



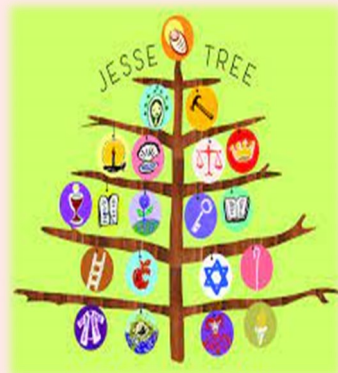
# Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

**Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus in word, deed and service."**

**First Sunday of Advent Year B 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

## Jesse Tree



This Advent we trace not just the lineage of Jesus but also the prophecy fulfilled and the Good News of His coming. We make connections between the Old and New Testaments to see God's perfect plan to bring all people back to Himself through Jesus. This week our symbols are

God	Creation	Gen 1:1 -2:3	The Earth
Adam & Eve	The First Sin	Gen 2:4 - 3:24	Apple
Noah	The Flood	Gen 6:11 - 22, 7:17-8:12, 20-9:17	Rainbow
Abraham	The Promise	Gen 12:1-7, 15:1-6	Field of Stars
Isaac	Offering of Isaac	Gen 22:1 - 19	Ram
Jacob	Assurance	Gen 27:41 -28:22	Ladder



### THANK YOU

**A HUGE "THANK-YOU" to Teresa Rotolone and Jules Esler** who have supported the Parents of our younger Brothers and Sisters who celebrated their **full initiation in the mission of the Church** in celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

fully for the first time. Their time, patience, faith and ingenuity has greatly helped the parents in their role as *"first and best educators in the ways of faith"* of their children. We look forward to experiencing those children's gifts in proclaiming the Word and in their companionship on the Journey as we gather each week for Eucharist. - Denis

### Name tags

are now available for pick each weekend mass during advent. We invite you to wear your badge at mass each weekend -just keep it in the car for easy retrieval. It will also enable Fr Joe to learn names as he is welcomed to our parish in January. Sheets are at the back of the church for those who missed to sign up. Thanks!



### VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Well it's almost that time again for us to think about Christmas and the people we at Vinnie's look out for with your help. We will be asking for festive food donations to be placed under the Christmas tree in the church once again.

Please ensure that the food items are within the use by date. We will leave gift tags with some suggestions re food items in a cane basket at the back of the church when it gets closer. Don't gift wrap the food items as we need to see what it is in order to put into hampers (which we have special Vinnie's bags for.) A Woollies paper shopping bag will be ok. You can leave your food items this weekend, 2/3 & 9/10 December. We are never disappointed by your generosity each year.

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal Envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

They will also be handed out before and after mass. You can donate money right up to Christmas Day. If you prefer bank transfers, the details are in the envelopes. Thank you and God Bless.

## Advent Workshops for children (5-12y/o)

**SUNDAYS - 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

- ✓ Designed to help children understand Jesus' family lineage through the symbols of the Jesse Tree
- ✓ Active Learning through story, mime, song and craft will ensure a fun time for all.

**Running for one hour in the Meeting Room immediately after Sunday Mass.**

**Registration at the back of the church or via the Parish Office.**

### Advent Prayer and Reflection



**REMINDER: Our Advent prayer and reflection continues THIS Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.** Please join us for about an hour following morning Mass (9am). Whether you have a copy of the book or not, you are most welcome. For further information contact Rosemary on 04314664211.

*Next Sunday's Readings*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*9-10 December*

*First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*  
Prepare the way for the Lord.

*Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14*

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

*Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14*

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

*Gospel: Mark 1:1-8*

Make straight the paths of the Lord.



MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS on a MONDAY**

Normally it is quite easy to determine what feast we celebrate on any given day. The higher-ranking feast take precedence over a lower-ranking commemoration. That gets quite tricky when Christmas falls on a Monday. Both the Fourth Sunday

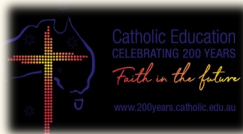
of Advent and Christmas Day have the same ranking and both are what we call? days of obligation?. The question then arises: what do we celebrate on Sunday evening?

A common rule of thumb is that the actual day itself takes precedence over an anticipated Mass of the following day. But that will not work in this case. In Australia, people's certain expectation will be that Christmas Eve will feature celebrations of the Christmas solemnity, and not the Advent Sunday.

