



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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 22nd/23rd August

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>

Weekly Reflection - Today's readings show how creatively a Scripture passage may be used in different contexts. In the gospel reading (Matt 16:13-20), Jesus challenges the disciples to say who they think he is. Peter replies with an amplified version of what the disciples in the boat said two weeks ago: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (which is also on Peter's lips in John 6:69). Jesus praises him as blessed, and famously declares him the rock on which he will build his Church, and, unique to Matthew, "gives" him the keys to bind and loose. The same binding and loosing, without mention of keys, is later declared of the disciples collectively (Matt 18:18). The post-resurrection commissioning of the apostles in John 22:23 has a similar construction, but in terms of remitting (releasing) or retaining sins. What does this curiosity of the keys mean? Keys lock and unlock, that is, they seal what is closed (be it a door or a chain that binds) so it cannot be opened, or they unseal so the closed can be opened or the bound unbound.



There is much semantic overlapping here. Even if not borrowed directly from a passage in today's first reading (Isa 22:19-23), it is related. It concerns the promotion of Eliakim to replace Shebna as steward during the reign of King Hezekiah, the last good king of Judah before the Babylonian exile; he did what pleased the Lord, and Jerusalem and Judah were preserved from the Assyrians' assault. But Eliakim's promotion is not quite what it seems, for after likening him to a peg set in a firm place there come two verses that are not included in our Lectionary, but they change the tone: Eliakim's family will hang on this firmly set peg, but the peg will give way and all hanging on it will be shattered. Did the evangelist have this in mind? Or does it reflect a negative view of Peter in Matthew's Gospel, perhaps indicated also by its final specific mention of Peter, that is his denial of Jesus during the trial, and his going out to weep bitterly? However, Peter's failure did not bring the whole edifice down, and he does become one of the "pillars" of the primitive Church.

To add to the complexity, Isaiah's key is found in Revelation 3:7, but it is the Risen One who holds it. It is part of the message to the Philadelphians, who have before them an open door that none can close, and if they hold firm the risen One will make them a pillar in the temple of God, never to go out of it. It corresponds to the other references to keys, again found in Revelation: the Risen One has the keys of (the house of) death and the underworld (Rev 1:18), and later an angel is given the key to the bottomless pit in which Satan is bound and locked up (Rev 9:1 and 20:1). So Isaiah's image is applied to both Peter and Christ, and extended to angels. These instances point to a rich and living use of metaphors borrowed from the prophets, but it is hard for us to determine exactly how the New Testament authors understood them even as they redeployed them. Beyond saying that it has something to do with authority to permit or deny, there is no single way of interpreting the original passage or its borrowed use. Use of this passage as a cudgel in disputes about how to understand the primacy the gospels accord to Peter, and in Roman Catholic minds to the papacy, ignores the complexity in Scripture. Even the Catechism is complex in use: no. 242, drawing on sermons of Pope Leo I, says that the faith professed by Peter is the rock of the Church, but in no. 552 Peter himself is the foundation, yet also here it is the faith professed that has primacy, for all depends on who Jesus is. Rev Dr Barry Craig - *Liturgia* - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

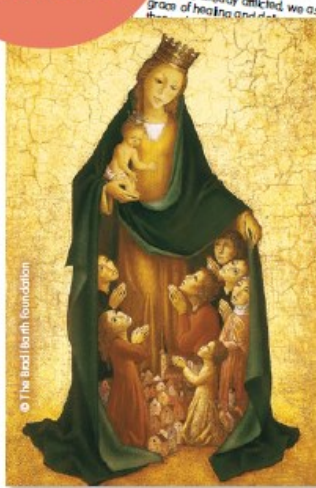
1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



Prayer cards
during the
coronavirus
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PRAYER during the coronavirus pandemic
Adapted from the USCCB
Mary Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your
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Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation
the world, and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be
spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the
grace of healing and comfort.
Hear the cries of
the faithful, wipe away their
tears.
With all of us in the
world, be patient and
merciful to our land.
Praying that you truly
with the sick and
in the mantle of your
our arms, help us
Jesus. Amen.
Prayer card for the spiritual
world during this
coronavirus pandemic.
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You can pick up a prayer card at Mass. They can be found near the newsletters or with the marshals/ushers.

