



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."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2nd-3rd September 2023



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023



Join Us to Shape the Future of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Dear Parish Members,

Are you a youth or young adult looking to make a meaningful impact? We invite you to join us after Mass on Sept 3rd to be part of an important discussion that will shape the future of our Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Whether you're aged 12 to 18 or between 18 and 32, your voice matters! We're eager to hear your views, ideas, and aspirations for your ministry. Your input will help us define the objectives and outcomes for our 5-Year Plan.

Date: Sept 3rd Time: After Mass Location: Meeting Room

We value your perspective and believe that together, we can create a vibrant and inclusive community that serves the needs of our youth and young adults. The session will last around 30 to 45 minutes, providing a platform for open discussion and collaboration. Your participation will be a crucial step in building a stronger, more engaging ministry for everyone. Let's come together to make a positive difference in the lives of our young members. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Peace and blessings,

On Behalf of Writing Team

Our Parish's Finances: Next weekend, we will hear our **annual statement from the parish finance council**. In the meantime, please consider how your family can contribute to the running of our community (**Preferably Direct Debit, or some other electronic means**). Please include a weekly or other regular contribution in your budget. We have no "money tree" but **only funds raised by our own community**. This newsletter (whether hardcopy/electronic) costs money; the bread and wine at Mass costs money, lights, AV, costs money, our support for our Asylum Seekers costs money—all the legal hoops we have to jump through, e.g. Insurance, WHS, etc etc costs money, and so on and on.—They're just the day to day things and then there's on-going maintenance of our buildings, implementing our 5 yr plan (Faith Formation, Children and Young Adults, Outreach etc) which will cost. Remember: **It's YOUR parish and therefore YOUR responsibility.**

Caritas Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Online Launch

BOOK NOW

SEASON OF CREATION

1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2023



Let Justice
and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
August 15-24



**Monday 4th
(Mon) 6pm
ZoomCatholic
EarthCare online
launch of Sea-
son of Creation**

**Registration
Link:**

**[https://
www.trybooking
.com/CJUOQ](https://www.trybooking.com/CJUOQ)**



We invite you to join our free Zoom reading group and gain a deeper understanding of *Laudato Si'* in four weeks, during the 'Season of Creation 2023'

Date / times: September 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 6pm to 7pm

The reading guide will be emailed to you, following your registration

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Laudato Si' Movement - Brisbane Circle
Biosite: <https://bio.site/laudatosibrisbane>

**Laudato Si' Chaplet and Morning Tea
in the QoA Contemplation Garden**

**22nd (Fri) 10am after Friday Mass
stroll across
prayer & enjoy cuppa**



SEASON OF CREATION

Prayer Service

Lychee Tree Lawn
Mount Coot-tha Botanical Garden
12pm Wednesday 6th September

All are Welcome



For more information contact
admin@qct.org.au



Next Sunday's Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9-10 September

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man,
then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you,
you will have won that person back,*



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

Mon 4 th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 5 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 7 st	8.30am	Mass
	12pm	Anna's Group
	6pm	Sac of Confirmation REHEARSAL
Fri 8 th	9.00am	Mass
Sat 9 th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 10 th	9.00am	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's creation. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment and how our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both human and other creatures. According to Pope Francis, "The Season of Creation offers individual believers and the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in the care of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works he has entrusted to our care, invoking God's help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis called the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. The title of the encyclical comes from its opening words, "Laudato si', mi Signora" or "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. While *Laudato Si'* is the first encyclical to focus on the environment and its destruction in such a comprehensive way, its foundation rests in a long history of Catholic Church teaching on creation.

The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

To understand how the elements and pattern of the Mass we celebrate today came about, it is helpful to remember that Jesus and his first disciples were all Jews. Unlike their fellow Jews, however, they believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah.

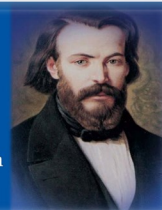
After Pentecost, the Jewish Christians continued to go to the temple to pray. If they were outside of Jerusalem, they would go to the synagogue on the Sabbath and then on Sunday they would gather for a meal, in obedience to Jesus' words to them at the Last Supper "Do this in memory of me". Because they kept claiming that Jesus was the Messiah, the Jewish Christians were eventually banned from the synagogue, so they started meeting on the Sabbath for their own synagogue service. Like their fellow Jews, they would read from the Jewish Scriptures, hear a sermon, say prayers and sing psalms. But they added to this stories about Jesus, which became the Gospels, and letters from Christian leaders like Paul, what we call the Epistles.

