



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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 8th/9th August

Reflection for the week

Paul, in the second reading (Rom 9:1-5), anguishes over so many of his Jewish compatriots not accepting Jesus as the Messiah; the Lectionary then skips most of this section (chapters 9-11), picking up only three brief excerpts from chapter 11 over the next two Sundays. Those who use Paul to foster anti-Jewish sentiment and actions violate the tenets of love of God and love of neighbour, and so do violence to Scripture. Paul observes that the Jews are God's children by adoption in Abraham their ancestor, and explains that Gentile Christians are also God's children by adoption, but in Jesus who is of course born of the "stock" of Abraham. In effect, Gentile Christians are shoots grafted onto the Jewish stock, not replacing the original growth, but joining it. Thus he presents an equality of Jews and Gentile Christians, but he laments as waywardness when other Jews do not accept Jesus. A unnuanced reading of this fed contentions between Jews and Christians over who has the legitimate claim as true Israel and heirs of Abraham. It took until last century's horrors in Europe to make clear where such false reasoning leads. That horror jolted church leaders in re-evaluating our rhetoric, and resulted in statements at Vatican II (Lumen Gentium 16; Nostra Aetate 4) to confirm that God does not repent of entering an enduring covenant with the Jews (cf. Rom 11:28-29). Homilists today have the opportunity of tackling the return in some places of irrational, anti-Jewish sentiment.

The first reading (1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13) and gospel (Matt 14:22-33) return to the common theophanic themes drawing from powerful element forces we experience in the world. There is hardly a more precarious place to be than in a boat in high seas. The power in the swell and wind reminds us of the danger of natural forces that easily overwhelm us. Jesus had sent the disciples ahead by boat while he went up into the hills to pray, and so from evening until shortly before dawn they bat-

tle heavy sea and strong wind; they were in darkness, wind, and waves. Like Genesis 1 with its watery chaos in the midst of darkness, the hovering Spirit, and the power of God's voice overwhelming and shaping the cosmos' chaos, the disciples in the midst of the darkness and chaos see Jesus and become agitated. This vision speaks, saying, Be not afraid. Some translations say Jesus called out, but the Greek is a neutral verb indicating simply the act of uttering, and is found several hundred times in the Septuagint, especially in divine communications. Whether like thunder or whispering, this voice commands attention. Here the utterance begins with the same assurance (Courage!) found on the lips of Moses before dividing the sea (Exod 14:13) and at Sinai (Exod 20:20). It continues literally with I am, the reference to the unutterable name of God, followed by the consoling message, do not be afraid. The account is so like post-resurrection scenes that it is sometimes considered to have begun as one. Here, unique to Matthew, Peter responds in faith, but without the certainty he exhibits in John 21:7 where Peter leapt into the sea in his haste to reach the risen Lord on the shore; here he takes fright in the act of faith and, faltering, began to sink. The Lord takes his hand (a frequent gesture in healing accounts) and they get into the boat; the wind abates (employing the same word as the Septuagint when the waters of Noah's flood abate). The disciples are moved to call Jesus "Son of God", the title hitherto in Matthew used only by the tempter and demoniacs. It is later used by the mockers at the cross, but finally in faith by the awe-struck Gentile centurion. This account weaves together various elements in Scripture pointing in the same direction: consolation in the midst of overwhelming crisis. Perhaps it was aimed at a community experiencing doubt in hardship and persecution; the community is reminded that God is experienced in the midst of awesome and frightening signs, and that Christ has been through the catastrophe of death, and from the resurrection he assures us that he is with us always.

Rev Dr Barry Craig - *Liturgia* - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THE NEW DEADLINES for BOOKING Masses will apply for all Masses from Saturday 15th August and onwards. *The old deadlines (i.e. Thursday Midday apply for this weekend (8th/9th and the following weekdays until Friday 14th.)*

LINKS for all our Masses are available in the **CURRENT newsletter ONLY** (SEE BELOW—published on our website on Thursdays). (In my videos, I used the newsletter for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time which was the weekend of 1st/2nd August -- the LINKS IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE NOW OUTDATED AND WILL NOT WORK ANYMORE.) **PLEASE only use the CURRENT NEWSLETTER (this one) for booking weekday and weekend masses. e.g.**

If I wish to book a seat for the weekend 15th/16th August, I



The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2nd Reading: Romans 9:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



must use THIS Newsletter for this Weekend 8th/9th August. You need also to use the same newsletter for the next week's Weekday liturgies (Monday 10th to Friday 14th August).

THE NEW DEADLINE (starting next Sunday 16th August) for booking seats at masses are as follows.

