



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

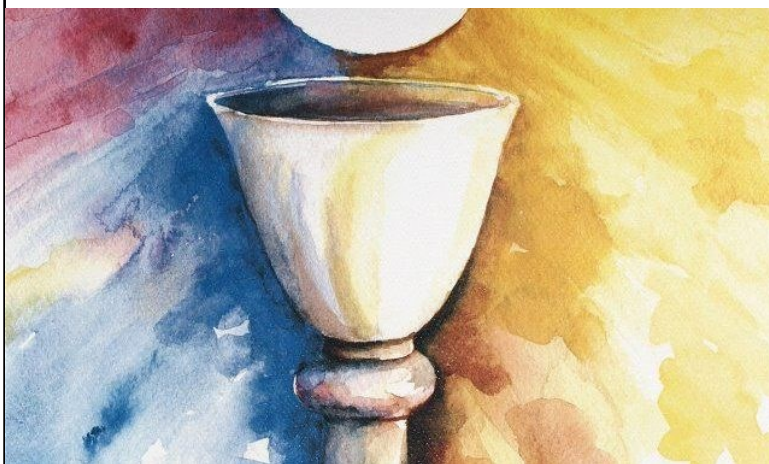
A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year C 18th/19th June, 2022

Reflection on the readings

Melchizedek is an enigmatic character of whom so little is known that over the millennia the few scriptural references to him have become potent seeds in fertile imaginations. In the Hebrew Scriptures he is mentioned only twice, in Genesis 14:18-20 and Psalm 109(110):4, today's first reading and responsorial psalm. All the first text has to say is that he was King of Salem, that he brought bread and wine to Abraham who was returning from battle, that he was a priest of God Most High (even though he is technically a Gentile), and that Abraham gave him a tithe of the spoils. Since these last two points are at odds with later understandings of the Law, the whole episode and person was subject to much anachronistic discussion and conjecture in Talmudic texts. The psalm's reference is not in itself clear in meaning, though we may assume it was at the time of composition. The discrepancies between the Hebrew and Greek versions of the preceding verse then point to later confusion and further complications. With all this came a lack of clarity, ever an invitation to creative invention. There are signs



of much of this in ancient mystical and apocalyptic literature, some of which appear to be behind the interpretation in our Hebrews 7 that is then applied to Christ. Melchizedekian mysticism is a truly weird world too complicated to enter here, but we may note the trace of it in our Roman Canon's reference to "the offering of your high priest Melchizedek" that the former translation had augmented to "the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek". The recent correction, now following the Latin, is justified because Genesis does not have him offering a sacrifice of bread and wine, but merely bringing them out to Abraham and company, it seems as provisions. But the Canon's Latin is also technically incorrect, for he was never called a high priest; in Hebrews it is Christ alone who is the High Priest, but said to be in the order of Melchizedek, whatever that is supposed to mean. Furthermore, Hebrews never refers to either bread or wine, and so does not associate them with Melchizedek or any priestly activity at all. Nonetheless, Genesis' mention of bread and wine has played a part in eucharistic typology and across the ages from late antiquity they have been depicted as being offered by Melchizedek in art both to Abraham and in sacrifice.

Much more common in even older eucharistic depictions are elements drawn from the gospel accounts of the feeding of the multi-

tudes (Matthew 14:15-21 and 15:32-38, Mark 6:35-44 and 8:1-9, Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:5-13), even though later ages came to overlook these as in any way relevant to the Eucharist. The artistic reference is often no more than as baskets of loaves and fish somewhere within the scene, or even as simple decorations on floors or walls. But even the Roman Canon has a reference to it in the phrase "with eyes raised to heaven", which is found in no Last Supper account; it comes from feeding narratives, such as Luke's today in the variant form "[he] raised his eyes to heaven". Even the ritual handling of the bread in all accounts is the same as that of the bread rite in the Last Supper, described in the verbs *took*, *blessed* or *thanked*, *broke* and *gave*. Ancient interpretations saw the feeding narratives both as expressions of the creative power of Christ as God and as demonstrations of his pastoral care as he personally feeds the multitudes via the hands of the apostles who did the actual distribution. This was seen as continuing across the ages via the hands of Christ's ministers. This ancient understanding is important because unlike medieval and later approaches it focuses less on the ordained priest presiding at the Eucharist and more on Christ himself; for even the presiding bishop or presbyter receives the bread and wine that Christ himself takes in his hands and offers to us as his Body and Blood.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Body and Blood of Christ - 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



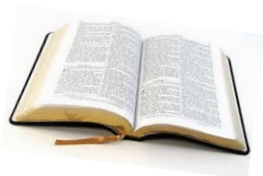
Cathedral Green. This is sure to be a day of faith and fun as we come together as a community. To find out more about the Family Festival or to register for free, head to www.WMOFfamilyfestival.com.

