



# 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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 16th/17th July, 2022**

## Reflection on the readings

Continuing from last Sunday's highlighting of neighbourliness, today's readings begin with the story known as "The Hospitality of Abraham". This scene will be more important later this year when Abraham will be a central character in another of Luke's unique parables, the only one with named characters, the one generally called the "The Rich Man and Lazarus". Among the features of Abraham's actions worth noting now are that in speech he offered little, namely to have water brought for the visitors to wash their feet, and a piece of bread to eat, but in action he provided much, namely freshly made bread, with cheese and cream and just prepared veal. Those prone to find and to fault instances of presumed patriarchal oppression may be vexed with his directing Sarah in her bread making, but leaving that aside we may note that in effect the whole household participates, each according to his or her normal duties so that what would be a mad fuss for one is managed with apparent ease. But the phrase "he remained standing near them", an accurate possible translation, needs to be understood as indicating his attending to them, or serving them. According to some traditions, especially as represented in iconography, Sarah also served with him, although in the story itself only her later listening to them from inside the tent's opening is mentioned.

Staying for the moment with the connection to last Sunday, this story depicts the great hero of faith, Abraham, as being hospitable to sojourners. Since, technically speaking, to be Jewish is to be a descendant of Abraham, it stands to reason that at the time all people other than Abraham and Sarah were non-Jewish, therefore gentile, and so the distinction between Jew and gentile makes no sense; all people Abraham encountered were his neighbours and he a neighbour to them. It is also held in Jewish lore that even though the Law had not yet been written, Abraham faithfully observed it in full, which generates much discussion to explain the apparent non-kosher serving of meat and milk. One of the many conjectured answers to that conundrum is that the kosher laws did not pertain to his visitors, so Abraham could serve it to them but not eat it himself.

Today's choice of that story seems to be due to a simple association with the gospel's account of Martha welcoming Jesus into her house. As the story unfolds she is seen to be distracted and bothered by many things, perhaps many dishes. Her sister Mary was there too, but she was listening at the Lord's feet rather than from where Martha thought her proper station was, which was helping her. There is perhaps a little word play here in the Greek here, with the first verb describing Martha's activity, "you are distracted", being derived from another meaning "to cut up", while Mary is said to have selected the "good cut". Perhaps the main intention of the story is to demonstrate the instructions Jesus gave the messengers he sent before: on being welcomed into a house he eats what is set before him, but his main focus is still on the mission, of preaching the good news.

Some feminist critics might note at this point that with our Lectionary bringing these stories together, two changes generate interesting contrasts: the male with the dual roles as host and head of

the household has been replaced by a female, for the house is said to be Martha's and she welcomed Jesus, and secondly, the listening woman has moved from out of sight into the open at the teachers feet where disciples are normally found. No claim is made here that Luke intended such a comparison, but the Church has often accepted creative associations as a way of peering beyond the surface of texts. So also in this context this gospel story may be seen to be more than a presentation of the presumed contest between active and contemplative lives. It is useful also to remember the witness from the monastic life in the Benedictine tradition that, though seen to belong to the contemplative domain, it also stresses hospitality, part of the active domain. It is not a case of the two being opposites: hospitality and active listening go hand in hand, and a good balance must be found.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C*

**Christmas in July on again! New Date is Thursday 28th July!**



**Mark your diaries and prepare your supper plate!**

**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 multi-cultural 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.

We will be having supper afterwards, so please bring a plate of Christmas fare to share.

## Vinnie's Winter Blanket Appeal

The cold weather is upon us, and our thoughts are turning to the battlers in our community. If you have any blankets you are not using, could you please donate to Vinnie's and leave at the back of the church over the next two weekends.



**Vinnies**  
good works

We ask that the blanket you donate are in good condition. No quilt covers please. Many thanks for supporting your local Vinnies. It's still so cold, let's extend the efforts for one more week!

## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

### Daily Mass Readings



### What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

|            |        |                                |
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| Mon 18th   |        |                                |
| Tues 19th  | 8.30am | Morning Prayers with Communion |
| Wed 20th   |        |                                |
| Thurs 21st |        |                                |
| Fri 22nd   | 9.00am | Morning Prayers with Communion |
| Sat 23rd   | 5.00pm | Mass                           |
| Sun 24th   | 9.00am | Mass                           |

### NAIDOC Sunday at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish



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

The haunting tones of the didgeridoo welcomed us to Our Lady, Queen of Apostles on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July during the weekend Masses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday which is part of NAIDOC week.

