



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."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 19th-20th August 2023



WRITING SESSION
20th Aug –SUNDAY
(Tomorrow/TODAY) @10am
Parish Meeting Room

A reminder that there will be a writing workshop on Sunday after mass for those interested in following up on our recent summit. We are aiming to have the final draft of our parish plan by the beginning of October.

This year has been challenging and rewarding in many ways, and while there is much to worry over, there is also so much to be grateful for. Today, will hear a specially prepared homily from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, to share the importance of the Annual Catholic Campaign, and how we can continue to be the face of Christ for others in our community. There are many who need our care, and this campaign reaches out to those who need our support most. I encourage you to support it this year.

The Annual Catholic Campaign reminds us that we are part of the larger Church. Our parishes work together to support vital ministries and services. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish, such as: training future priests, caring for elderly priests when they become frail and unwell, helping struggling families access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community. When making your gift, please put your donation inside the envelope provided [hold up brochure and show them how envelope is attached] so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.

Over the past years, our parish has given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help in times of need.



Music Practice

NEXT SATURDAY

(26th August 10-11am)

Everyone is Welcome to JOIN!





HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy; through your care, you make that possible.



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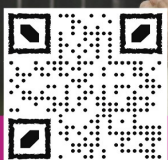


THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.



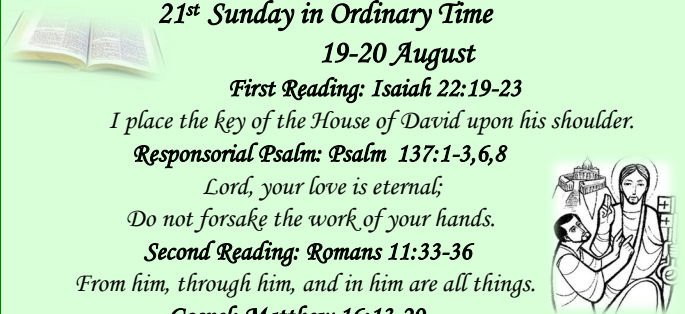
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Next Sunday's Readings
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
19-20 August
First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8
Lord, your love is eternal;
Do not forsake the work of your hands.
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
From him, through him, and in him are all things.
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.



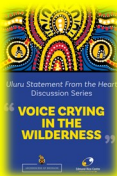
What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?		
Mon 21 st	8.30am	Mass
Tues 22 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 24 th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 25 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 26 th	10am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Music Practice Reconciliation 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 27 th	9.00am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time

KATE CHANEY, is the niece of Fred Chaney (who was the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in a past COALITION GOVERNMENT). Kate is the Federal Member for CURTIN in WA. She has published a **couple of excellent "EXPLAINERS" about the "VOICE"**. I encourage you to **study them** as you reflect in conscience how to vote in the referendum. **One political slogan supports apathy and ignorance** with the words "If you don't know—vote NO!!" I say, "If you don't know—FIND OUT!" - It's our responsibility as Jesus' disciples.

Q&A ON THE VOICE



What is the Voice?	The proposed Voice is a group of representatives from the Indigenous community advising Parliament and Executive Government on matters that affect them, such as health, education, jobs and housing.
Where did the Voice come from?	Every Prime Minister since John Howard has supported constitutional recognition for First Nations peoples in some form. The Uluru Statement of the Heart was signed by more than 250 Indigenous Elders in 2017. The Statement calls for constitutional recognition through the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution. The Voice to Parliament is the response to this request.
How will the Voice work?	The Constitution only says the Voice may advise Parliament and the Executive Government. Parliament will be responsible for determining the composition of the Voice and how this advisory group will operate.
What can the Voice achieve?	First Nations peoples are best placed to advise on what's working and what's not. A better informed Parliament and Executive Government is likely to lead to better laws that will have a positive impact on First Nations lives, helping to Close the Gap and improve the life outcomes of First Nations peoples.
Will the Voice have too much or too little power?	The Voice will only have the power to advise. It won't be able to allocate funding or create laws. Parliament and the Government can decide whether to listen or act upon the advice provided.
Why should the Voice be in the Constitution?	Including the Voice in the Constitution formally acknowledges the historic role of First Nations peoples in Australia. It means the Voice to Parliament will last beyond political cycles. Its composition, powers and procedures can be amended by Parliament to ensure its effectiveness.
Does the Voice divide Australia based on race?	The Voice aims to narrow a division that already exists in Australia. Better-informed decision-making by Parliament about First Nations issues should lead to a more cohesive society.
Will the Voice limit the ability of Parliament to make laws?	No. The Voice cannot veto or block legislation. The decisions of the Government and the passing of legislation will continue to be the responsibility of the elected representatives in Parliament.
How will the Voice members be chosen?	If the referendum is successful, there will be a process with First Nations communities, the Parliament and the broader public to finalise the Voice design. Legislation to establish the Voice will go through the standard transparent and public parliamentary processes, and will be passed through both houses of Parliament.
Why isn't there more detail about the Voice in the Constitution?	The Constitution is a place for ideas and principles. For example, only the idea of the High Court is covered in the Constitution. How the High Court works is governed by Parliament.



We are moving closer to the referendum for a **Voice to Parliament**. You may have reached a decision about your vote, or you may still be considering how to vote. There are many different views and information conveyed in the media which can be confusing.