Therefore, while it is technically possible to celebrate the Advent Sunday with an evening Mass on Sunday 24 December, it would not be wise to do so. They should be the usual Christmas Masses which people have come to expect. The Sunday will therefore be celebrated on the evening of Saturday 23 and the morning of Sunday 24. *by Tom Elich, Liturgy Brisbane*

**We often sing a hymn "Faith in the Future"** (The one that starts with "Whoa, Whoa...". Some people have asked why "Two Hundred reasons to sing..." is included. The hymn was composed to celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia is the reason. However because of confusion and the misunderstanding that it refers to European Colonisation in Australia, I've written to the composer (Fr Rob Galea) and to the National Catholic Education Commission (who own the rights) and asked if he can change the words to be more appropriate for a Parish Setting.

I am really happy that people noticed the "200 years" and were concerned about its implication. - Denis



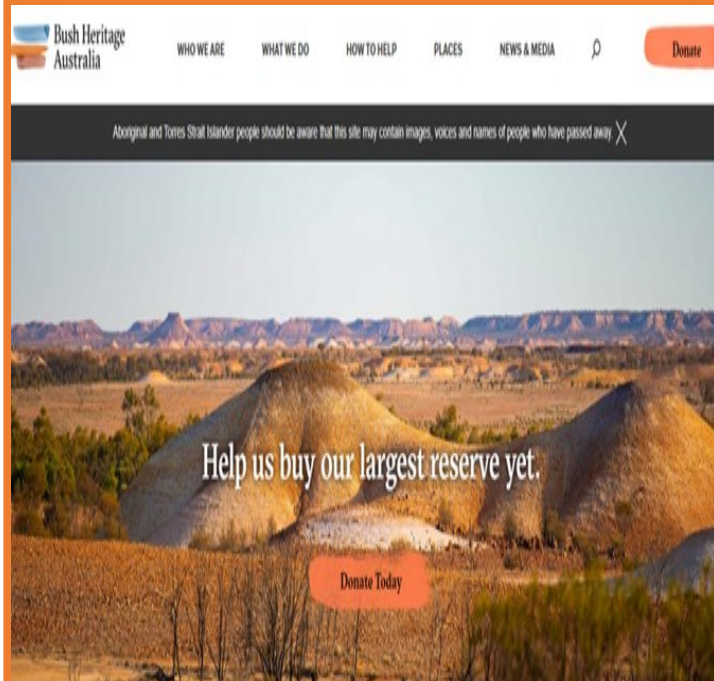
**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

**VERY IMPORTANT NEWS!!!**

As you all know, the Leader will no longer be supplied to parishes or Saint Vincent De Paul Societies in 2024. As such, there are only two editions left (Advent/Christmas). *If you wish to continue receiving it, you are encouraged to take out a subscription to The Catholic Leader and support Brisbane Archdiocese's multi-platform news service. Once subscribed, the paper will be delivered to your door each month. To subscribe either call The Catholic Leader team on (07) 3324 3555 or click [here](#) subscribe OR use the RETURN ENVELOPES available at the Catholic Leader table.*

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

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am <b>9am</b>	Mass <b>Advent Prayer &amp; Reflection</b>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass <b>Anna's Group will join Latte Ladies LUNCH</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am <b>10am</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Children's Advent Workshop 2</b>



**ETHICAL GIFT IDEAS**

Give a gift to the environment as well as your loved one. Bush Heritage Australia is a leading not for profit conservation organisation that protects ecosystems and wildlife across the continent. Drawing from best science, First Nations wisdom and knowledge and working with the agricultural sector, Bush Heritage strives to make deep and sustainable impact on this landscape. Why not consider gifting a contribution to support conservation projects?

Communing with the God who Comes to Us

This quiet weekend is an opportunity to reflect upon the God who constantly chooses to come to us in loving relationship.

**Hosted and Facilitated by:**

**Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries**

**When:** Fri, 15 Dec 2023 at 6pm – Sun 17 Dec 2023 at 3pm **OR**  
Fri, 12 Jan 2024 at 6pm – Sun 14 Jan 2024 at 3pm

**Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

**Cost:** \$400 (\$380 for concessions) incl all accommodation, meals (an addtl fee for complex special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

**To register or enquire:**

[grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283



## Our ADVENT preparation for CHRISTMAS

**Celebrating the Forgiveness of our Sins:  
Why not celebrate our common Sinfulness and  
that God**

**never ceases to forgive and show us mercy?**

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> (NOT 12<sup>th</sup>) December, 6.30pm**, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Penance. **How to do that??** All those who wish to celebrate are asked to consider their sins, (spend some time reflecting on "why do I do these things") and write them and your answer down on a piece of paper BEFORE coming to church that night (DO NOT include your name!!). The basic structure of the Second Rite is: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Penance and concluding rite. During the Liturgy of Penance, you will process forward, hand your **OPEN sheet** of paper to Father, receive Absolution and return to your place.

