First Nations people. **Why the Voice?**

If we don't have this referendum and enshrine the Voice in parliament it will be similar to previous attempts to wards Justice and equity and the dis-

solving of these steps by the first parliament that disagrees with the policy direction. Such as what happened to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

I support the call of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and for a First Nations Voice enshrined in Parliament. This will help empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to take their rightful place in their own country. Let us walk together with our First Nations people towards a better future for all Australians.

In supporting the Yes vote May we echo the prayer of Jesus, our Brother in Christ, when he prayed, "May they all be One Father, as You and I are One".

Let us walk as one people on this journey into Australia's future. **Mary Davissen**

THE REFERENDUM QUESTION: with all the confusion and fear-mongering, **what is the ACTUAL question we will be voting on?** Here it is:

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia: There shall be a body to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. — If "YES" wins, the Constitution will change as follows: (My underlines— Denis)

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.

That's it—no compulsion for Parliament to do what the Voice recommends and the Parliament itself will decide on its "composition, functions, powers and procedures".

If we don't like what the Parliament decides, we vote them out at the next election.—this is backed by the overwhelming legal opinion of our Constitutional lawyers.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST 2023

WHAT?. Shared food from all our cultures~!!!

WHEN? Saturday 22nd July 6PM

WHAT TO DO? Sign up BEFORE 16th July

WHERE?. Parish Hall

WHAT TO BRING? Savoury or sweet —food from your culture to share with everyone.

BUY: Soft drinks \$1. or Juice \$0.50

- If you have any dietary requirements, please bring your own meal or food to share you can eat.
- Raffle tickets given out for Lucky Door Prizes.
- **SIGN UP**—How many are you bringing? Are you providing a Sweet or Savory dish(es). Use the CLIPBOARD at the back of the church please **ON/BEFORE 16th July!**



Anna's Group

Anna's Group gathers **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, 6th July at **Mocca Bella in Flockton St** at **12pm.**

Any questions ring :
Dianne on 0407616637

Divine Mercy Stafford Parish

(every First Friday of each month)

July 7, Friday
@5.30pm



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.



NEW SHIPMENT
ARRIVED



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

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



STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

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!



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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@stoplevel.com.au

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

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School Contacts

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BAPTISMS

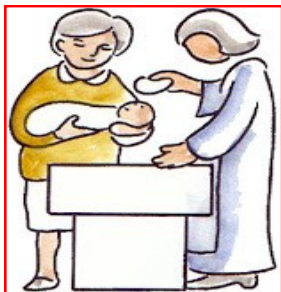
are celebrated at 10.30am on the
Third Sunday of each Month
(except during Lent and OCTOBER).

For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**

-- contact the Parish Office.

Further information on our website:

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



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OUR MISSION

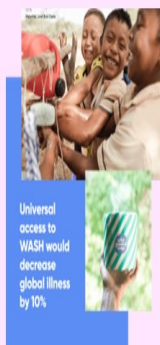
We donate 50% of our profits to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime. And with your help, we'll get there.

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



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:

Stella Turton, Shaun & Carol Donaldson, Rachel Oxenham, Peter Taylor, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade, Gerard McGrory, Bev Lofgren, Geraldine Hurley, Sr Regina Millard RSC, Sr Catherine Heffernan RSM, Sr Patricia Coyle RSC, Joanne Austen, Carlos De Leon & Miguela Savellon.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Hugh Rodger, Julia-Mary (JM) Lane, Sr Robyn Wheeler RSC, Sr Maria Carmel, Ron Davis, Julian Baines & Gloria O'Donnell.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Scanlan and our other 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.