



# Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish

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

## Your Parish NEEDS Your HELP

### Our Need

This is an invitation to take part in the work of your Catholic parish. To continue the work of Christ in our area, the parish of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles needs your financial support.

Parish and Diocesan funding has been restructured. The distinction between first and second collection has been abolished, with all expenses now paid from a single parish account.

The new system requires that 18% of the total parish collection be paid to the Archdiocese for Archdiocesan levies. This is considerably more expensive for the parish.

In addition, your financial contribution is needed to cover:

- Rising costs, while income from collections is declining;
- Insurances;
- Maintenance of the church, the other parish buildings and grounds;
- Wages for parish staff, including provision for long service leave and superannuation;
- Other running costs: liturgical costs, electricity, water, cleaning, office, etc
- Stipend for the parish priest.



The Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles has limited sources of income. We need you to work with us to ensure our community can grow and that the needs of our parish, and those that will attend the parish, will be met in the future.

### Your help

Your financial contribution to the parish planned giving program will ensure that the church of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles will be here for you week in and week out, offering pastoral care and spiritual inspiration for every moment of your life.

To ensure a regular reliable income for the parish, we are asking you to make a pledge. How much can you contribute each week? Your considered gift will make an enormous difference to the work the parish is able to do in our local area. (Make your pledge to support your parish here)

### One hour a week??

**YOUR GIFT: AN HOUR A WEEK.** We ask you to consider contributing one hour's income each week for your **TOTAL GIVING – FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTION**. Will you join the parishioners who are doing this already? Your pledge will help the parish plan for the future. (Make your Pledge here.)

The most convenient way is to **arrange a recurrent periodic payment by Direct Debit or Credit Card**. This will be for the TOTAL amount per week you pledge. You know your payment is made regularly, you have a record of your gift and the parish does not need to count and bank the money. Click here to access a Bank Authority Form for DIRECT DEBITING. OR Here for a Bank Authority Form for REGULAR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.

Your gift to the parish is your offering to God to continue the work of Christ in the world. It should be **seen as your part in the offertory at Sunday Mass.**

If you do not wish to use Direct Debiting or Credit Card payments, you can continue with or start **Cash contributions made in envelopes** (provided to you by the Parish) and placed on the collection plates at Mass.

### How your contributions are spent

Your offering covers the cost of:

#### People in Ministry

- Stipend for our Parish Priest
- Staff wages and superannuation.

#### Parish Operations

- Parish office running costs, cleaning and sanitation
- Electricity and gas, council rates
- Repairs and maintenance of the church, other buildings and the parish grounds
- Liturgical expenses, Sacramental Program, and other pastoral initiatives
- Presbytery housekeeping costs.

#### Financial Commitments

- Insurances
- Archdiocesan levy for Priests' Foundation (for the care of senior and sick priests)
- Archdiocesan levy for Clergy Sustentation (for the support of poor parishes)
- Archdiocesan levy for administration expenses.

*The need is great. People are generous.*

*Together we can do it for Christ.*

CLICK ON THESE LINKS TO:

- **TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE**
- **TO ACCESS A DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORITY FORM**
- **TO ACCESS A CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY FORM**

#### **i** For further information

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My Pledge to support the

work of my Parish:

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Stafford

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"Blessed are You Lord God of all creation, because it is through Your Goodness that we have these gifts to offer!"

NOTE: The new pledges begin on the first weekend of October. Please return this form as soon as possible (preferably on or before the Second Sunday of September)

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Yes. I want to be part of the work of the Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Stafford.

I am a New member of our Planned Giving:

I am a Continuing member of our Planned Giving:

My **TOTAL COMBINED PLEDGE PER** ..... (input frequency

eg week/ month/2 weeks etc) to **BOTH 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> collections** is

\$

**PLEASE SELECT (tick) YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTRIBUTION BELOW:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to make the above regular contribution <b>by Direct Debit.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to make the above regular contribution <b>by Credit Card.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will make the above TOTAL regular contribution by placing <b>Cash</b> in the <b>weekly envelopes</b> for the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections. (Your <b>envelopes will be available at the back of the church in a couple of weeks time.</b> )

Please download and **email this form** to the **Parish Secretary – [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)**

**If applicable, complete your DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORITY FORM or your CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORITY FORM and send it to the Parish Secretary – [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)**