After a while, the need for holding two gatherings on different days was questioned and so they were combined into one which took place on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection. The pattern of worship the early Jewish Christians followed is the same as that of the Eucharist today - an adapted synagogue service consisting of prayers, readings from scripture, preaching and singing followed by a meal modelled on the last Passover celebrated by Jesus.



Feast of
Blessed Frederic Ozanam

9th September
Founder of St Vincent de Paul Society



This week, on September 9, we remember the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Blessed Frederick Ozanam. Frederick, along with some friends,

founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society in 1833 at the age of 20. Now, 190 years later, the Society operates in over 150 countries throughout the world and has 205 Conferences in parishes across Queensland, as well as 15 Support Centers and 155 retail stores, helping those in need in our community. If you would like to find out more about the Society in our local area, see one of our members after Mass - we will be wearing our badges.

Anna's THURSDAY Group

7th Sept at Mocca Bella in Flockton St at 12pm.

Any questions ring :

Dianne on 0407616637



The Spirit of the Lord
be upon you +

Please PRAY for

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 &
Mackenzie.



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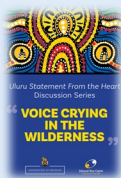
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www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

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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.

SECOND Monday (4th September) 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=N3lPQ3dsanpZTlFyOUlUZNhdll2Zz09> Meeting ID: 958 6935 8847 Passcode: 887703) — Let's join together to shape our response to this important question.

- Social Justice/RAP Group.



**2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

THANK YOU for being the face of CHRIST for others

Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign will support those in dire circumstances and give children living in hardship access to a caring Catholic school community. Through this gift, you live the Gospel by caring for our elderly priests and educating seminarians who will lead the future Church. **THANK YOU** for all you do to support those in need in our local community.

ArcheLearn Platform upgraded and being made available to Volunteers

Our cohort of parish volunteers play an invaluable role in our communities, and we'd like to take this opportunity to recognise their enormous contribution around the Archdiocese. We are committed to ensuring that our volunteers access the necessary ongoing training that supports their work, creates a record of the training undertaken and protects both the volunteers and our organisation. It's critical that our volunteers complete the necessary training, which can be accessed using our learning and development platform, ArcheLearn. Our Organisational Development team are pleased to announce that the ArcheLearn system has undergone a significant upgrade to provide our volunteers with a simple user experience. We're letting you know that volunteers will need to log into the Volunteer Portal to access the refreshed ArcheLearn system, and we'll be asking for your help in making sure our volunteers are aware of this change. ArcheLearn will be available on the Volunteer Portal. The key things volunteers need to know about the ArcheLearn upgrade include:

- *very easy to use and they won't break it: the refreshed system is very easy to use, even for people who aren't confident on computers. Volunteers will be able to access ArcheLearn from the comfort of their own homes and computers.
- *here to support you and our volunteers: we will provide all the support our volunteers need to access ArcheLearn. Over the coming weeks, we'll provide you with a range of resources, including a step-by-step guide and a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We'll also be in touch about hosting an evening in your parish for all your volunteers, especially those who don't feel confident to do it on their own and provide an opportunity for them ask questions. The Organisational Development team is here to support you through this change. If you have questions regarding the new look ArcheLearn, please don't hesitate to reach out to

Jessica Higgs, our Learning Systems Administrator, at
archelearn@bne.catholic.net.au

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.



WE'VE DONATED OVER...

\$11,222,000 AUD

It's incredible! But we still have a long way to go.

Available at the parish office:

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



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

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



SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER



For more information contact Lilianna Ortiz at ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

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!



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

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

Parish WEBSITE: www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

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**

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 website:



THE CATHOLIC

LEADER

September 2023

• Joined in faith: More than 1.5 million young people from around the world made a pilgrimage to Lisbon last month for World Youth Day 2023 • Listening, learning, loving is key to engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples says Bishop Conference's social justice statement • The Archbishop touches on the changing nature of a vocation in the priesthood • Pope Francis addresses crowd of 15,000 in Rome: Jesus walks on water, He does not abandon individuals or the Church • CENTACARE family support expert discusses the state's domestic violence crisis • Mary arose and made haste... : Young people from all over Australia from the Neocatechumenal Way journeyed to Lisbon for World Youth Day and a meeting with Pope Francis • Catholic family narrowly escapes Hawaii wildfires: 'We did a lot of praying' • Honolulu Bishop details 'shocking' devastation on Maui after visit to Lahaina • Sr Monica Nguyen of the International Congregation of the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres shares her vocation story

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



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:

Ed Taylor, Mary Davissen, 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:

Jim Tyler, 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.