



# 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."*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 10th/11th July, 2021**

## Reflection on the Readings

Today's first reading continues last Sunday's theme, with Amaziah the priest forthrightly telling the annoying Amos to go back where he came from: Judean Amos had gone north to speak against the king and kingdom of Israel. The northern priest rejects Amos because of his bad news and the suggestion his allegiance is with outsiders. But Amos responds, literally, "I am no prophet, nor the son of a prophet", by which he dissociates himself from the professional prophets who, earning their keep by "prophecy", may themselves have a conflict of interests. Amos' allegiance is indeed elsewhere, for he was sent by God, and thus he speaks against the north not because he wants to but because he is compelled to. That sense of compulsion is not found in today's gospel reading as the disciples are sent out in pairs to preach, though later in the light of the resurrection they will be impelled by joy to proclaim salvation in Christ. Mark's passage is somewhat strange: it has some parallel in 3:13-15 where the Twelve are called and appointed to be sent out to preach. Today's passage has more details, but it is still perplexing for not saying what they were to preach. In the parallel section in Matthew 10:7-11 they are to preach that the kingdom of heaven is near, the same message Jesus began his public ministry with; and in Luke 9:1-6 they preach the kingdom of God and the gospel, as does Jesus at the beginning of his ministry in Mark 1:14-15. Today in Mark, literally, "going out they proclaimed that they [i.e., the people they addressed] should repent". It seems in Mark that the proclamation of the presence of the kingdom of God is the mission of Jesus alone, with the disciples, like John the Baptist, preparing the way. In this episode, however, they do heal people, in both spirit and body.

This gospel passage is the first part of another Marcan sandwich, with the disciples returning next Sunday in the second part of this first story. Dividing the gospel the way the Lectionary does omits the second story, the filling, the account of John the Baptist's imprisonment (mentioned in 1:14) and death, which had already taken place, but we are not told when they occurred. It tells of King Herod imprisoning John for criticising his

marriage with Herodias, yet Herod recognised John to be a holy man and he experienced doubt on hearing him and yet he gladly listened to him. Herod shows the required openness to conversation, and conversion, but ultimately he was too weak to surpass the fears rooted in the preservation of his status. From Mark's construction we deduce that the twelve disciples had more success among the common folk to whom they were sent.



A detail unique to Mark is easily overlooked in today's gospel: among the other things Jesus tells the disciples not to take is bread. In the second part of this device, when they return in next Sunday's reading, things are so busy that they have no opportunity "to eat bread" (literally translated), and this is the pretext of Jesus' withdrawing them to a quiet place. These refer-

ences to bread and eating prepare for Mark's first feeding of the crowd at what turned out not to be a quiet place. At that point the Lectionary switches over to John's account of that story. Yet another detail threads through Mark's construction that actually began in the second half of v.6 but that is omitted by the Lectionary: Jesus went round the villages teaching. In the second part, when Jesus and the returning disciples withdraw, the people track them down, and Jesus sets himself to teach them. A metaphorical parallel is drawn between his teaching and feeding the crowd, between nourishing the heart (or mind or spirit) and the body, both with the assistance of the disciples; to teach is to feed.

Today we begin reading the letter titled 'to the Ephesians' (the oldest manuscripts do not mention Ephesus). Its beautiful opening praise of our election and salvation in Christ is an apt text for reflecting on our being called and chosen, and sent forth as messengers of Christ. The message is all good news, so we might expect it to be welcomed gladly, but any change threatens someone's status quo and so there will always be some who reject it.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*

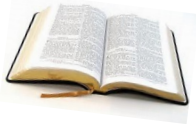
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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34



### [Daily Mass Readings](#)

**COVID-19 Restrictions** (current and from 1am Tuesday 29 June) — IN SUMMARY, **HOW THEY APPLY TO STAFFORD PARISH PRACTICALLY** (*if these change, I will let you know*):

- 1) We will **still use EVENTBRITE for booking** and this will mean:
  - a) we can have **more than 100 people** ONLY BECAUSE we allocate seating;
  - b) ALL people **MUST use the "check in Qld" App** (This is now a Qld Government requirement) -- NOTE: ALL should **book via Eventbrite AS WELL** as we need to allocate seating - see above)

### PROCEDURES AT STAFFORD FROM THIS WEEKEND:

1. On arrival, SCAN "QR" code for you and your family.
  - Scan any "Guest" who asks for help AND using your settings on the app (≡) top left hand side of screen, click on 'frequent guests/the guest's name/phone and email details
2. Collect your tickets (Show your 'checked in' status on your phone to person at desk **FIRST**.)
3. IF NOT booked via "Eventbrite" - go to a "not booked" desk; Scan QR Code; fill in paper Form; take form to Marshall; show "checked in" status; receive your allocated seat.



NOTE: If you do NOT HAVE A PHONE that can scan the "check in Qld" app, the Marshall or assistant, will book you in via their phone. If this is the case PLEASE ARRIVE at least 10 minutes before Mass.

THANK YOU for **ALL YOUR EFFORTS** in ARRIVING early for Mass. With these extra restrictions, it would be really helpful if you could be even earlier - very "un Catholic", I know!

- 4) **ALL PEOPLE must wear Masks** - please bring your own mask which you will need to have once you leave your house anyway.

a) Ministers and readers who are socially distanced from others may remove their masks while speaking and then put it back on.

