



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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 13th/14th August, 2022

Reflection on the Readings

Prophets are troublesome. None comes saying "All is well! Nothing need change!" Some do come as happy bearers of good tidings, encouraging the despondent with the news that "Salvation is near!" but such prophets are annoying to the powerful because the message threatens the status quo; for however many may rejoice to hear of the end of their slavery or oppression there will be plenty of others who do well from the system as it is and who do not want to see a change. Other prophets, like Jeremiah, come scolding and directly correcting and saying the like of "You're off the path; You've got it wrong; Come back to God!" They may also threaten doom and gloom, or just punishment, or retribution for current or past crimes. No-one wants to be told they are wrong, especially if they think they are doing the right thing, or they like what they are doing. Prophets are annoying to the powers that be, or to the populace as a whole. Thus all too soon Jeremiah goes from being the troops' demoraliser to being trapped in a quagmire as the powerful try to do away with him.



But in many cases others agree with the prophets, and so people divide into camps to support or to oppose them. Prophets indeed bring division. Perhaps the nearest parallel we find today is in the agents for social change calling for conversion from dependence on fossil fuels so to avert predicted climate changes. There are also those who appear to be like the other type of prophet, who propose change that will overturn purported oppression, such as by the adoption of new interpretations of marriage. These "prophets" might never consider themselves under this traditionally religious appellation, but they do occupy much the same niche.

Prophets, be they true or false, are definitely troublesome and divisive. And all too quickly they are called variants of "heretic" or "traitor", as Jeremiah was, but feeling the sway of a popular change toward either an old or a new orthodoxy they are just as quick to call their opponents the same. And such has it ever been, and ever will be, for however rational human beings are, we seem

incapable of navigating our social way by reasoned and dispassionate discussion.

The prophetic ministry of Christ embraces both types, and like both he brings division, he disturbs someone's peace. His opening message was that the prophecy of Isaiah concerning "glad tidings to the poor, liberty for captives" was even then being fulfilled. This won the favour of all, yet within moments a swift change in mood disposed them to hurl him from the brow of a hill. Today's gospel pericope seems to refer only to the division his message brings, but the opening's image of fire is more ambivalent. Fire in the land is a destructive force, but it also removes dross, cracks open seeds, and leads to regrowth. We also use the image of fire to speak of passions that drive the heart; we speak of the heart being kindled with the fire of love for God above all things. The image of baptism too is of the overwhelming water that both washes away and irrigates. It is in the following section that division comes to the fore, but that can only be if some accept and some reject. He recognises that his message, like some new or provocative causes, divides families, as even the secular concerns of today do.

The second reading exemplifies the encouraging prophet even whilst acknowledging the opposition from those who do not like the message; the author encourages those who suffer in their proclaiming of the message, which, at its heart is a call to repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It brings a refocus from oneself, who, besieged in the world, can feel weak and a failure, advising one instead to recall and be encouraged by the previous witness of others, especially that of Christ himself. It also holds up the transfiguring joy that ultimately has greater potency than threats of gloom.

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

Ponderings from Denis

From some of my Reading while away:

From the **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** (para 7) written in 1963: "*when the scriptures are proclaimed in the assembly, it is Christ who is speaking to his people*" and therefore, the Liturgy of the Word is an **active dialogue between Christ and the Church gathered**.

Do we listen for an insight/thought/ question/ feeling in ourselves? **Readers:** You are "are not reading a mere record of things said and done in the past, but are fronting a live presentation" - Tom O'Loughlin. How do you prepare and how do you proclaim recognising that you are Christ's "voice" to his disciples???

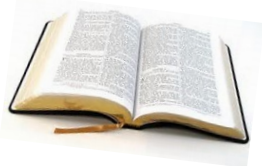
The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

What's on in the coming week at Stafford?