ALL Bookings for ALL MASSES

- **OPEN from MIDDAY the SUNDAY after the newsletter is published** (e.g. for the Masses on the weekend 15/16 August and for the preceding weekdays (Monday 10th to Friday 14th August), the relevant LINKS will be in THIS newsletter published on the 6th August and bookings will open THIS Sunday 9th at Midday) and
- bookings will **CLOSE on WEDNESDAY 3PM**. (In this example, that's Wednesday 12th August)

(NO bookings either by phone or on-line will be accepted after that.) -- If you tend to have problems booking for the weekends, please **try on Sunday or Monday** so that you can get our help **before 3pm Tuesday and Debra or I will assist you with your bookings.**

I have made a couple of videos about how to book your seat (s) -- these videos will be updated if we change the current procedure but at present they are relevant if you are having troubles. NOTE: disregard the end of the videos talking about managing or changing your bookings -- there are a couple of problems that haven't been addressed. AND disregard the "Closing Time" I speak about as it has now changed - see above.)

- **Links to the Videos are as follows** (REMEMBER - I'm using an old newsletter whose LINKS no longer work):

For booking **ONE seat**: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/7wju9mqn01tj6tm/EVENTBRITE%20order%20and%20cancel%20ONE%20ticket.mp4?dl=0>

For booking **MULTIPLE SEATS**: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0ysss26jfllyokl/EVENTBRITE%20order%20and%20cancel%20MULTIPLE%20tickets.mp4?dl=0>

If you are successfully booked in, (have you enough tickets for ALL of your household who will be coming?) there will receive a message similar to this: (this is an example only)

**YOU'RE GOING TO
Weekday Mass Thursday 8.30AM
1 TICKET SENT TO**

dbscanlan@bne.catholic.net.au

DATE

Thu, 16 Jul 2020 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

LOCATION

Stafford, QLD

- **AND You will receive an email confirming your**

booking. (You do not need to print out the ticket (s)) This email will say something like, "Denis Your Order is Confirmed..."

- **Thank you again** for your cooperation especially in keeping your 1.5m separation outside the church and in the carparks.
- **AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH for coming EARLY.** As you have experienced, booking in takes time and we want to start Mass on time (and let the Marshalls join us from the Opening Hymn).

Here are the links to next week's mass bookings

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

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

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

Friday 6pm <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/feast-of-the-assumption-mass-tickets-115947274419>

Saturday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/5pm-vigil-mass-saturday-15th-august-tickets-115945743841>

Sunday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/9am-mass-sunday-16th-august-tickets-115944895303>

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.

TO ALL PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER *from a fellow Catholic*



I am saying a Rosary Novena to start on 15th August. I have asked people in my parish to join with me in this. I am asking if you will please ask people in your parish to join me too. I am asking parishioners to pick one decade of The Rosary and undertake to say

that same decade every day for nine days for Peace in the World and an end to the Covid19 Pandemic.

For every 15 people who do this a whole Rosary is therefore offered every day.

The Rosary is our most powerful prayer weapon and a powerful intercessory prayer. The Rosary has stopped armies so lets get together, work together and pray this Rosary Novena together. See how many others are willing to join in and be part of a powerful Rosary Army. There is so much violence in the world today, so many people who think that resorting to violence will solve problems. Lets be a small part of the solution. People will say "how can my one decade of The

Rosary make a difference" but their little prayer will be part of a very large whole.

When Our Lady asked us through her message at Fatima to pray for world peace, I feel that she wants us to pray to have:

A world where people do not believe that violence is the way to get what they want.

A world where there are no people are so hungry for power that they will go to any lengths to get it.

A world where human life is respected and no people think that they are so right that their view of the world gives them the right to take another's life.



"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)



Stewardship
a way of life

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

The Feast of The Assumption in 2020 is not a Holy Day of Obligation due to COVID-19 relaxations.

We will be having an evening Mass on Friday 14th August to celebrate this important date on our calendar. This is also a public holiday in Brisbane, so it may be well attended. There is a link on page two to book into this mass. Online Bookings preferred.



If you miss the cut off for mass bookings, you are welcome to join our **Zoom Liturgy each Sunday at 7am**. No pre booking needed and you can choose your seat! It's a great way to start the day and you can have a chat with other Zoomers at the conclusion of the liturgy!

Topic: PP Stafford's Zoom Meeting

Time: Aug 9, 2020 07:00 AM Brisbane

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81692650552>

Meeting ID: 816 9265 0552

Passcode: boat



What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 10th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Tues 11th	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Wed 12th		
Thurs 13th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Fri 14th	9.00am 6.00pm	Mass (Booking required) - Funeral Mass for Mary Law (Mum of Helen Royan) Feast of The Assumption Mass (Booking required)
Sat 15th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 16th	7.00am 9.00am	Zoom Liturgy Mass (Booking required)

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday




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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

Kate Sigtenhorst	Sr Elizabeth	Glenn Stevens
Barbara Flynn	Maria Rosa	Irene Johnson
Alison Golden	Madonna Power	
Ron Kerr	Dianne Stevens	
Pam & Norm		Kevin & Maureen
Ward		Noonan
		Carmel Remphrey

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

Michael O'Donnell 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:

Salvador Pineda

Jack Charalambous

Mary Law

Brian Becker

Christopher Smyth

Yvonne Dixon

Sr Virginia RSC

David Mather

Noel Wood

Jack Jones



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

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