



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."

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 13th/14th November, 2021

Reflection on the Readings

Gospel images about the eschaton draw from the few apocalyptic sections of the Old Testament, especially Daniel, and various apocryphal works. Even outside classically religious circles fascination abounds with this topic, or at least with some of the common images. Some of these images have been figuring repeatedly over the last few years exploring ideas about what it would be like if people returned to life. But the Zombie genre is really quite different. End of the world scenarios are common, even though they usually are depicted as resulting from natural causes. Perhaps these all do point to less-than-clear fears simmering in the collective imagination, or to some intangible concerns. But even science's mathematically deductive cosmologies generally

have a cataclysmic end in mind for the universe in the conjectured Big Bang's putative oppo-



site Big Crunch. Since that will ever remain unverifiable, as also will our own Earth's end (unless there is to be a *Doctor Who* type witness by its descendants living elsewhere), such events are an item of a form of scientific faith. Our own end-time materials have entirely different layers to them that point to something other than a cataclysmic world's end, although that will always remain an obsession in fanatical circles of fundamental literalists. Our end-time materials remind us that our own end will come, perhaps when we least expect it. In the Gospels they overlap references to what we recognise as past historical events, such as the persecutions of Christians in the early centuries, or the siege of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple in AD 70, or the later wars between 117 and 136 when Israel and Judah were extinguished. When those historical elements are filtered out of the Gospels' apocalyptic material, we find a layer concerned with each one's own personal end, featuring judgement and each one being held responsible for one's own life. The end was more nigh than the disciples realised, and despite the following advice to "Be on your guard" and to "Stay awake"—which immediately precedes the beginning of the passion account, with the hatching of the plot against Jesus—the disciples will be caught sleeping in the garden when Jesus is arrested.

In the Southern Hemisphere we are indeed in the early stages of summer, the season of mangoes and other fruits, and of storms. For those in its tropical regions it is the time to prepare for the most feared of storms, cyclones. In many southern areas in Australia awareness turns to the threat of bushfires. Even in those areas not threatened by the mere possibility of natural catas-

trophes, it is the time to wind up some of the year's works, perhaps to evaluate matters in preparation for the next year. All these link with our readings in easy ways as we hear the various ways of saying "Be ready" in our liturgies and in our media, though each has a different danger or need in view. This convergence may nonetheless be useful to us, but always with the reminder that, rather than being rendered anxious by the destructive image, the focus should be as the Psalm 16 (15) has it, as it sounds the hope of those who go even to death knowing this must be, but trusting in the all-powerful love of God.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B Image: Unsplash.com

GO ON AN INTENTIONAL ADVENT THIS YEAR

Looking for a way to engage with the Advent season?

Get in early and order your \$5 copy of *New Life in Christ*, a new 28-day reflection resource. Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day will include a scripture reading and a reflection. Place your order with Debra by phone or email. ***I'll be placing the order on Monday, don't miss out!***



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC VIEW ON VACCINATION?

The Archdiocese of Brisbane supports COVID-19 vaccination except for those people with a valid medical exemption from their health professional. For our vulnerable parishioners, rest assured that Fr Denis, Debra and Mark are all fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If you haven't yet received the jab, please consider it this weekend.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles.

There will be cake and a cuppa after each Mass. Everyone is invited to celebrate our connection with Mary, Queen of Apostles.



Do you like a cuppa after Mass??? We need your help. To make this happen on a regular basis 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>

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



Daily Mass Readings

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

On Sunday, October 17, dioceses around the world launched local preparations for the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Catholic Church in Australia will invite the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that will open on October 17. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



Passing on the flame Women's Gathering

All Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to 'Passing on the Flame' by Spirited Women, an evening of conversation as Catholic women share their experience of church, their call to discipleship, phases of life, and challenges and their hopes for the Church of the future. The night will include a networking opportunity

and a multigenerational guest panel of Catholic women who will inspire us with their stories (Jan Heath, Natalie Lindler, and Olivia Brown).

Details:

Time: 5:45pm – 8pm

Date: Thursday 25th November (this is a new date due to previous COVID postponement)

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane City)

Cost: \$20 (\$15 for concession)

For more information or to register, head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/spiritedwomen>

Sistine Chapel Exhibition October 27—January 2, 2022

Take a life-size up-close perspective of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel. With special expertise and care, the ceiling paintings from the Chapel have been reproduced in a truly unique way using high-definition photos. Visitors are given a way to engage with the artwork in ways that were never before possible; seeing every detail, every brushstroke, and every colour of the artists 34 frescoes.

