



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."

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 1st/2nd August

This weekend we welcome back Fr Denis. He has been on retreat for the last two weeks.

Reflection for the week

In today's gospel episode, Matthew 14:13-21, having heard of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdraws to a lonely place by himself – but the Jerusalem Bible used in our current Lectionary renders that final element as "where they could be by themselves", indicating his disciples. The crowds anticipate his movement and reach the place ahead of him, but Jesus is moved to compassion on seeing them. Earlier, in 9:36, he had similarly been moved to compassion, the crowd seeming to him to be "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd", prompting him to commission the twelve and send them out as labourers in the harvest; teaching of the twelve in training for the mission is attached, and it is followed by the first mention of John the Baptist being in prison (11:2). This time, following the news of John's death and being moved to compassion again by sight of the crowd, Jesus heals their sick. As evening falls the disciples appear, suggesting he dismiss the crowds to find their own food; there then unfolds the first of Matthew's two accounts of feeding multitudes, usually referred to as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Jesus being moved to compassion also precedes the second account of a feeding (15:32-39). These narrative links enable the formation of a single, integrated account: Jesus is moved to compassion, then heals, teaches and feeds. Ancient authors and preachers from at least the time of Origen noticed this. Origen interprets the feeding accounts as primarily being about Jesus teaching, opening the Scriptures (the Law) in a new and satisfying way; to be taught by Jesus is to be fed on the Word of God (a point John's gospel makes emphatically).

Ancient homilists dealing with these accounts also stressed the hands, observing that Jesus breaks the loaves but gives them to the disciples to give to the crowds, for how could one alone



distribute to so many? Those preachers deduced that the bread multiplied in the disciples' hands (including the hands of Judas Iscariot!). In Origen's interpretation, the disciples were being trained and commissioned by Jesus to teach others. This influenced a particular theology of ministry: the teaching or feeding movement begins with Jesus, unfolds in the hands of the apostles, and continues through the ordained ministry both in teaching or preaching and in presiding at the Eucharist.

Christ's mission is entrusted to the whole Church, composed of all its members. Since the Eucharist is the summit and source, not the be-all and end-all, of Christian life, it is the high point of our lives as the sacramental celebration of Christ's self-offering and our self-giving in return, and also the nourishment that provides us the strength to go forth and do the same in our daily lives. The feeding accounts depict the Church, receiving from Christ and with him being moved by compassion to teach the shepherd-less, to heal the broken, and to feed the hungry.

Rev Dr Barry Craig - *Liturgia* - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

My tips for booking online

- ♦ **Book early in the week**
- ♦ **Book a seat for each person attending**

Some families have more than one "Surname".

When you are booking seats, could you please use one surname for all members (*it doesn't matter which and you can swap each week if you like*). The ticketing programme gives a report with the surname you use and so, if you have different surnames, you may be allocated seats in different parts of the church as we may not realise you are one family (this will be accidental but is a real possibility.)

- ♦ **Check you are booking into the mass you are wanting to attend**
- ♦ **If you book the wrong mass, cancel your booking and book the correct one.**
- ♦ **Don't book if you are unsure about attending. Others may miss out because there are no available seats.**
- ♦ **If your calendar changes after close of business on Thursday and you are no longer attending mass, please email Fr Denis, so he is aware that your seats are now available.**
- ♦ **When using Eventbrite booking system, the booking is only completed if the **REGISTER** **BUTTON** is orange. After clicking register, you**



The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Kings 19:9, 11-13
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23



will receive an email to confirm your booking.
Use this email receipt when making changes to your booking.

BOOKING LINKS CHANGE EACH WEEK, IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS, CHECK YOU ARE USING THE CURRENT LINK.

So you've made it to the car park for mass....

- ♦ Thank you for arriving early!
- ♦ Please social distance when waiting to enter the church.
- ♦ **SOCIAL DISTANCE FROM OUR MARSHALS AND USHERS. THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS AND DESERVE THE RESPECT OF 1.5 METRES.**
- ♦ **Ensure that you are marked off on the contact tracing sheet—this is VERY IMPORTANT. We use this to gauge how many people are in the church space. If we go over 100, we are in breach of the current legislation and may be fined!**
- ♦ **After being directed to your seats, DO NOT move around the church unless requested. Do not sit beside anyone from another household.**

WHEN COMING TO COMMUNION

- ♦ Come in **SINGLE FILE** (even down the centre aisle social distancing rules apply here too)
- ♦ Use hand sanitiser before receiving Communion. Sanitiser is available at entry points and half way down the centre aisle. **If coming from Areas A and D**, the sanitiser at the entry points will be most convenient.
- ♦ For those sitting in the Flat section, hand sanitiser is near the piano.

WHEN EXITING AFTER MASS!!

There is a saying that the most dangerous place in the world is to stand between a Catholic and the exit doors at the end of Mass (Joke!!).

- ♦ **If we forget to open all the other doors, it's OK for you to open them and exit via them.** While waiting your turn to exit, please **maintain the 1.5m distancing.**
- ♦ **Thank you for coming to celebrate with us. Normally we would encourage you to stay a while and enjoy each other's company. We are required to discourage social mingling at the moment.**

DEADLINES for Mass BOOKINGS

Online bookings close on THURSDAY 10.00am

Phone, message or email requests close on THURSDAY 8am for these mass times.

Fri 9am, Sat 5pm, Sun 9am, Mon 8.30am.