Our parish vision is **"To Follow the Example of Jesus by Serving Others"** encompassing Jesus's message of inclusion, love and compassion. **How will we fulfill our vision and mission for this important time in our history?**

We are offering an opportunity for you to **reflect on the Jesus's message and how that message informs our decision regarding the referendum**. There are a series of discussions developed by the Brisbane Archdiocese with a focus on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Each includes short readings, quotes from the Uluru statement, a time for silent reflection and a discussion. **Beginning on Monday 28th August, we are offering 4 weekly sessions each beginning at 7pm—8pm via ZOOM**. Register via the clipboard at the back of the church, call the Parish Office, or just turn up (<https://zoom.us/j/95869358847?pwd=N3lPQ3dsanpZTlFyOUlUZDNhdll2Zz09> Meeting ID: 958 6935 8847 Passcode: 887703) — Let's join together to shape our response to this important question. - Soc Justice/RAP Group.



Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023

The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email, by Monday 21 August to: cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com



THE COLLECTION

In the early years of Christianity, the faithful brought bread and wine with them to church to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. What wasn't used at the Mass was given to the poor and needy. Later, people started bringing other gifts of food or money which were offered for the work of the Church.

In most parishes a collection of money is taken up during the Preparation of Gifts. This action is an integral part of the liturgy because our offering links us to the sacrifice of the cross and the money will be used in the mission of the Church.

Visitors to a Catholic Church are often surprised (and sometimes embarrassed!) when the collection plate comes around a second time at Mass, usually after Communion. Having two collections is a way of separating donations for the support of the clergy from contributions to the cost of the parish services and operations.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Concluding Rites is the shortest and simplest part of the Mass. It consists of: brief **announcements**, the priest's greeting and **blessing** and the **dismissal** of the people.

The **announcements** keep people informed about the various activities and groups operating in the parish and invite them to participate.

Three options are given for the **blessing**: Simple Blessing, where the priest blesses the assembly in the name of Father, Son and Spirit; Solemn Blessing that includes three invocations after each of which the people answer *Amen*; Prayer over the People, which consists of a collect to which the assembly responds *Amen*. These last two are always concluded with a Simple Blessing. The **dismissal** is not just a way to end the celebration and say farewell to those who have gathered, although both of these are included. It is a commissioning. We who have united ourselves to Christ's sacrifice in the Eucharist are sent out into the world to live the mystery we have just celebrated, to be the Body of Christ in our homes, communities and workplaces.

Although a hymn is not included among the elements of the Concluding Rites, in most parishes Mass concludes with the singing of a recessional hymn.



This month we are reminded that slavery still exists in our country. As part of their Speak Now series **ACRATH** (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) calls us to take action against all forms of abuse of human rights.

Modern slavery takes many forms, including people experiencing forced marriage. To find out more about the impacts we can make to improve the lives of others have a look at the work of ACRATH and take steps in your own lives to not support acts of slavery or trafficking.



Remembering your parish in your Will

Do you wish to become an Eternal Guardian of your parish and leave a gift in your Will to your parish? It is important that the correct legal entity is referenced in your Will including the parish name and official address of the Parish Office. The recommended wording for a gift in your Will to your parish is:

"I give **[insert amount/percentage/asset/item]** to The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane for the use and benefit of general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the *Our Lady, Queen of Apostles situated at 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053*. In the event that the parish has changed its name or been amalgamated with another parish or parishes, this gift shall be given to the parish which at the date of my death incorporates the major area of the *Our Lady, Queen of Apostles - Stafford Parish* as it exists at the time of making of this Will."

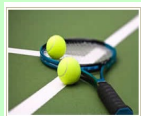
For a confidential conversation about a gift in your Will, please contact: Archdiocese of Brisbane Gifts in Wills Senior Manager:
p: 07 3324 3632 e: pererar@bne.catholic.net.au



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:

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Click link below:

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

or scan:



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Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Missionary Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com

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

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

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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**

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 web-site:



WHO GIVES A CRAP? *Saving The World. One Wipe At A Time.*

Mr. Simon Griffiths, the Australian engineer and economist turned social entrepreneur talks about the 'a-ha moment' he had-- to sell toilet paper and use the profits to build toilets and to call the venture *Who Gives A Crap*. He is the co-founder and CEO of the high-growth start-up *Who Gives a Crap*, a profit-for-purpose toilet paper company that uses 50% of its profits to build toilets in the developing world.



Available at the parish office:

***Toilet paper roll; \$2 Paper Towel; \$3.5 Tissue;\$2**

FYI : WGAC? *toilet papers are now available at ALDI and Woolies for a lower cost per box of 12 rolls. We will continue to make these available for those who need less than a dozen of toilet papers. In addition, paper towels and tissues are not yet out in the market and they are readily available for sale at the parish office. Thank you.

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!

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:

Josefina King, Kev Tyack, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera, Trevor Blackwell, Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol Donaldson, Rachel Oxenham, Peter Taylor, Terry Gesch, Peter McDade, Gerard McGrory, Bev Lofgren & Geraldine Hurley.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Danilo Espina, Stella Turton, Miriam Martin, Hugh Rodger, Julia-Mary (JM) Lane, Sr Robyn Wheeler RSC & Sr Maria Carmel, Ron Davis.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Coyle 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.