



# 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."*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B) 24th/25th Nov, 2018**

**O**ur Religious Goods Shop! You can buy some great items to express your faith and even to do so combined with Christmas Gifts or Cards. You can also order more expensive items such as bibles, special statues or other items as gifts for



children celebrating Sacraments or even as a way to "put Christ into Christmas." We accept Credit Cards (no cash out—sorry). Drop in straight after Mass and have a look. (Don't leave it too late though—our volunteers also



have homes to go to.

**T**he current roster will finish on the weekend of 8th /9th December. If you will be unavailable for any period in the next roster can you please advise the office as soon as possible. The Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses are not part of this roster. We will put out a sheet for these masses in the coming weeks. There will be 6pm and 9pm Mass (24th Dec) and 8am Mass (25th Dec) and 6pm (31st Dec). This is something to think about...**will you be home for Christmas?**

**C**hildren and Vulnerable Adults—the Royal Commission highlighted a sick culture in many organisations including our Church. That culture was one where some people (especially Clergy and Religious) were seen as "special" and not like everyone else. This influence some to think that "it's all right for me to be seen this way because I'm a Priest" or for others to think "Father wouldn't do that, he's a Priest!". This culture led to an abuse of power, a protection of the "club", a wounding of the innocent and untold damage to the whole community of the church and our mission.

**W**e remember that **ALL**—whatever our role in the Parish (Priest, staff,



liturgical ministers, volunteers, baptised members) **RESPONSIBLE** for the health of our parish, our mission together to proclaim the Good News and, in this context, not only safeguard the wellbeing of those who are vulnerable but powerfully witness to the fact that we will never let this abuse happen again.

**A**rchdiocesan requirements for ministers and volunteers to ensure we witness to our commitment to protect children and vulnerable adults in future. **For Ministers of Communion and Readers, Prayer Leaders and Coordinators**, the following are requirements set by the Archdiocese.

- Volunteer Data Form
- Police Check
- Blue Card
- Statutory Declaration

All forms will be available to take home and complete this week. Forms can be returned to the office through the week or returned to Fr Denis after Mass next weekend.

All volunteers are required to complete some paperwork. If you are involved in multiple ministries and are not sure what we require of you, please contact the parish office for clarification.

**V**innie's Gifting Tree Appeal — Donated Food Items which go towards food hampers to be made up by our Vinnie's volunteers can be placed under the Christmas Tree from 2/12/18.

Please take home a gift tag (*suggesting items to buy*) which will be left on tables at each exit of the church from 17/11/18.



If you were to buy your item before the Christmas tree is set up on 2/12/18, then you can leave them in cane baskets which are at the back of the church.

Vinnie's Volunteers will take them and keep them safe till the tree is placed in the church.

On behalf of the Stafford Conference of St Vincent De Paul we would like to say a big thank you for your continued support.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**First Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**



**C**ounters Roster: **Team A** -- Terry Silk, Len Cavanagh, Rosemary Stafford and Kemsley Kelly.

**Christmas/New Year** -counters are required for 24th Dec and 31st Dec and perhaps 27th Dec. (If there are many hands available on 31st December we will not need to do a count on 27th December). Please let Debra know if you are available on any of these dates, so a roster can be prepared. Thank you.

**S**TAFFORD KEDRON CHURCHES TOGETHER: pray this week for the our parishioners at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles..

**R**ELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP: **We have EFTPOS!**  
 The Columban Calendars have arrived. They are still only \$9. There is also 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.

**O**rders have arrived for the Advent program 'Saviour' and also for Break Open The Word. Please finalise payments as soon as possible so the distribution of these books can run smoothly. Payment can be made directly at the Religious Goods shop or via envelope on the 'plate' addressed to Debra or via direct payment (email Debra for the link).

All orders that have been paid for in advance, will be in Mary's room. All books are clearly named.

All unpaid orders will be at the 'shop'. Please make payment before collecting books. Thank you.



"The Pastor keeps referring to this morning's text' ... but which one?"



**Thank You from Catholic Mission**

*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...'*

**Isaiah 52:7**

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha, to provide quality, child-centred education to children. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at [catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact](http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact).

**Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)**

**S**.O.S. Re Vinnie's - If you have any "WARDROBES" or "CHEST OF DRAWERS" you no longer want, please, please ring Vinnie's Furniture Collection number on **1800846643** and they will be happy to pick them up. We are unable to help the people we assist with these items because the Vinnie's furniture warehouse has run out of them.

