



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."

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 26th/27th June, 2021

Weekly Reflection

Today's gospel opens with a reference to arrival on the other side of the sea, which seems to suggest it is the completion of last Sunday's crossing. However, it isn't. The Lectionary omits Mark's touching account of the Gerasene demoniac. Jesus then crosses the sea again at the beginning of today's pericope, which thus appears to be set in Capernaum. Here we encounter another instance of the Marcan sandwich device that nests one story in another: Jesus is approached by the synagogue official named Jairus who pleads for Jesus to come and save his daughter; on the way to the girl a woman suffering from a haemorrhage of twelve years' duration touches his clothes and is healed; the father is then informed his daughter is dead, but Jesus still goes to her, takes her by the hand and raises her. When this is compared with the versions in the other gospels (Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56), we note that Mark, so often concise and even blunt, is oddly wordier. Some of what contributes to this exposes other undercurrents.

In Mark's version of this encounter Jesus manifests more tenderness and affection than in the others. In all he addresses the cured woman as "Daughter", which may be short for "Daughter of God", or perhaps may be a respectful address to any younger or subordinate woman. But in the story of Jairus' daughter, only Mark transmits the tender Aramaic quotation in which Jesus addresses her as "Talitha", *lamb* or *lambkin*, an affectionate term for the young. Interwoven with these are the reactions of the disciples, for whom it appears familiarity has indeed bred a contempt bordering on surliness when they say to Jesus "You see the pressing crowd and yet you say 'Who touched me?!'" As for the crowd at Jairus' house, they laugh at him. The insolence and derision of disciples and onlookers is in direct contrast to his respectful gentleness toward the woman and the girl and her parents, and each group is countered by Jesus. The woman already knew that she had been healed, a feature found only in Mark, so the unnecessary words to her, literally, "be healed of your scourge" seem to be for the benefit of the disciples, disclosing the importance of what was happening as a check to their insensitivity. It perhaps presages the end, where he who freed her from her scourge is subjected to one himself. Then when faced with the derisive mourners Jesus does not merely "put them out", but drives or casts them out, Mark using a verb that is mainly associated with casting out demons, but is also used for the cleansing of the Temple.



The haemorrhagic woman's reaction is also of particular interest in Mark. She who had been kept ceremonially impure came forward not merely trembling as Luke tells it, but "fearing and trembling", that is, in the language of divine encounter and worship. Thus although she has not yet been able to fulfil the legal requirements to regain ritual purity, Mark's account leaves no doubt about her having been restored to full participation. As for the young girl, she too has been restored to her proper place, Mark alone adding that it was because she was twelve years old that she began walking around; what else would you expect one of her age to be doing? Her age and the duration of the woman's complaint are unnecessary details (Matthew and Luke keep the detail of the duration of the illness, but Matthew ignores the girl's age which Luke says was about twelve), but they constitute a linking device.

Due to Mark's rather simplistic Greek his narratives are considered linguistically unsophisticated, yet subtleties shine through that the other evangelists' narratives sometimes miss. As with other miracle stories in this section of Mark, we have here not a simple recounting of past events but accounts overlaid with interpretations that are informed by a faith that the disciples in the account still do not have: these events are recounted in the light of the resurrection of Christ.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B *Image: Unsplash.com*

PAM WARD, our beloved parishioner died on Wed 16th June. **Her Funeral Liturgy** and the inurnment of her ashes is in the church on **Monday 28th (next Monday at 10am)**. If you are coming could you book in via **Eventbrite** before Monday 9am please. The link is <https://bit.ly/3vClioW>.

Volunteers needed—(especially for Saturday 5pm Mass) - People to give the church a "**covid clean**" - it takes about 15 minutes AND people to **operate the computer** (training required). In both cases, see Michael over at the computers or email the parish.

Seeking Special Ministers of the Eucharist
(*St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside*)

The Hospital is currently seeking Special Ministers of the Eucharist to assist our Spiritual Care team. We are **looking for Special Ministers of the Eucharist to join our volunteer service on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**. Ideally you are currently serving as a Special Ministers of the Eucharist in your parish, have the endorsement of your pastor and are available between 8.30am – 12noon.

Would you consider offering a few hours once a week so that this important Ministry may continue?

Please contact Sharyn Smith to receive an application form: Sharyn.smith@svha.org.au or phone 3326 3156.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6



Daily Mass Readings

We are hoping to restart our “cuppa”, initially on the weekend the PPC makes its presentation and perhaps also to reintroduce our Christmas in July talks later this year. To do this, and to comply with regulations, we need a few people to complete a **TAFE Food Handling certificate**. There is no cost. It is done online and you can use a Parish Computer if you don't have your own. **If you are interested, give your name to one of the Parish Councillors or ring the office and tell Debra.** If you already have a **Covid safe work training for dining in certificate** and are interested in helping please let us know so we can add you to our food handlers register.



<https://covidsafework.tafeqld.edu.au/course/126/covid-safe-work-training-for-dining-in>

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!! (Tuesday 6th July 7pm) Book in via Eventbrite to attend this function.

All I want for Christmas is “World Peace”

This year's Christmas in July evening Dr Ian Elmer (parishioner and ACU Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies) will lead a discussion on the message of Pope Francis' recent encyclical *Fratelli tutti* (October 3, 2020). From the story of the Magi and the Shepherds to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, the Christian message has always had a universal focus. In *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis calls on us to remember these stories and to reflect on the great ideals and tangible ways we can build a more just and fraternal society in the post-pandemic world. How does Pope Francis' message affect our vision of what it means to be “Church” post-pandemic? What challenges and opportunities does the pandemic present to the Church?



