



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 Most Holy Trinity - Year C 11th/12th June, 2022

Reflection on the readings

Translating is an art. The Scriptures are not simply literary relics of long ago but crucial components in a living dialogue, which makes translating them complicated. Reading the Scriptures has a vital role in private study and prayer, but the main conversation with them takes place in our liturgies. For this we do not simply pick up the Bible: the Lectionary is a liturgical book that assembles passages in particular combinations for these living encounters. With no biblical event to found the feast of the Holy Trinity and with no passage explicitly teaching trinitarian theology, no text automatically suggests itself for use on this theological feast. This year's second reading, Romans 5:1-5, does refer to Christ, and God (usually understood as the Father), and the Holy Spirit, but not in an explicitly trinitarian way as theology would later clarify it. So also the gospel, John 16:12-15, which more easily fits before rather than after Pentecost (and indeed is read every year on Wednesday in the Sixth Week of Easter, and forms the second part of the alternative reading for Pentecost Sunday in year B).

However, various passages do have traditional trinitarian, christological, or pneumatological interpretations and are chosen for the Lectionary accordingly. Problems then arise when the translation



of the Bible used, for the Lectionary follows different translational principles, resulting in a nuance that may not fit with the reason for its selection. The Jerusalem Bible employed in our current Lectionary in Australia, and the NRSV too, presents such a problem in the first reading, Proverbs 8:22-31. The text personifies Wisdom, but Wisdom is not one of the named three persons in the triune Godhead, so does it refer to Christ, or the Spirit, or neither? One of the gifts of the Spirit is wisdom, which is not the same as Wisdom personified. With few exceptions, English does not employ grammatical gender, so when dealing with languages that do, native English speakers often confuse grammatical masculine and feminine with being sexually male or female; they trip on the fact that in both Hebrew and Greek (and Latin) the word for wisdom is feminine, and so they claim this Wisdom cannot be Christ and must be the Spirit which is feminine in Hebrew (but neuter in Greek, and masculine in Latin). This rationale is forgotten when calling Christ the Light, also feminine in Semitic languages and Latin, and neuter in Greek. Grammatical gender is of no avail. Both the Church's Eastern and Western wings have traditionally identified the Wisdom of Proverbs 8 with Christ,

and the obvious textual relationships with the prologue of John's gospel reveal why.

The problem then manifests in our translation (and the NRSV) when it says "The Lord *created* me", which contradicts what we say of the Son, that he was "begotten, not made". The Hebrew verb has several nuances, *create* being among the lesser used. A more common nuance is *possessed*, as adopted in the Vulgate (*possedit*), giving a literal reading as "The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his way, before his works from of old". Its precise meaning being somewhat elusive, rendering it clearer results in varied translations. The Greek Septuagint, reflecting pre-Christian Jewish interpretation, reads "The Lord made me the beginning of his ways for his works", which does not cause the difficulty of the above-mentioned approaches. Both Greek and Latin versions of this line and what follows fit with John's prologue, which presents Christ as the world-shaping Word the Father speaks in the Bible's first account of creation. Both texts inform the traditional designs of icons of creation; the one measuring and shaping the cosmos is not a depiction of God the Father, whom no-one has seen, but is clearly clothed as Christ and bears his face, recognisable from other icons. However, Proverbs 8 also seems to speak of two being present, God working with Wisdom at his side. This can still be interpreted as God the Father directing and Wisdom fabricating, for Wisdom is also called "master craftsman" and is described as being at play both in God's presence and in the world. But it may also work with the image that envisages the Son and the Spirit as the "two hands" of God at work in the world.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Trinity Sunday - Year C

World Meeting of Families-Family Festival

The World Meeting of Families, created by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1994, has been celebrated every three years in a variety of host countries around the world. Like World Youth Day, the World Meeting of Families is a gift to the Church that invites each diocese to place families at the centre of pastoral attention during a kind of "Family Week" in unity with dioceses around the world.



This event will begin with the celebration of a Children's Mass with Archbishop Mark and be followed by family activities on the Cathedral Green. This is sure to be a day of faith and fun as we come together as a community. To find out more about the Family Festival or to register for free, head to www.WMOFfamilyfestival.com.

The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ

(Year C)

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

2nd Reading: Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17



Daily Mass Readings

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 13th	6.00pm	Sacramental Meeting
Tues 14th	8.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Wed 15th		
Thurs 16th		
Fri 17th	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayers with Communion Men's Group
Sat 18th	5.00pm	Mass and cuppa
Sun 19th	9.00am	Mass and cuppa

Laudato Si interactive event - 30 July 10am - 12 noon, The Parish Hall, 80 Turner Rd Kedron (corner Wayland St)

During the 2 hour session, Alice from Catholic Earthcare will help us to understand the '8 steps to ecological dialogue' and how you can participate in the Earthcare Families & Individuals program and how to live Laudato Si at home. We will also discuss the 7 Laudato Si goals that have been outlined in the encyclical, brainstorm how we can work towards those goals, and how we can overcome the challenges that we all face in doing so. *More information coming!*

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 17th June** at Café 63, Stafford City 10.30am. All Welcome. Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.