*"... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us....But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. –*

*Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:5, 8*

*Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners! (Fr Richard Rohr)*



**HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK**

1 - 10 DECEMBER 2023

This week is the  
**75th anniversary  
of the UN declara-  
tion of Human**

**rights.** The theme this year is - Universal means every-  
one. **HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL."**



**Christmas Cards** are NOW available for purchase -  
\$5.00 for a pack of 8. Contact TISHA in the office.

### "CAROLS PRACTICE"

**after 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
after 9am Sunday Mass, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**"We invite all parishioners** to join our musicians at the carols practice. There will be well known carols as well as a couple that may not be so well known. No special skills are needed, just willingness to be part of our community singing together. We encourage and welcome as many as possible to join in these Parish activities."



### Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm

Christopher Trikilis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm

Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm



MUSIC AND POETRY  
TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON



Tickets through [www.trybooking.com/CN6CC](http://www.trybooking.com/CN6CC)

### Anna's Group joins Latte Ladies' Christmas Lunch



Our Latte Ladies Christmas lunch will be held at Aspley Hornets Football Club, Graham Road, Aspley beginning at 11:30 on Friday, 15th December. The charge for the two course meal is \$21:90 with an added fee for hire of the room. The total cost will be determined by numbers attending therefore, if you have not already done so, please let me know if you intend to join us by no later than Friday, 8th December. Traci Dove, 0403 726

### Men's Group

**Friday, 15th December at 12 nn**

**Stafford Tavern in Webster Road Stafford.**

To ALL MEN in our Parish of LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES this a opportunity to share a meal and drink with your fellow men folk and celebrate 2023. A table of twenty has been booked but can be extended to cater for more.

Come Join Father, John Lamb, Peter Dove, Frank Fee, Luke Cowan & John his Carer, Mark our Groundsman and his side kicks Kerry McMahon, Alan Keating, Chris Gardiner and myself. If I have missed anyone please let me know **0408711496** or email me. Apologies due to Families and other commitments are Ian Workman and Rod or Muzza. Please consider our invitation and join in the fun. I need to know final numbers by the Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of December, thanks. Cheers, **Gary**



### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles – Stafford Parish Christmas Mass Times

**14<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm** Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

**23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 5.00pm** Mass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am** Mass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
5.00pm and 8.00pm - Christmas Eve

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00am** Christmas Day

**28th (Thursday), 29th (Friday)** usual Mass times

**30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> Dec** Sat 5pm, Sun 9am (as usual)  
Feast of the "Holy Family"

**31<sup>st</sup> Dec 5pm** – Mass for Feast of the "Mary, Mother of God"

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.00pm** Epiphany

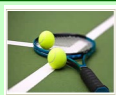
**7<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am** Epiphany

**13<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.00pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**14<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**From 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January – NO WEEKDAY Mass but Morn-  
ing Prayer with Communion will be prayed on Tuesdays  
and Fridays: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am.**



## ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

**FOR CASUAL HIRE** Click link below:

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

or scan:



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

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!



## Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: **70 Appleby Road, Stafford**

Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)

Parish Administrator: **Fr Denis Scanlan**

Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

Parish Missionary Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

**STOPline** Service: 1300 304 550 or

[AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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:

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



## 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 or after week-end Masses and Fr Denis will open for you. Thank you.

### 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**

## 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:

Sr Dorothy Bayliss, Rachel Oxenham, Sandra Henry, Margaret Alcock, Liz Martin, Robert McLean, Graeme Rosewarne, Lyn & Jim Payne, Caitlyn Sheehan, Brian Scanlan, Wendy Roberts, Ed Taylor, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera & Andrew Lofgren.

### We pray for those recently deceased:

Alfio Mangano Sr, Michael Rickens, Mick Tanwan, Frank Hughes; Sr Anne Crowley RSC, Sr Patricia Heenan RSC, Lyn Payne, & Ron Taylor.

### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bruce Oxenham, Graham (Macca) McLean, Bienvenido Tolentino and all 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.