



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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 15th/16th August

Congratulations to ISABELLA HEARLY who, at 9am Mass this weekend becomes fully initiated into the Church through celebrating his first Communion! We the church thank Norah, her mum for her example and commitment to Isabella's faith.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Matt 15:21-28

The first reading (Isa 56:1,6-7) comes from the part of the book concerning life after the Babylonian exile. There were conflicting ideas concerning the destiny of Jerusalem and matters of racial and religious purity. This pericope is remarkable for its openness, for righteous and God-fearing Gentiles would be able to offer sacrifices in the new temple, the house of prayer for all peoples.



The reading appears to have been chosen to accompany the gospel (Matt 15:21-28), which tells of the faithful Canaanite (or Greek Syrophenician in Mark) woman who begged Jesus to heal her daughter. The encounter does not disclose a clear belief in Israel's God, nor any desire to join Jerusalem's temple worship, but she has faith in Jesus' ability to help. According to Matthew she calls him by the messianic title Son of David, which in Matthew is used mainly by foreigners and the blind. It later gives way completely to the title Son of God (used by the disciples last Sunday) by those mocking Jesus on the cross, but finally in faith by the presumed foreigners, the centurion and his company. Although Matthew's gospel is written for Jewish believers and appears to have exclusively Jewish concerns, foreigners are surprisingly privileged in it, first signified by the visiting Gentile wise men, the Magoi. Matthew presents Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah: during the cleansing of the temple, Matthew, Mark and Luke have Jesus cite Isaiah, calling it a house of prayer for all peoples, but Matthew alone has Jesus say in apparent reference to his own ministry that there is something greater than the temple here (Matt 12:6); Jesus prophesises its destruction (24:2), and is later accused of claim-

ing he would destroy and rebuild it in three days (26:61; 27:40); as the last act of this gospel the risen Lord Jesus sends the eleven to make disciples of all nations.

On this point all three readings today converge: in the second reading (Rom 11:13-15, 29-32), Paul credits his being sent to the Gentiles to the failure of other Jews to receive the Gospel. This may appear to contradict the commissioning, seeming to indicate turning to the Gentiles only because of the failure of the Jews. Instead, we note it is said only of Paul's ministry, for he went first to the Jews and only later to the Gentiles. Bearing in mind what was said last Sunday, note that this does not constitute rejection of the Jews, neither by Paul nor by God. Rather Paul hopes the success among the Gentiles will goad the Jews to beneficial jealousy. He is the only New Testament author to use this unusual verb, three of the four instances being in this letter and all for the same purpose. Instead of being considered a vice, this jealousy or envy can stimulate to personal betterment, just as athletes are goaded to improvement by the successes of competitors. Paul portrays Jewish reticence as having a positive benefit, one to make their eventual conversion more joyous. Perhaps careful attention to Paul may have helped avoid past atrocities against Jews, and attention to both Paul and history may help circumvent a return to anti-Jewish sentiment, but there are worrying signs of this rising again. For those of us who are Christians there should be the reminder that just as all nations are to be blessed in Abraham (Gen 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:4; Acts 3:25 and Gal 3:8), knowledge of God having been held by the Jews in trust for all people, so also Christ's entrusting us with the proclamation of the kingdom does not give us an exclusive claim to heaven so much as the privilege of bearing it for the benefit of all, as he did the cross. Rev Dr Barry Craig - *Liturgia* -

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Here are the links to 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>

Saturday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/5pm-vigil-mass-saturday-tickets-115668490569>

Sunday <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/9am-mass-sunday-tickets-115945208239>

When you arrive at the Church this weekend (Presuming you **have already booked** a seat(s) via the links in last weekend's newsletter):

- 1) Collect your 'ticket(s)' from the relevant table at the front doors (Tables are marked e.g. A-G for family names beginning with those letters)
- 2) If you donate with Cash or Envelopes, place your offering

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



in the relevant basket.

- 3) With your tickets, go to the Marshal standing in the doorway to be 'ticked off' (for the Contact Tracing Sheet)
- 4) Sanitise your hands
- 5) Go to your seats and introduce yourself to those around—maintaining the 1.5m social distance.

If you HAVE NOT booked (and there are seats available):

- 1) Go to the relevant table at the front doors (Tables are marked e.g. A-G for family names beginning with those letters)
- 2) Collect a "CONTACT TRACING REGISTER" and fill out your required contact details for all members of your family present (acknowledging you're not sick, haven't been in contact with COVID symptoms etc)
- 3) Return to the table and (if there are any seats left) be allocated a seat. NOTE: if there are no seats available, you must return home as we are only permitted a maximum of 100 persons counting those inside and, if any, outside.
- 4) Deposit your cash or envelope donation in the basket
- 5) Go to the Marshal for them to write in your name and seat allocation.
- 6) Sanitise your hands and go to your allocated seat.
- 7) Please remember to book for the next time.

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 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/7wiu9mqn01tj6tm/EVENTBRITE%20order%20and%20cancel%20ONE%20ticket.mp4?dl=0>

For booking **MULTIPLE SEATS**: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0ysss26jflyokl/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).

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

PP Stafford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 875 6680 3258

Passcode: faith

One tap mobile

+61731853730,,87566803258#,,,,,0#,,586594# Australia

+61861193900,,87566803258#,,,,,0#,,586594# Australia

Dial by your location

+61 731 853 730 Australia

+61 861 193 900 Australia

Passcode: 586594

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/844512t>




Have you noticed this sign on seating in the Church? Seats with this sign are to remind you of social distancing and are there so you **DO NOT** sit on these seats. **DO NOT** move these signs. They are there to keep everyone at a safe distance from one another. Most are on the end of a row. No one should be sitting in a seat A or at the end of the row.

We need you!! Rosters have been prepared this week. We would love to see more of you willing to assist in liturgy.

As things have changed since the beginning of the year, we have many loyal volunteers who fall into the category of 'vulnerable' or considered in the 'at risk' age of their lives. So, if you are under 70 years and are in good health, please take this as a personal invitation to be more involved in making *Good Liturgy*. Training will be provided for the uninitiated! When the emails flood my inbox on Monday, please make clear which Mass /Zoom you are volunteering to assist and in which ministry role you would like be rostered.



 "For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." (Romans 11:29)

Stewardship

a way of life

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

Thank you for the lovely surprise that was waiting for me in the office this week. It made my week! I'm not sure who I'm thanking! I do enjoy working with and for the Stafford community. It's always wonderful to receive praise and feel that I may be making a difference to someone. You are the **small blessing** this week!



What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 17th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Tues 18th	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Wed 19th		
Thurs 20th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Fri 21st	9.00am	Mass (Booking required)
	10.30am	Men's Group see page 4 for details
Sat 22nd	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 23rd	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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The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

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

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Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1
Office Telephone: 3356 7155

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

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Phone (Thuruna St:) 3352 9200
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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	Dianne Stevens
Barbara Flynn	Glenn Stevens
Alison Golden	Irene Johnson
Ron Kerr	Carmel Remphrey
Sr Elizabeth	Kevin Noonan
Maria Rosa	Maureen Noonan
Madonna Power	Pam Ward
	Norm Ward

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

Michael & Christina Johnsson, Francis Savellon, Dominico Olavides, 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:

David Watson
Salvador Pineda

Jack
Charalambous

Mary Law

Brian Becker

Christopher Smyth

Yvonne Dixon

Sr Virginia RSC

David Mather



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

The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group meets on the third Friday of the month. It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They will meet on **Friday 21st August** at Café 63, **Stafford City** 10.30am. All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**