COVID COMPLIANCE — COVID compliance for everyone's safety. Anecdotal reports have come through that the Qld Government is also seeking to ensure compliance by conducting spot checks of places of worship. Another Christian denomination was the subject of a spot check on their church in Cairns last week.

St Ignatius Parish's Annual

Women's Night of Spirituality.

With great pleasure, we will be presenting our 1

5th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality.

This year's speakers are

FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ, World renowned Author and Speaker

&

DR DANIELLE ANNE LYNCH, Theologian | Musician | Teacher at Marist College, Ashgrove.

This year, you will need to book to attend this event to be held

at St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong,

on **Wednesday 28th July**

(6pm Dinner | 7.30pm Event),

or view from the comfort of your own home by streaming the event. All Welcome.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/womens-night-of-spirituality-tickets-156038151311>

Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/RA7aRObyDsM>

Contact details: Allison King pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au | 3870 7818

Position Vacant – Pastoral Carer to Prisoners

Every day, ordinary men and women in the Archdiocese of Brisbane volunteer for Centacare to go into South East Queensland prisons to provide an integral ministry to people in Correctional Centres. Prisoners are assured by a chaplain's presence that their lives have value, change is possible and Christian hope can be lived, even in the direst of human circumstances.

If you would like to know more about the training to provide spiritual and pastoral care in prisons and becoming a lay prison chaplain please contact Centacare: Ph 3324 3193 or email:

adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14



Stewardship
a way of life

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the “Body of Christ”. We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission.



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BE CAREFUL OF FAKE EMAILS pretending to be from the parish and/or Denis Scanlan. Besides asking for gift cards or money, some are talking about "urgent tasks" and inviting you to reply.

Position Vacant – Lutwyche Catholic Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Lutwyche Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a casual position of Administration Assistant Monday & Friday working 8.30am to 12.30pm, 4 hours each day.

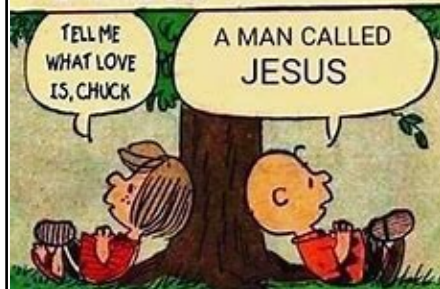
For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

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"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners. For more information on naming Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish or our Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



PEANUTS



Wishing all our school aged parishioners a fun filled school holiday break. For our parents of school aged children, it's only two weeks until term three commences!

VERSE FOR VINNIES — SUNDAY JUNE 27

Our V4V Concert on **Sunday June 27 at 1.30pm** at **67 Dawson Parade Grovely**.

Cost \$15.

The North Pine Bush Poets are our Feature performers. There will be 20 different performers so you will get a great variety of both poems and personalities. These poets only perform for Verse for Vinnies every three years so this is one concert you should see and hear.



Vinnies
good works

Under Covid Conditions, if you were not at the February or April concerts you need to provide us (noel@noelstallard.com) with your **NAME ADDRESS PHONE CONTACT and EMAIL**.

Those who have been at these concerts just need to inform us as to who is coming. Seats will be allocated. We really do appreciate your support for the battlers in our community.

Big changes coming to all mass centres!

All visitors, employees and volunteers will be required to use the QLD App to check-in. This is effective from 9th July.

The marshal shall be responsible for ensuring that each visitor has checked-in via the QLD App by viewing the successful check-in screen and keeping a head count to ensure capacity limits are maintained. For those visitors who do not have a smart phone or are unable to connect to the QLD App the marshal must record their contact details including full name, email address, (residential address if email not available) phone number, date and time of visit. These records must be stored securely and retained for at least 56 days.

If you need assistance to access the Check In Qld a please contact the office



What's on this week at Stafford

Mon 28th	8.30am	Mass
	10.00am	Funeral Liturgy for Pam Ward
Tues 29th	8.30am	Morning Prayer with communion
Wed 30th		
Thurs 1st	8.30am	Mass
Fri 2nd	9.00am	Mass
Sat 3rd	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 4th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Fr Denis' E-mail: pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au
Parish Pastoral Council: ppcstafford@gmail.com
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser
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

Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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 and OCTOBER).

For BAPTISM BOOKINGS please contact the Parish Office.



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 of the list.



Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Elsie Ketter, Lynette Mathews, Elizabeth Martin, Crad Smith, Sr Dorothy, Glenda Honan, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward, Isaac and Brendan Camille, Bob Devine, Nicole Dyer and Caitlyn Lengkeek.

We pray for those recently deceased: Marguerite Moloney, Raymond Labid, Bon Bargayo, Pam Ward, Peter Rogers, Sr Margaret Mines RSC, Joan Goldby, John Dove, Maria Calini, S Khan, Dean Sarrra, Nerida White, Faye Gundy, Laurence Rooney, Dorothy Jones, Gordon Jardine and

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Scanlan 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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- Focus on Marriage: resources and ministries in Brisbane for married couples
- Marlon Riley on Reconciliation