### Toilet rolls and kitchen paper towel

are available from the Parish Office (made by "Who gives a Crap") - 50% of profits go to building toilets in the 3rd world.



## Our New "Local Safeguarding Representative" is Helen Royan.

Further details in future newsletters. THANK YOU Helen for taking this important role in our Parish on. (**The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Prevention & Protection Policy** can be found at: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard>)

## Mental health pastoral care - volunteer opportunity with Centacare

The Centacare mental health hub at 58 Morgan Street Fortitude Valley is open every morning from 9am – 12pm to offer a place that feels like home for people seeking better mental well-being. The morning is centred around prayer and a short liturgy of the Word combined with morning tea, conversation and various activities.

If you would like to know more about volunteering for one morning per week at the mental health hub where you will be supporting trained mental health pastoral carers please email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone: 3324 3193

### 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>

Job closes 30 July 2021

### Position Vacant –

#### Manager, Holy Cross Funerals

Applications are open for a position of Manager at Holy Cross Funerals. A person with funeral and management experience is required.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday







# Care for Creation

Single use plastics are a danger to our environment and to us. They are not biodegradable but they do break down, eventually becoming tiny pieces of plastic that enters the food chain. Sea birds, turtles, fish and aquatic mammals ingest the plastic, often resulting in animal death. Because plastic particles cannot be digested and excreted from the body, large fish like shark, marlin and tuna store the toxin in their body; people who live on a fish based diet are at risk of plastic toxin overload.



We can help stop the plastic waste pollution of the oceans by collecting and recycling our milk bottle tops. Our **Care for Creation Group** encourages parishioners to collect their milk bottle tops and deposit them in the container provided at either the Parish Office or outside the church after weekend Masses. Caps need to be LDPE or HDPE (low/high density polyethylene) these are #2, #4 on the recycling chart.



Remove the foam inserts from inside the lid, wash in warm, soapy water, keep your caps in a clean dry place and drop them off when you are ready.



Please note that we are collecting Milk Bottle Plastic Caps only.

For more information take a look at the Ocean Crusaders Website, the achievements are amazing!

<https://oceancrusaders.org/recycling/>



**OCEAN  
CRUSADERS**

**How are we tracking?** The Care for Creation Group action is guided by our policy, into which we have embedded a 'milestones- tracking' plan. We recently surveyed the Parish Pastoral Council to assess our actions and now we would like to ask our individual parishioners for their feedback. Please take two minutes to complete our **Living Laudato Si Check-In** survey, we value your input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH6BRRC> The survey will close on **Sunday 18th July**. Don't miss out on having input on this topic!

**Our faith sustains us through challenging times.** Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you, in supporting our Parish, you can now give via the **Planned Giving APP**:

Look for our logo when setting up your favourites. We have a new modern parish logo. You can make one off contributions or regular contributions. We will be showing a quick presentation at the end of mass in the coming weeks.

If you are confident with the App Store, you don't need to wait for the presentation at mass.



"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." MARK 6:8



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things

## What's on this week at Stafford

|                   |        |                               |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Mon 12th</b>   | 8.30am | Mass                          |
| <b>Tues 13th</b>  | 8.30am | Morning Prayer with communion |
| <b>Wed 14th</b>   |        |                               |
| <b>Thurs 15th</b> | 8.30am | Mass                          |
| <b>Fri 16th</b>   | 9.00am | Mass                          |
| <b>Sat 17th</b>   | 5.00pm | Mass with Livestream Zoom     |
| <b>Sun 18th</b>   | 9.00am | Mass with Livestream Zoom     |

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford  
Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish WEBSITE: [www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.staffordcatholicparish.org.au)  
Parish Administrator: Fr Denis Scanlan  
Fr Denis' E-mail: [pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Pastoral Council: [ppcstafford@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstafford@gmail.com)  
Parish Secretary: Debra Visser  
Office Hours: Mon/Tues 9 - 3.30pm Thurs 9-1  
Office Telephone: 3356 7155

### Parish Local Safeguarding Representative:

**Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540**

STOPLine Service: 1300 304 550 or  
AOB@stopline.com.au or  
[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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School Principal: Ben Campbell  
APA: Leanne Murray  
APRE: Kym Waters  
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 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

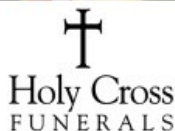
*We pray for those who are unwell:*

Nicki Goodman, Jean Tisdall, Kathy Brady, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Elizabeth Martin, Crad Smith, Sr Dorothy, Glenda Honan, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward, Isaac and Brendan Camille, Bob Devine and Nicole Dyer.

*We pray for those recently deceased: Sr Elizabeth Pointing RSM*, Esme Whitby, (John's mum), Veronica Burns, Marguerite Moloney, Raymond Labid, Bon Bargayo, Pam Ward, Peter Rogers, Sr Margaret Mines RSC, Joan Goldby, John Dove, Maria Calini, and

*those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

Joyce Davis, Elsie Ketter, Lynette Matthews, 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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For however you choose to say goodbye.

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- ♦ Church continues fight for a fair minimum wage.
- ♦ More than 10 months after Beirut blast: 'We are bleeding, help is needed'.
- ♦ Centacare welcomes Xavier and InFocus.
- ♦ Youngcare welcomes 40-year-old Luke home from aged care.
- ♦ More churches burnt down in western Canada.