Tickets: Adults for \$22 per person;

VIP Adult \$28 per person;

Seniors or students \$17.60 per person,

VIP Senior of Student \$23;

Children for \$15.50 per person

Venue: The Ice Cream Factory,
Level 2, West Village,
97 Boundary Road, West End
4101

Visit <https://feverup.com/m/101306> for bookings.

MICHELANGELO'S
**SISTINE
CHAPEL
EXHIBITION**

STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS Many thanks to those who save stamps for us. It is very much appreciated. All proceeds of sales go to the Marist Missions to aid the poor in Myanmar and Thailand.

ALL stamps are welcome, but we can readily sell recent Australian stamps in good or unused condition. We realise they are harder to come by nowadays, but if you or someone you know works in an office or department that receives larger volumes of mail, perhaps you could organise saving these stamps for us? Also if you receive mail from overseas please save those stamps! They can be left in the specially marked box to the left of the main Church entry or at the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you and God Bless!

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 19th November at Café 63, Stafford City 10.30am. All Welcome. Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.



SOS For Vinnie's Stores !!!!



Our Vinnie's stores are DESPERATE for help. If you are looking for something worth while to do, then this could be it. People who are marginalized in our community rely on these stores to help them out with clothing, household items, and toys, just to name a few. Don't let these stores close because they don't have enough people to man them. So why not ring some of the stores and see if you can help out? Thank you and God Bless from the Stafford Vinnie's Conference

Is God's will in your Will? Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish can be blessed. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)



Stewardship
a way of life

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to live a grateful and generous life-style.

Information Day for potential Cathedral Guides and Welcomers

The guides and welcomers' group at The Cathedral of St. Stephen warmly invite you to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at the Cathedral.

When: Saturday 27th November 2021 from 10 am to 2pm. Refreshments provided

Where: Hanly room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St. Stephen, Elizabeth St.

The Information day is open to anyone, eg: retired people who may be missing the sense of community and camaraderie which working life brings, teachers perhaps who may be retiring at the end of the year, or anyone with some spare time on their hands who desires becoming part of a friendly and supportive team of Cathedral guides and welcomers.

We look forward to welcoming you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 3324 3006 or by emailing deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic Mission 2021 Thank you again for your support with our Catholic Mission Church Appeal this October. In acknowledgement of this wonderful support, I would like to invite you to Catholic Mission **End of Year Appreciation Musical Morning** on November 20th, 2021. Please book your free tickets [here](#). Everyone is most welcome!




CATHOLIC MISSION 2021 APPRECIATION OF THANKS

You are invited to a celebration of music from Brisbane Catholic schools, parishes and communities.

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2021 | 10AM TO 12PM
OUR LADY OF GRACES CATHOLIC CHURCH - CARINA

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Prayer to Our Lady

Take my hand O Blessed mother

Hold it gently lest I fall

I am nervous when I'm walking

So to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing

Watch me while I am on the stairs.

Help me with my undertakings

Lessen many of my cares.

Then when darkness falls upon us

And I fear to be alone

Take my hand O Blessed Mother

Once again and lead me home.



What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 15th	8.30am	Mass
Tues 16th	8.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed 17th		
Thurs 18th	8.30am	Mass
Fri 19th	9.00am 10.30am	Mass Men's group
Sat 20th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 21st	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Helen Royan Phone 0407 372 540

STOPLine Service: 1300 304 550 or
AOB@stopline.com.au or
www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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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:

Wayne Roggero, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, Margaret Blumke, Timothy Wilson, Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn, Bruce Willson, Veronica Nicholson, Don Allerta, 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: Joan Low, Glen Stevens, David Connors, Marcelle Zarrouk, Mary 'Monica' Harland, Peter Glasby, Francisco Ali-viano, May Smith, Patrick Sommerville, Peter O'Donnell, Jim Henry, Tom Lynch,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this

time: Bienvenido Tolentino, Colette Horn, Harriet Ketter 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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- ♦ Ipswich teenagers stepping up to make faith in God part of their lives
- ♦ Brisbane-based online evangelisation platform tackles key questions of faith
- ♦ Brisbane couples share joys, blessings of long, loving marriages
- ♦ Eucharistic revival is the key to Church's future
- ♦ Shanelle Bennett knows the privilege of loving others to the hour of death
- ♦ Opening up day by day to the counsel of the saints
- ♦ Catholic women to "tune in to the voice of God" for "Something Beautiful".
- ♦ All Saints and All Souls – praying for those in heaven and commemorating and praying for the dead.