Parish Ministry Expo 18th/19th June with Morning tea/Supper after mass .

Join us next weekend to explore the many activities undertaken in the parish and how you can get involved! Our Filipino community will be hosting the morning tea on Sunday morning.



As the kitchen will be open, you are invited to bring along your **bottle tops** you have been collecting. The trolley for the bottle tops is in the church kitchen.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for the above position at the Camp Hill Parish. The position is part-time 30 hours a week Monday to Friday. The parish requires a candidate with administration and finance experience.

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

Applications close: 20 June 2022

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.

Excerpt from this month's edition of the Catholic Leader

Rain or shine, Logan deanery brings families together at festival day

A TURN of bad weather was not enough to keep away more than 1000 people from eight parishes across Logan Deanery and the wider community from gathering for a day of face-painting, music, craft and food at Family Festival in Logan City last month.

Organising committee member Josephine Cullen said the day had been in the works for about a year.

A last minute change in weather the day before meant three food vans pulled out of the event, but Underwood Lions Club came to the rescue with a sausage sizzle and a pizza van showed up too, she said.

She said they were "so blessed to have these wonderful people say 'yes'".

"Within a half hour (of opening), people were streaming in and we ran out of car-park," she said.



"The most amazing part of this evangelising event to showcase the good the Church does is that people were registering and showing expressions of interest in the schools in the area and looking for a faith community to belong to.

"This we hope will support the parishes in evangelizing and making contact with these people who gave their contact details."

She said the team gathered together at the start of the day in prayer and offered the festival to God.

"We had come so far in our planning that it was a project the whole team came together with and believed in," she said.

"Everyone from marshals to car park attendants were amazed at the amount of people coming on this day."

Volunteer Pastoral Care (Hospitals)

Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility criteria please email: adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.



Children's Sacramental

Program 2022 begins on Monday night with the first meeting at 6.00pm. Please remember the children and their parents and sponsors as they prepare for the Sacrament of confirmation.



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit
to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You
and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit
and bring to fulfilment the good work
that You have begun in them.

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." John 16:13



Stewardship
a way of life

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear His response.

PNG Mass at Zillmere Parish

SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022 at 11:30am, Reverend Paul Cahill will celebrate mass with the Papua New Guinean Catholic Community on the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) Day at St Flannan's Catholic Church, Zillmere. All welcome!

Guided Retreat

Experience spiritual renewal and growth at this Friday evening to Sunday midday guided retreat at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in August.

There will be an opportunity for input, prayer, time to walk the grounds and the chance to chat with one of the Adult Formation

Team from Evangelisation Brisbane, as well as occasional group discussions.

Throughout the course of the retreat, you'll be guided by spiritual director and Evangelisation Brisbane's Associate Director of Adult Formation, Shane Dwyer.

Find out more and register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatAugust2022>

Verse for Vinnies - June 26

There's a bush poets' show where you really should go at St Williams on Dawson Parade,

Verse for Vinnies the gig, it will be really big
as the funds go to those needing aid.

And Ray Essery's the star and he'll come from afar
just to entertain you for the day.

He's a poet renown and can be quite a clown
at the end you will wish he could stay.

And with Noel and with Ray we are sure you will say
that we thank them on Vinnies behalf

But unless you are there you won't hear this mad pair
and you'll miss out on having a laugh.

And the fifteen bucks fee goes to Vinnies you see,
so you're helping those people in strife.

So now please come along, join the bush poets' throng
and assist those who struggle with life.

BOOK USING email to
noel@noelstallard.com



Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the
office Monday to Thursday



Project compassion tax receipts have been prepared and will be at the rear of the church for collection this weekend. For anyone making contributions via credit card, those receipts are issued by Caritas directly to you. Donations through the parish totalled \$9357.15. Thank you for your generosity.



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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.

There are celebrations of this Sacrament on the **third weekend of the Month** (ex April 23/24th)



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:

Kevin Wildermuth, John Mahony, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Mi-guela Savellon, Trevor Cavanagh, Kevin Tyack, Editha Weyh, Winsome Rusterholz, Mark Robertson, Jo Haines, Sr Patricia Coyle, Carolyn Bohl, Noel Cavanagh, & Norm Ward.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts, Titing Padayhag, Mary Backstrom, Andrew, Molly Rampa, Peter Muir, Bruce Willson, Anne Stevens, Patricia Schonrock, Marry Rah, Alma Campbell, ,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Michael O'Donnell, Matthews, Robotham, Ketter and Horne families, 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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