MEMORIES OF FR JOE MCGEEHAN

In preparing for Fr Joe McGeehan's funeral at the Cathedral on Thursday August 20, **Bishop Brian Heenan** jotted down some thoughts and shared them with Adrian Taylor for use in a brief obituary in the Catholic Leader. There was more content than could be contained in print—so here is a fuller transcript of Bishop Brian as he was still collecting thoughts (n.b. all imprecision or error is the fault of the transcriber):
Joe McGeehan is the middle child of 3 children. He has two sisters, Ruth and Edith, and they both survive him and will be part of the celebrations on Thursday. His parents were Joseph and Edith McGeehan. They lived first of all in Atherton, then they moved to Esk and then they moved to Banyo, and that's where Joe's family was towards the end. While he was at Esk Joe went off to boarding school at Downlands College, and he graduated there in 1955. He was the captain of the school and captain of everything worthwhile sporting team; he went to the seminary in 1956 and was ordained in 1963. That's where I caught up with Joe. Because I went to Marist Ashgrove and we used to play Downlands at football and there were cadet camps, and I knew him from way back, but we went to the seminary together in 1956. I was ordained in 1962. Joe repeated a year, not sure why, but he was ordained in 1963. So he was a classmate of Leo Skelly, Wally

Dethlefs, Terry Hickling and all of that group.. Joe had a profound love and respect for absolutely everybody. I think that's how we remember him. Nobody was left out; everybody was special. So that included his school friends, parishioners he worked among, the religious brothers and sisters; he had an extraordinary memory for names and for people.

But his special focus I think was always the priests. I suppose he got that from the MSC priests at Downlands. But all diocesan and religious priests, Joe had 57 years of priestly ministry, and the priests were always his very special care, and that led on to the Ministry to Priest, which Joe really established with the blessing of Archbishop Rush; and he did that for 12 years and it was a full time role; a lot of the time was just visiting priests and talking to them, and also arranging the retreats and seminars and all those supportive things for the priests.

He was also very supportive in setting up what was called the St Peter's Centre for Priests Renewal in Canberra in the 1980's and 1990s. He did the course himself then he was asked to go back and go on staff for at least one of the other groups. It was a 3 months course and it embraced over all about 300 Australian priests; it was a marvellous gift, set up by the Bishops Conference, and also inspired another priest – Fr John Ryan – who hails from Sandhurst Diocese. It was John who I spoke to just the other day, and he couldn't stop talking about Fr Joe – he said "Joe is one of the finest priests he'd ever met," and he compared him to the Cure of Ars. He said "the Cure of Ars is patron saint of all parish priests and Joe was just the same sort of person; he had that same simplicity of respect and love for people, and nothing people could ask him to do was too much for him." And so he retained lots of lovely friendships over the years, and as I said before, he never forgot details; he loved families, he loved children and they sort of all kept contact with him.

He was a very humble person, Joe, never liked the limelight or praise; always self-effacing and that's what made him such an approachable person. We noticed especially in the last few days that people were dropping in to say goodbye and although he was ill, his face would light up and the welcome he gave them was something which he gave all through his priestly ministry.

Mass booking information has been in the newsletter for many weeks now. All information relating to online mass bookings can be found on our website and on archived newsletters, also on our website.

Cancellation of Online Mass bookings have been a hot topic this week. Follow these instructions for success! Open your confirmation email from Eventbrite for the relevant booking. Scroll to the bottom of the email to box with Order Summary information. Click on [View and manage your order online](#). This

will open your booking on Eventbrite. You may need to register on Eventbrite. Your email address should match your email address used for your bookings. Then set up a password. This is only necessary for your first time. Click on the box **Cancel Order. Click on Yes, Cancel this order.** You will receive an email confirming your cancellation for your mass booking.

Give the Gift of Faith. Your generosity towards Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.

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.



"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)



Stewardship
a way of life

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

Many thanks for the loving support and prayers. I am now on the road to full recovery. Alison Golden



Share the Dignity Charity are running a drive through August to collect sanity items for those in need. We have a box in the parish office foyer and a basket in the church for donations. They are desperate for support as COVID-19 has had an impact on this area of need in the community. If you are out shopping, consider adding an extra item into your trolley. No one should miss school due to feeling embarrassed, undignified and ashamed!



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.

What's on this week at Stafford


Mon 24th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Tues 25th	8.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Wed 26th		
Thurs 20th	8.30am	Mass (Booking required)
Fri 26th	9.00am	Mass (Booking required)
Sat 27th	5.00pm	Mass (Booking required)
Sun 28th	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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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

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

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including Kathleen Cronin, Adeline Lambert, Sr Maureen Shelvey, Michael & Christina Johnsson, Francis Savellon, Dominico Olavides, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.

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We pray for those recently deceased including:

Fr Joe McGeehan

Marie Daley

David Watson

Salvador Pineda

Jack

Charalambous

Mary Law

Brian Becker

Christopher Smyth



PRAYER during the coronavirus pandemic

(Adapted from the USCCB)

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Aid to the Church in Need is arranging a spiritual bouquet of Masses for the needs of our world during this pandemic. Visit, www.aidtochurch.org/coronavirus.

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation supporting the faithful wherever they are persecuted or oppressed.