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: King 19:16, 19-21

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



Daily Mass Readings

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

Mon 20th		
Tues 21st	10.00am	No Prayers this morning Funeral Mass for Audrey Tanwan
Wed 22nd		
Thurs 23rd		
Fri 24th	9.00am	Morning Prayers with Communion
Sat 25th	10.00am 5.00pm	Music Practise in the church Mass
Sun 26th	9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Filipino Mass

Parish Ministry Expo this weekend with Morning tea/Supper after mass

Join us this 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.



Music practise is on next Saturday at 10am in the church. Please come along and join in the fun. No minimum skill level needed —don't be shy!

Preloved Baby and Kids Clothing Market

hosted by Brisbane Multiple Birth Assoc Northside It's back! Our famous Pre-Loved Baby and Kids Market is coming to the school hall of **Queen of Apostles Primary School**, Stafford. Bookings are ESSENTIAL and we ask that only one member per household attends to maintain social distancing. Fill a standard Coles/Woolies Enviro Bag for just \$10 per bag. BYO bags. Payments will be made by eftpos upon exit.

You will find -
- Clothing from newborn sizing up to size 7+
- Sleeping bags
- Shoes and Socks

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Refugee Week – 19 to 25 June 2022 – Theme: Healing

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to inform people about refugees (who they are, why they have come to Australia and the many challenges that they face) and to celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Refugee Week provides a platform to create a culture of welcome throughout the country. The ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia. It provides an important opportunity for asylum seekers and refugees to be seen, listened to and valued.

Refer to the Refugee Week website (<https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>) for more information, including suggestions for how you can get involved. You might also like to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service at 6 pm AEST on World Refugee Day – Monday, 20 June (<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/05/23/refugee-week-prayer-service/>).

To all those who've come from far and wide, **I'm happy you're here.**

Happy Refugee Week
19 – 25 June 2022

[refugeeweek.org.au](https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/) | @OzRefugeeCouncil



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Christmas in July Tuesday 5 July 7.00pm

Christmas in July -Get up! Stand up! Show up!

Taking our theme this year from NAIDOC Week and the liturgical year of Luke, ACU Biblical Scholar and QoA parishioner Ian Elmer will explore how Luke's nativity narrative challenged the social, religious and cultural structures of his day. Lukan Christianity was a multicultural community marginalized by the political and social structures of Empire. Luke story of the birth of Jesus speaks the challenges of modern Australian society, especially as we move towards a more just relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and nonindigenous Australians based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.



GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!
3-10 JULY 2022

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." Luke 9:17



Stewardship
a way of life

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

We need your help! Our local Tricare need more of us to visit those Catholics residing at their care facility. There is a roster of very loyal parishioners that give their time to our aged and frail that reside at Tricare Stafford Lakes. More volunteers would mean that the roster isn't under pressure. Our current volunteers have a rolling roster where some visit weekly, some on a 3 week roster and others on a 6 week roster. Most visits are on a Monday, others visit on a Sunday, we can be flexible with whatever time you have available. Seniors love seeing little ones, so those with small children, don't be put off because you have young children—bring them Please consider joining this most rewarding ministry. All visitors need to be double vaccinated for COVID-19. Mask wearing is also mandatory for all visitors. For further information phone Marion 007 764 292. Full training is provided.



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.

Sea of Hands on a glorious Sunday morning

On Sunday 29th May we created a *Sea of Hands*, a visual display of our support for National Reconciliation. The hand colours match those on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags. The hands were placed in a heart shape on the lawn near the church car park. The 250 hands made a vibrant display of our unity as one proud nation and one proud people of God. *The Sea of Hands* is an iconic symbol of Reconciliation, a way for all communities around Australia to engage in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. *The Sea of Hands* was first used in October 1997 in front of Parliament House, Canberra. The hands are recycled, and were returned to ANTaR for the next event. [ANTaR](http://ANTaR.org.au)

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



**It was a great success.
Thank you all for
participating!**

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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

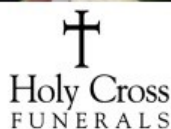
We pray for those who are unwell:

John Mahony, Nicki Goodman, Helen Mullins, Janice Itong, Shaun Donaldson, Miguela 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:

Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts, Titing Padayhag, Mary Backstrom, Andrew, Molly Rampa, Peter Muir, Bruce Willson,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maud Menezes, 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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