Members of the Parish Social Justice / RAP group prepared the celebration and Fr Tom adapted the Liturgy to reflect our solidarity with First Nations people – in our case at Stafford, the Yuggerabul people - and our appreciation of their long-standing relationship to country.

First Nation's artefacts adorned the altar space, drawing us in to their Cultural heritage and appreciation of their long custodianship of this land.



weekend with the oldest living culture on our earth and become more aware of our yearning for Reconciliation and true equality for all Australians.



We are aware there are many families in our Parish from different cultural backgrounds and hope all were pleased to share this

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## Care for Creation

### Catholic Earthcare and Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia

Being with God in Nature ministries invite you to an online screening of "My Octopus Teacher."

This is a story about a man who has an ecological conversion and experiences at deep connection with an Octopus that he meets while diving.

Join us at 6:00pm – 8:00pm AEST on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 for an online screening of the documentary. Eco-Jesuit Gabby Lamug-Nañawa sj will be sharing with us his reflection on the documentary.

Registrations are essential via <https://caritas.zoom.us/j/94758123456>

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

*The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone Pope Francis, Laudato Si Chapter 2.*

You are invited to share in a community forum where we can explore the message in Laudato Si and grow in knowledge so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Date: 30 July 9.30am - 12 noon

Venue: Kedron Parish Hall, 80 Turner Rd Kedron

Booking: Little Flower Parish Office, Kedron

Phone: 3357-6640

Email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)



### Queen of Apostles Parish School is celebrating

60 years of education during Queensland Catholic Education

Week with a liturgy on **28th July** at

9.30am. Parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy which will be held in our church.

For those interested in attending this liturgy please RSVP Debra in the parish office by 20th July to reserve seats.



## Catholic Leadership Intensive

We have five members of our parish community embarking on the Catholic Leadership Intensive Program which began this week and continues for another nine weeks. This is an impressive commitment of time and energy by those that have welcomed the invitation to attend. The focus of the course is to explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers. The first week was bursting with information about leadership. To share a few quotes from the evening....

"We are not living in an era of change, but a change of era."

Pope Francis

What is Leadership? "The true measure of leadership is influence – nothing more, nothing less."

John C. Maxwell

## 2022 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

### Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge?

Treat yourself to some quality time with God at **The Women of The Way Retreat**. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. Come to **Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite your faith**. Theme: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*.

**Retreat Leader: Rebecca Crouch**, an inspirational speaker, worship leader and Spiritual Director will lead the Retreat.

**Where:** Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship. For brochure or info phone **Rosa Montegrando** ph 0400755516 email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com)

Registrations close 31st July.

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."

Colossians 1:25



We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbours. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

## Adult Faith Opportunities

### A morning's prayer

Instead of running a retreat for your parish, how about you let Evangelisation Brisbane do all the hard work and just take a group to the next A Morning's Prayer?

It's an easy sell -just a 3 hour commitment on a Saturday morning at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston and just \$20pp.

The retreat will be led by the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team with facilitated input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. The next A Morning's Prayer is on Saturday 30th July from 9am-12pm. Find out more or register here

[:https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer4](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer4)

### Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat (Australasia)

28-30 July 2022

Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call to mission. But with the demands of parish work and a global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. It breaks our heart that many Catholics feel like they're just trying to survive, especially when God desires more for us. That's why DR Australasia and Parousia are hosting *Refreshed and Renewed*, an online retreat featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. James Mallon, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Ray, and many more — where you will encounter Jesus through prayer, be re-energized by amazing talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart.

**Registration includes 30-day on-demand access to all the retreat content following the event.**

So, register today!

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/refreshedandrenewed/530036/details>



## Refreshed & Renewed

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Steve Ray

and more!





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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:

Cynthia Oxenham, 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:

Don Muir, 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:** Joyce Davis, John Hodby, 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.



### 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.  
Amen.*



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