Any questions please ring **Dianne 0407616637**

**S**trengthen the Household of Faith  
 Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40) Please consider a gift in any amount given through your Will to strengthen our Parish. For more information about how you can leave a legacy to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

**T**hank you for supporting the sale of Acrath Calendars. We raised \$500!





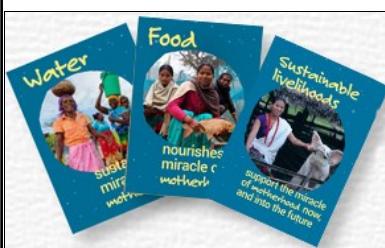
## Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Wilston Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a permanent Part Time position of Parish Secretary for 25 hours a week (days of the week to be negotiated).

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.*

**Protect the miracle of motherhood this Christmas.**  
**Buy a Global Gift and protect vulnerable mothers before, during and after giving birth.**



All Global Gifts reflect real items that we use to assist people in their fight against poverty and injustice. Your purchase of a specific gift is representative of the type of

community development work done by Caritas Australia's projects.



**Step 1** Choose the perfect Global Gift

**Step 2** Receive a card to give your loved one

**Step 3** Your donation brings joy around the world

Global gifts can be ordered via order forms or online [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au). There are a limited number of order forms at the religious goods shop. There are also samples of the cards for you to view. Please take an order form home with you.

## Feast of Christ the King

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" JOHN 18:36*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

*How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?*



## The lights of Christmas - St Stephen's comes alive this Christmas

Gather on the lawn at the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show every evening from Wednesday 12 December until Christmas Eve.

All the family will enjoy a beautifully animated tale, which celebrates the power of giving and brings alive the true spirit of Christmas.

The 12 minute show, by the creators of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, will run continuously from 7.30pm each night. Traditional artworks of Madonna and Child will follow the animation, illuminating the Cathedral's historic walls.

The Lights of Christmas is set to be one of Brisbane's most captivating events this festive season. We hope you can join us.

**Where:** Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street

**When:** 12-24 December

**Time:** 7.30pm – midnight

## COLLECTIONS

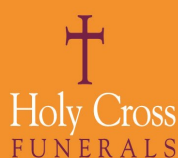
Date	11th Nov	18th Nov
<b>1st Collection</b>	\$368.40	\$355.50
<b>2nd Collection</b>	\$1673.00	\$648.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$847.15	\$548.60
<b>DD 1st (Oct)</b>	\$2464.50	
<b>DD 2nd (Oct)</b>	\$6823.30	

## Tennis Courts for Hire

with lights

**CHEAP RATES!**

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## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

### **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office**

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053

Parish E-mail: [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 Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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	26th	8.30am 6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Divine Mercy Prayer Group</b>
Tues	27th	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer and Communion</b>
Wed	28th	9.30am	<b>Indoor Bowls</b>
Thurs	29th	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>
Fri	30th	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
Sat	1st	4.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Reconciliation (until no one is waiting)</b> <b>Mass</b>
Sun	2nd	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm 5.30pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>MMP Rosary</b> <b>Mass</b>

**BAPTISMS** in this Parish occur at

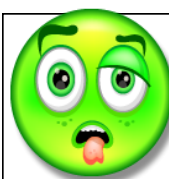
10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent).

**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:** John Blumke, Mary Law, Nora Stevens, Peter Muir, Pam Ward, Jim Graham, Donna Geddes, Dominic Waters, Anne Gallagher, Julia Geatches, Michael Donaldson, Joan French & family and John Cunningham.

**Our Recently Deceased:** Maria Terre, John Forestal, Garry Maynard, Bonnie Lennox, Noeleen Wilson and Pat Neilson.

**Those We Remember:** Des OBrien, Angela Robertson, Cliff Devereaux, John Goldby, Ken Barker, Roy and Olive O'Sullivan 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: Keeping faith with you** **Available from the shop for \$2**

- Newly ordained deacons Joshua Whitehead and Thomas Duncan take major leap towards priesthood
- Pro-life campaigner facing arrest if he continues his activism for the unborn
- Archbishop hopes the Palaszczuk government's proposed inquiry into euthanasia will be a genuine one
- Mercy Partners celebrates 10 years of walking a well-lit path towards compassion, mercy, justice

and hospitality

- Centacare going above and beyond in its therapeutic services for patients suffering chronic illnesses
- Two Brisbane Catholic Education schools recognised with a shared award at the annual Brisbane City Council Active School Travel Awards

Fr Dennis Holtschneider feels blessed he's with an order caring deep for the poor Queens-land couple thankful for 70 years of marriage

