



# 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."**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 10th/17th October, 2021**

**Please welcome Fr Joe McKay as he celebrates Mass with our community this weekend.**

**This year we will be supporting the work of the Church in Thailand, where funds raised through this appeal will support the essential work of the Kindergarten run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok.**

[www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/kusa](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/kusa)

This Sunday, the second last Sunday of October, is World Mission Day – established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This year's theme is: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). In his message Pope Francis said: "We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion." "He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential." All this year we have been reading from the Gospel of Mark which has as recurring theme the meaning of discipleship. The disciples are called and then sent. The missionary disciple knows Jesus and lives a life wanting to share the love of Jesus with others. Mark's Gospel has two stories of healing blindness. Some commentators divide Mark's gospel into five acts. The two stories of the blind are the beginning and end of the fourth act. The first blind man was touched by Jesus and had partial sight. He saw people but they were like trees walking around. Then Jesus touched him a second time to restore his sight fully. The second blind man has his sight fully restored immediately. Over the past two weeks we have read stories about the challenges we face when committed to missionary discipleship. They are the same as the temptations presented to Jesus in the desert, although we have to go to Matthew and Luke's gospels for the detail. Mark simply says Jesus was tempted. The three temptations were, firstly, to material things – turn the stones into bread; secondly, to power – fall down and worship the devil to have power over all the kingdoms; and thirdly, to fame and prestige – throw yourself off the parapet of the temple. Two weeks ago, we read the story of the rich young man. He found it hard to be a disciple and went away sad because he was very wealthy. Jesus replied by saying how hard

it is for a person whose heart is set on wealth to enter the kingdom. Last week we had the story of the two disciples, James and John. They wanted to be seated on the left and the right of Jesus in the places of power and honour. They made the other disciples angry because they wanted all the attention

Discipleship has to overcome any tendencies to place our trust in wealth (if only I had more money, all would be well), power (if only I was in charge, things would be different), or fame and prestige (if only I was somebody my life would be different). Today we read a story that presents the opposite set of values – the values that mark true discipleship. A detail in the story that is important is the fact that the man throws off his cloak. This is symbolic – he comes with nothing. The custom in those days was for a beggar to sit on his cloak and the cloak was the way in which he gathered the offering that people made. He casts this aside, stands before Jesus bare and no longer de-



pendent on the gifts of others – and unlike the sons of Zebedee who come with pretensions to power, or the rich young man who could not give up his wealth, he is not dependent on his own resources. He is now trusting fully in Jesus. As missionary disciples we are open to the gifts of God, to live our lives fully, without pretensions to power or expecting recognition or under the illusion that our wealth will give us control. Your financial support for Catholic Mission this year will support the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand who care for women and girls at risk. The compassion which the sisters and their co-workers show to women very much on the fringe of society is a witness to the loving God. Your financial support is a way in which you join with them in putting missionary discipleship into action.

## For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

**Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



### Daily Mass Readings

#### ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Each year people from the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba and the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland (the Diocese of Brisbane) gather to pray with and for one another for a greater mutual understanding and reconciliation.

This year's service will be hosted by our Archdiocese at St Stephen's Cathedral and the theme is centred on the Season of Creation:

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:32-34 NRSV)

**Save Thursday 4th November at 11am into your diary** and find out more via the event page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/263276095690241>

#### GO ON AN INTENTIONAL ADVENT THIS YEAR

A new prayer reflection resource



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A 28-day reflection resource written by Shane Dwyer



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with Debra by phone or email.

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC VIEW ON VACCINATION?

You can learn more about Pope Francis's recent encouragement to all to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines in the link below. Pope Francis referred to it as 'an act of love.' <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane supports COVID-19 vaccination except for those people with a valid medical exemption from their health professional.

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We do recognise that some Catholics have concerns about the origins of the cell-line associated with the development of the AstraZeneca vaccine. If this is a concern for you then the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provide two alternatives that avoid this issue.

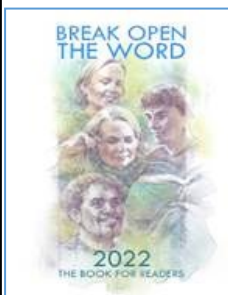
#### Morning tea and Supper are being reintroduced after mass. To make this a success we need more volunteers to complete the COVID SAFE TRAINING COURSE produced by TAFE QLD.

