

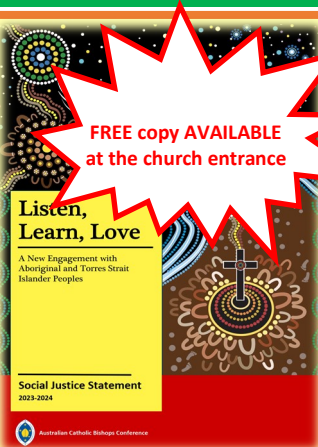


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 26th-27th August 2023



This weekend is **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** with a very appropriate theme as we lead up to the referendum: **"Listen, Learn, Love."**

Here is a quote from the statements: It's from Australia's FIRST Aboriginal Catholic Priest: **Patrick Dodson**, the Father of Reconciliation and now a Senator for Western Australia, made this point strongly and clearly in 1962:

The track behind us is littered with the relics of policies, programs and projects that failed, that wasted taxpayers' money, that failed to deliver real outcomes to those crying out for them. They failed mainly because they did not include Indigenous people in making the decisions.

"Nothing about us without us!" is a saying which many of us share to emphasise the need for us to be at the decision-making table. And another from NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council): ***We in NATSICC know there are criticisms, even from Aboriginal people, but most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people support the referendum....Just as the churches strongly supported the 1967 referendum, we hope that Catholics, along with other people of faith, will support the Yes campaign.***

There is a reflection on the Jesus' message and how that message informs our decision regarding the referendum in a series of discussions developed by the Brisbane Archdiocese with a focus on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Beginning on **THIS Monday (28th) 7pm—8pm via ZOOM**. Register via the clipboard at the back of the church, call the Parish Office, or just turn up (<https://>



Bring and Buy Table

2 & 3 September (next weekend)

We are committed to offsetting the 9.08tonnes of carbon that our parish office and church produced in the past year. Our carbon offset will support The International Small Group and Tree Planting Program <https://program.tist.org/>

Our goal is \$136. Every dollar plants a tree and provides hope, dignity and independence within developing communities. Please bring an item for the table and buy a 'treasure' as you leave Mass.

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



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023



2 nd &3 rd (Sat-Sun) QoA (after mass)	Bring and Buy Table	To offset our parish carbon footprint.
Monday 4 th (Mon) 6pm Zoom	Catholic EarthCare online launch of Season of Creation	RegLink: https://www.trybooking.com/CJUOQ
6 th (Wed) 12nn Botanical Gardens Mt Cootha	Qld Churches Environment Network Ecumenical Prayer	Lychee Tree Lawn
9 th (Sat) 6pm St Stephen's Cathedral	The AoB celebrates Season of Creation w/Mass followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room, 7-8pm	We will participate as special ministers for the Mass.
6 th (W) 13 th (W) 20 th (W) & 28 th (Th) 7-8pm Zoom	Sponsored by Laudato Si Circle Brisbane 'Let's Unpack Laudato Si' discussion group via Zoom	Reglink https://laudatosibrisbanechapter.weebly.com/season-of-creation-2023.html
22 nd (Fri) QoA	Laudato Si Chaplet and Morning Tea in the Contemplation Garden 10am	Stroll across after FriMass,: prayer &enjoy cuppa
2 nd October (Mon) following morning Mass QoA	Prayer and Launch of the movie "The Letter" followed by morning tea.	Trailer to tempt you! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3EBHebH17Y



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
4 - 10 September 2022

NAPCAN
Find out more www.napcan.org.au

The National Child Protection Week campaign runs from 3-9Sept. The campaign aims to engage, educate and empower Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect and work together to prevent it.

This year, the message that "Every child in every community needs a fair" will be complemented with the theme "Where we start matters." Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. Of course, where we start isn't where we finish.

Next Sunday's Readings
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2-3 September

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62:2-6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.



**THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE
 ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART:**

"We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country."

"When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish.

They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country."

"We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution... We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future."

To read the full statement, please visit: ulurustatement.org/the-statement



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We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of this land and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Kate Chaney MP
 FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN

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Our Parish PIETY Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. Below are samples of Confirmation & First Communion memorabilia.



Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday before or after school hours. OR after Mass, ask Fr Denis and he'll unlock the Shop's Door for you. Thank you.

What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?

Mon 28 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 29 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>*Fr Denis' Priestly Ordination Anniversary</i>
Thu 31 st	8.30am	Mass
Fri 1 st Sept	9.00am 5.30pm	Mass Divine Mercy
Sat 2 nd	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ <i>Season of Creation</i> BRING &BUY Table
Sun 3 rd	9.00am	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ <i>Season of Creation</i> BRING &BUY Table

Happy Ordination Anniversary, Fr DENIS!

29th August

Thank you for your years of generous service to the people of God.



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
 Our Church · Our Mission · Our Community

Last weekend we had the Annual Catholic Campaign, where we financially supported the ways 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. (If you missed the opportunity to donate, there are still envelopes at the back of the church. Please take one, complete your details and/or place your donation inside.) 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. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.

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

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



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE

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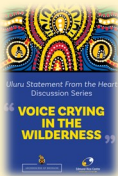
[www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-](http://www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts)

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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 THIS 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. ([Link to Meeting](#) ID: 958 6935 8847 Passcode: 887703) — Let's join together to shape our response to this important question. - Soc Justice/RAP Group.

Divine Mercy Stafford Parish

(every First Friday of each month)

Sept 1, Friday
@5.30pm



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

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!



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.

Prayer of Our

CONFIRMATION Candidates

Lord, help us who are preparing for confirmation to live by the Holy spirit. May we use his power in our lives to be witnesses to you. Amen.

Zimmer, Chloe, Grace, Raffaele, Ariela, Thomas, Lillian, Joseph, Alex, Claudia, Isabella, Chiara, Joshua, Matilda, William, Sabrina, Christopher, Theodore, Sebastian, Oliver, Sawyer, Kitty, Conor, Colt, Felix, Mokoia, Manaia, Joshua, Jessica, Max, Elsie, Patrick, Joe, Riley, Sophie, Harriet, Ethan, Lillian, Addison Joshua & Mackenzie.

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.

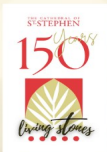
THE CONCLUDING RITES

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.



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023

Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel,
are also invited to attend with family and friends
to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.



To register to attend the Mass
and for catering purposes please
RSVP: Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

If you have photos or stories to share
of your wedding at the Cathedral,
please contact David Todd.
email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.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**

School email: pstafford@bne.catholic.edu.au

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 web-
site:



MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"
POPE FRANCIS



24 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 2:30PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

CELEBRATED BY
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
AND PERFORMANCES IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER



For more information contact Liliana Ortiz at ortiz@bne.catholic.net.au

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:

Rachel Oxenham, Ed Taylor, Mary Davissen, Josefina King,
Kev Tyack, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Gra-
ham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera, Trevor Blackwell,
Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol
Donaldson, 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 Car-
mel, Ron Davis.

**And those whose anniversaries occur
at this time:** John Coyle our other deceased parishion-
ers, 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.