Online bookings and phone, message or email requests close on TUESDAY MIDDAY for

Thurs 8.30am Mass.

Book early to avoid disappointment

(These deadlines are to ensure "Contact Tracing" sheets are compiled as required by law. - These sheets are kept for 56 days before they are destroyed.)

Here are the links to next week's mass bookings

Monday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/weekday-mass-monday-830am-tickets-112901274752>

Tuesday No booking required - Morning Prayers of the Church 28th July

Thursday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/weekday-mass-thursday-830am-tickets-112754475672>

Friday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/weekday-mass-friday-9am-tickets-111948248224>

Saturday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/5pm-vigil-mass-saturday-8th-august-tickets-115161645582>

Sunday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/9am-mass-sunday-9th-august-tickets-115162746876>

How to book a seat for Mass

Using the Eventbrite link should be easy and straight forward. Click the Green Register button and follow the prompts. Please be aware that there is more than one mass listed, so please ensure you are booking into the mass time you are wanting to attend. If the register button at the bottom of the screen is grey in colour, you have missed adding in some information. Look for any box with a **red *** -these all need to be filled. When all information is completed the register button will be **orange**. This button is at the bottom of the screen. You will receive an confirmation email when your 'sale' is complete.

For those that aren't confident with using Eventbrite or perhaps you don't have internet access, may I suggest you ask a family member to assist you with your mass bookings. Just direct them to our parish website. The newsletter is on the website. Open the newsletter and the links will be printed there for them to access the Eventbrite links.

If all else fails, please contact me in the office **before 3pm Tuesday and I will assist you with your bookings.** Debra

Scam Emails are still circulating the district! If you receive an email from any priest in the Catholic Church which is out of the ordinary for you. If you are asked to purchase gift cards for a priest or any other request that is not normal—please let us know. This is a scam and the approach does change. **Be wary!**

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." (Matthew 14:16)



This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.



"I'M SORRY, MR. CHRIST. YOU'RE ONLY LICENSED FOR FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH."

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Social Justice Corner

Each year on 30 July, organisations and communities committed to human rights mark the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Many religious orders provide support and advocacy services for people who become victims of trafficking, and in Australia they form a network called ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans). Our parish sells ACRATH calendars each year at Christmas time as a way of supporting this work.

Below is a summary of some recent practical initiatives that ACRATH have completed:

- Provide training programs and workshops around Australia for teachers and child protection workers, to provide safe referral pathways for young women in forced marriages or facing a forced marriage.
- Support ACRATH Companions to assist trafficked women.
- Offer teachers from around Australia a webinar introduction to human trafficking.
- Develop posters for distribution to schools and parishes in WA, to promote slavery-free supply chains and support for garment workers.
- Connect with overseas workers, to keep them updated on COVID-19 regulations and other important health information and support services.

Cleaner looking for work. One of our 'guests staying at the convent is looking for cleaning jobs in the local area. She currently cleans for two parishioners and is hoping to secure a few more cleaning jobs in and around Stafford. She is very keen to work, is reliable and available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If interested, call the Parish Office who can facilitate a reference if needed.

Paper products are on sale at the parish office during business hours or by arrangement. Phone Debra to have some put aside for you. Toilet paper only \$1.20 per roll.



The Anna's Group has had a break

due to COVID-19. The ladies are now ready to restart their monthly lunch dates. The group is welcomes to **ALL WIDOWS**. They **meet** on the **2nd Friday** of the **month** at the **Coffee Club** in **Flockton Village** at **12pm**. . Ladies will meet again at **12pm on 11th September** for lunch and be a support for each other. Good food and good conversation is guaranteed!!! The second Friday in August falls on the Ekka holiday, so they will begin in September.



Contact Dianne 0407616637 for further information.

What's on this week at Stafford


Mon	8.30am	Mass (book in please)
Tues	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Wed		
Thurs	8.30am	Mass (book in please)
Fri	8.30am	Mass (book in please)
Sat	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun	7.00am	Zoom Liturgy
	9.00am	Mass (Booking required)

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:

Cath D'Hage
STOpline Service: 1300 304 550 or
AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
Phone (Chuter St:) 3326 0400

BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except during Lent**). For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS** please contact the Parish Office. **SUSPENDED**



AN OINTING OF THE SICK

If you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** for an op, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand.



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 names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start

We pray for those who are unwell

Barbara Flynn	Barbara Jones	Pam & Norm
Dianne Stevens	Sr Elizabeth	Ward
Alison Golden	Chris Stevens	Irene Johnson
Ron Kerr	Maria Rosa	Colin Kenny
Madonna Power		
Carmel Remphrey	Kevin & Maureen Noonan	

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

Tom Gallagher 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

Catholic Leader is available online. There is a link from our website. You can subscribe to a free digital copy on this link. Click on "Stay Connected" you will be able to read the current Catholic Leader online. You can also register to receive a digital copy each week until print copies are reintroduced.

We pray for those recently deceased including:

Jack
Charalambous

Mary Law

Brian Becker

Christopher Smyth

Yvonne Dixon

Sr Virginia RSC

David Mather

Noel Wood

Jack Jones

Patrick McKewin



If you are new to the roster, please register as a volunteer on the <https://archbne.org/welcome>. This needs to be completed before any roster begins. Please contact me in the office by phone or email to volunteer. Thanks in advance, Debra



To complete your
Volunteer Registration

Go to <http://archbne.org/welcome>



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Welcome

