



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."

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time (Year B) 22nd/23rd Sept, 2018

Congratulations to our younger Brothers and Sisters who took another step towards full initiation into the Christian Church through celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Tuesday with Bishop Joe Ouderman. A great sign of our belonging to each other on the journey with Christ is **all those parishioners who have helped these children's parents**—our Sacramental Team and those who **helped with preparing the celebration**—our computer people, our musicians, singers, our servers and our Parish Councillors. It's great to see the community in action as it welcomes these young brothers and sisters, Ava Ahlberg, Thomas Ahlberg, Charlotte Barwick, Joshua Barwick, Milly Beasy, Alessandra Boyle, Olivia Carnes, Ella Claire Cartagena, Charlie Casey, Jack Casey, Meg Casey, Tom Casey, Daniel DeBellis, Matilde Di Mascio, Mia Gayler, Chloe Healy, Jessica Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Alfio Mangano, Henry McQuaid, Daniel Oliver, Isabella Pacyna-Wilson, Jordan Pacyna-Wilson, Lia Partlett, Mollie Reimers, Scarlett Ritchie, Stefano Rotolone, Felix Salvati, Lucca Sanson, Luca Smith, Miriam Smith, Kai Somerville, Ethan Sutton, Lucinda Taylor, Phoebe Wade, Jesse Walter, Nicholas Yellowley, Elijah Yorke and Joahua Zagorski.

We thank their parents who, by their own lived faith, prayer and worship have and continue to pass on the faith to their children.

Pat Neilsen died on Thursday 13th Sept. We will celebrate her Resurrection with her Funeral Mass on Monday 24th Sept at 10.30am (The usual 8.30am Mass will be cancelled that day). May she rest in peace.

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80



years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

Planned Giving Campaign Update - The new campaign **begins on the weekend of 7th October**. If you are using envelopes, the new envelopes will be available for collection next weekend at the rear of the church. **Please discard any unused envelopes from your current box after the last weekend in September.** You may have a new number in the next campaign, so it's important not to use old envelopes.



For those parishioners that nominated to make contributions via direct debit from a bank account or credit card, we need the forms returned to process the request.

If you have been away and think you have **'missed'** the opportunity to review your pledge or begin a new pledge, it's not too late. There are forms at the rear of the church for planned giving pledges. If you have any questions about Planned Giving, you can call Debra in the office. The forms for direct debit and credit card payments are also available on our website. These can be filled in and emailed to the parish office.

There is an increased amount of work during this time of renewal of pledges and issue of envelopes. Some times things get missed, if you are expecting envelopes and don't see your name amongst the boxes, please contact the office. If there are any other concerns with your Planned Giving contributions, please contact the office and we will be pleased to assist you.

Finally, **a big thank you for your generosity** and support of your parish. Thanks also to the Finance Council and Fr Denis for preparing the Campaign. Well done!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26th Sunday Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: St James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 47-48



Counters Roster: **Team C** - Brian Davissen, Kev Haley, Peter Dove and John Dalton..

STAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the parishioners at St Paul's.

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: **We have EFTPOS!**
Come in and have a look. There is a great range of children's books which make great gifts. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions..

Vinnie's would like to thank everyone very much for their wonderful response donating toiletries for our pamper packs. I must say, people have gone the extra mile in donating such quality products. We are very grateful.

Reflected Love – A weekend silent retreat for Women

Encounter with God is an encounter with Love. It is enveloping "If I can but touch his cloak". It is transforming. We have been sealed with God's love. This weekend retreat is an opportunity to sink into the enveloping love of God, and to explore how that same love is reflected in each one of us.

A weekend of shared silence in community with others who seek encounter with God. Draw away from the rest of life for a short time and walk gently, slowly and with purpose, knowing that you are held within a supported and compassionate community of women.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries
Friday 7 December 2018 to Sunday 9 December 2018
at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Enquiries to: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au
or 0409 524 283

Couples celebrating their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on **Saturday 6th October 2018 @ 10.00am**. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28th September 2018.

E: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au T: 3324 3030

Position Vacant – Multimedia Designer

Applications are open for a position within Vocations Brisbane. A person with excellent digital and print media experience as well, web and social media skills is required for a part time position for 20 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Alpha Training Opportunities - Lorraine McCarthy, Coordinator of Alpha in a Catholic Context, will be facilitating a number of Training Opportunities next month from Friday 19th October until Tuesday 23rd October. The workshops are FREE of charge, but it is essential to register. There is more information on our noticeboard. If you would like any further information, contact Debra in the office.



A Place to call Home—Making a home for everyone in our Land” - Social Justice Statement 2018.—It can happen so easily—interest rates rise and you can't pay your mortgage/rent, your place of work struggles and you lose your job, you have to live in your car!

Please collect a Prayer Card and/or a “Ten Steps...” leaflet and/or a copy of the Statement (there are limited

If I encounter a person
sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ.
Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, n. 48.

copies of the statement—if you won't read it, please don't take it. (Return if when /if you finish with it please). **(or download it from** <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2018>

Is God's will in your Will? Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.