This is a free course and is done online. The course will take around 30 minutes to complete. A certificate is issued at the completion of the course. Send the certificate to me, for our records and you will be able to assist in the preparation and service of morning tea and supper. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will endeavour to assist you. The link to the course is here. Debra



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

#### Break Open the Word for 2022 is available for pre-order now.



The cost is \$24 and I will be placing the order in the first week of November to allow time for delivery and labelling of each book. To place your order simply contact me by phone or email to add your name to the order form. Payment can be made using this link. Thank you, Debra

#### Break Open the Word Payment

#### CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY PODCAST

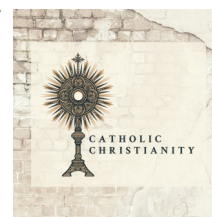
Can science disprove God? Is it valid to say that it's true for you but not true for me? Is there more to the human experience than what science can measure?

Find out in episode one of the **Catholic Christianity podcast**, Season One: Reasons

to Believe. Subscribe on your preferred podcast platform or watch on YouTube by searching 'Catholic Christianity'. Find out more at [www.catholicchristianity.org](http://www.catholicchristianity.org).

#### Parish archive will take a break next

**Wednesday.** Every one is most welcome to join in the working bee of sorting our parish archives of photos and other relics. I'd like to hear from any and all who are keen to join in the fun—which day is best for you? Tuesday or Wednesday?? Please give me a call or email. Debra







## Care for Creation

Last Sunday parish took part in a global Faith 4 Climate Justice action, where we prayed for our civic leaders to act swiftly and bravely to address Climate Change. Parishioners united in a pledge to petition our Federal MPs pointing out the dire need commit to net zero carbon emissions before 2050. World Leaders will gather at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change COP26 at Glasgow from 30<sup>th</sup> October. It is not too late to voice your concerns to your MP.

*Here is a starter, to help you formulate your letter. Make it your own. Be factual, courteous and firm.*

Dear .....

As a member of your electorate, I am writing to you to express my serious concern at our Federal Government's mediocre response to the disaster of Climate Change. I implore you to encourage our government to send our Prime Minister to the upcoming Glasgow COP26. Australia must be a leader in action to stem the disaster of climate change. Our country is rich in resources not just mineral, but more importantly the wealth of brilliant minds and inventive, creative people who are well equipped to map a future which does not depend on fossil fuels.

It is imperative that Australia is a leader in climate action, that we protect the diversity in our environment and that we support our nation and our neighbours.

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.



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### Grail Weekend –Nourishing Our Spirituality

Come & enjoy the weekend, a day or a session: 5pm Friday to midday Sunday October 29 to 31<sup>st</sup>. Saturday @ 10.30 Fr Joe Mackay ofm will speak on Fratelli Tutti; Mass 6pm. Sunday @ 10.30

Margaret Clifford will speak about ways to Nurture our Spirituality. Toc H, 36 Banya Street, Bongaree. Bring linen, towel & \$30 per night. RSVP to Judy Brown 0407580174 or [moutonbrown@gmail.com](mailto:moutonbrown@gmail.com).

### What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 25th		
Tues 26th	8.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed 27th		
Thurs 28th		
Fri 29th	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Sat 30th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 31st	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

### Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
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### Parish Local Safeguarding Representative:

**Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540**

STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or  
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[www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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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:*



Noel Cavanagh, Margaret Blumke, Timothy Wilson, Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn, Bruce Willson, Veronica Nicholson, Don Allerta, Fay Robertson, Maurice & Alison Drake, Bob Devine, Jose Pitts, Brian Wellman, Luca de Pascalis de Moraes, Rose Ann Takas, Nicki Goodman, Caitlyn Lengkeek, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward,

*We pray for those recently deceased:* David Connors, Marcelle Zarrouk, Mary 'Monica' Harland, Peter Glasby, Francisco Aliviano, May Smith, Patrick Sommerville, Peter O'Donnell, Jim Henry, Tom Lynch, Kay Dunn, Ari Vargas, Angel Bathan, Jill Barrett,

*And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:* Barbara Maffei, Eduardo Mijares, 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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- ♦ Holland Park remembers 60 years of St Joachim Church
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