2018 Year of YOUTH — Save the Date
Archdiocesan celebration for the Year of Youth
 will be held on **Saturday 24th November**

Welcome to any new parishioners here at Stafford. We ask you to fill in our information sheet and place it in an envelope. These can be handed to Fr Denis or placed on the collection plate. A parishioner will then contact you to arrange a visit. If you are a parishioner that may not have completed an information sheet, we would love to hear from you too. It can be very helpful when trying to contact people if we have your details on file. If you have changed any details, particularly email, please let us know, so we can update our records.

Safeguarding Training registration has now opened for the following sessions in September 2018. **Please note**, face-to-face training is only applicable to volunteers who are:

- Providing services for children and/or vulnerable adults
- Engaging in activities mainly with children and/or vulnerable adults
- Employed by the Parish

All other volunteers may defer training until online options become available at the end of 2018.

For bookings please contact the parish office.

See the table for details of available training dates and places.

Date	Time	Location
Sept 26 th	6pm-8pm	St Benedict's School Hall 22 St Benedicts Close, Mango Hill
Sept 27 th	6pm-8pm	St Francis Hall 47 Dornoch Tce, West End Qld
Sept 28 th	9am-11am	St Francis Hall 47 Dornoch Tce, West End Qld

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS: We forwarded another \$500.00 last week from stamp sales, — total this year is \$1,200.00. **Thank you** to all our stamp savers who have made this possible. We are always in need of postage stamps for resale. If you can help, please leave your stamps in the box provided to the left of the main Church door. Thank you and God bless.

The Lord's Prayer Embroidery - Can you help us locate the Payne family? We have one yet to be collected by Mr & Mrs Payne. Please make contact with Fr Denis or Debra in the parish office. If we are unable to find the Payne's we may have to auction the embroidery!



We have been doing some spring cleaning and we now have some trash which you might like as treasure! There is a large quantity of candle holders and vases and other interesting things which you are welcome to have a look and take what you like. They will be found in the foyer of the parish office after mass this weekend only.

The 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless. That number includes people who are on the streets & sleeping rough, and those 'couch surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in overcrowded dwellings. The people on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg.



COLLECTIONS		
Date	9th Sept	16th Sept
1st Collection	\$492.80	\$540.15
2nd Collection	\$979.0	\$872
Loose	\$704.05	\$415
DD 1st (Aug)	\$3347.50	
DD 2nd (Aug)	\$6643.50	

Tennis Courts for Hire
 with lights

CHEAP RATES!
 Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: www.holycrossfunerals.com

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053

Parish E-mail: 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 Pastoral Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Debra Visser

Office Hrs: Mon, Tues, Thur: 9.00am—3.30pm

Office Telephone: 3356 7155

Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Representative :Cath D'Hage

Parish School "Queen of Apostles"

Address: 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford 4053

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

School Team: Principal: Nigel Bird

APA: Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Kirsten Karey

School Secretaries: Thuruna St: Vera Fitzgerald

Chuter St: (Mon) Jacqui Collett

Chuter St: (Tues-Fri) Mary-Anne Coppolecchia

School Office Hrs: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Telephone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200

Telephone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

FUTURE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	24th	10.30am 6.00pm	Funeral Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Tues	25th	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer and Communion Pastoral Council Executive Meeting
Wed	26th	9.30am	Social Club
Thurs	27th	8.30am 6.30pm	Mass NCLS Meeting
Fri	28th	9.00am	Mass
Sat	29th	4.00pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation (until no one is waiting) Mass
Sun	30th	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass MMP Rosary Mass

BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at

10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent).

For BAPTISM PREPARATION please contact the Parish Office (3356 7155).



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - immediately

after Mass : 3rd Sun of Month (ex Oct).



You may add a **sick person's name** **to the list by phoning the** Parish Office (3356 7155). **To keep the list 'fresh'** the last four names each week will be deleted. If their illness continues, let's know and we'll add them to the start of the list.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Our Sick: Bob Devine, Peter Muir, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Donna Geddes, Dominic Waters, Anne Gallagher, Julia Geatches, Michael Donaldson, Joan French & family, John Cunningham and Mary Law,

Our Recently Deceased: Noeleen Wilson, Pat Neilson, Margaret Kirkwood, Maggie Hewett, Margaret Fitzsimon, Fr Harry Bliss, Ralph Williams and Ruth Holohan.

Those We Remember: Eddie Nicholson, Rosemund Colledge, John Killin, John Daniel Coyle, Michael O'Donnell, Des OBrien, Rex Munsie and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

The Catholic Leader is available from the Religious Good Shop for \$2. Articles in this week's edition include:

- * Archbishop calls task force in response to marriage crisis
- * Imogen tells political forum on abortion and disability of her value
- * ACU provides principals with enriching experience in Rome
- * Catholic media agencies urged to inspire the world with the saving message of the Gospel

* Franciscan Friar urges respect and care for 'God's work of art'

* Woody Point's first Catholic school had a miraculous start

* Homeless tragedy crying out for action

* High school student discovers her faith in the Year of Youth