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| Mon 15th | 8.30am | Mass—The Feast of The Assumption |
| Tues 16th | 8.30am | Morning Prayers with Communion |
| Wed 17th | | |
| Thurs 18th | 8.30am | Morning Prayers with Communion |
| Fri 19th | 9.00am 10.30am | Morning Prayers with Communion Men's Group |
| Sat 20th | 10.00am 5.00pm | Music Practise Mass |
| Sun 21st | 9.00am | Mass |

Fr Denis would like to thank everyone for their prayers as he underwent a medical procedure to see what makes him tick! He is fine and will be back on deck this weekend.

Music Practice is this Saturday 20th August. All welcome!

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



"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."
Luke 12:51



Stewardship
a way of life

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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| Gianni | Hannah | Arthur |
| Ella | Edie | Lily |
| Frankie | Bianca | Zara |
| Ilina | Luca | Luci |

Safeguarding Survey

These short online surveys aim to help gather feedback from children, parish congregations/communities and workers about our approach to safeguarding. They also form part of our commitment to achieving compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

There are two short online surveys, one for children 5-12 years of age and another for adults. All responses are completely anonymous and the parish will not be identified. Each survey should take less than 1 minute and can be completed on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Kids)

Click on this link [Child Safeguarding Survey](#) to take the short (8 questions) survey or scan the below QR code.



Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults)

Click on this link [Parish Safeguarding Survey](#) to take the short (10 questions) survey or scan the below QR code.



Share the dignity



WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF PERIOD PRODUCTS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

dignitydrive |

Access to period products is a right, not a privilege. But 1 in 5 Australians have been unable to afford period products at some point in their life. That's why we're collecting period products to help those in need this month, as part of

@sharethedignityaustralia's #DignityDrive. We accept all products in original packaging, including pads, tampons, maternity pads, period undies, menstrual cups and incontinence products. **There will be a box at the rear of the church for collections during the month of August.**

2022 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

Catholic Leadership Intensive

How did you go with your homework from last week? Did you validate someone? If you missed it last week the link is below for you to watch and learn! You can send in a validation to the parish office via email or pop a validation in the bowl at the rear of the church. I'll leave some note paper and pencils for your convenience. [Validation - Bing video](#)



We continue our journey of discovery, embarking on the Catholic Leadership Intensive Program which continued this week. The focus of the course is to explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers. This week the topic was around **Emotional**

Intelligence. This is a big topic!

'A brilliant [brain](#) and a high IQ are rather useless if we do not understand empathy. If we don't know how to read our own emotions (and other people's emotions), if we are strangers to our own heart and lack social awareness that allows us to connect, manage fear, and be assertive... **Emotional intelligence is, whether we like it or not, the real key to being happy.**' Daniel Goleman *Validations from the church bowl...*

Gary McLean is doing a great job with the Men's Group.

Peter Robertson for taking ownership in organising gifts for Fr tom and Ian Elmer.

Fr Denis for great work in our parish community, welcome back!

Tony Davis—quiet and unassuming, confident, sees a need and does something about it (Sounds similar to our St Mary MacKillop).

Emily Jackson for her work in being a role model for our children through Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Len Cavanagh for sharing his time and talents. His commitment to his chosen ministry is outstanding.

Thank you to those who accepted the challenge! Let's keep this going. I'd love to make this a regular feature in our newsletter. So much good in our parish. Let's celebrate it!

Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



Adult Faith Opportunities

Guided Retreat

A Guided Retreat with Shane Dwyer

Living our Christian Vocation Experience spiritual renewal and growth at this weekend-long guided retreat at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Throughout the course of the retreat, you'll be accompanied by spiritual director and Evangelisation Brisbane Associate Director of Adult Formation Team, Shane Dwyer, and members of his team.

Details:

6pm Friday 19 August - 1pm Sunday 21 August

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: \$400

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

LIVING OUR CHRISTIAN VOCATION

a guided retreat

The Australian Blanket Exercise

Walk in the footsteps of Australian First Nations Peoples through storytelling and immersion facilitated by Thelma Parker, Alfredo Barahona and Connor Sarazin.

Details:

Time: 11am to 1pm

Date: 6th October

Location: John Paul II Building, ACU Banyo (1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo)

Cost: \$50pp

Find out more and register your parish group here:

https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22_BE

[LBSS22_BE](#)

A Morning's Prayer

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours?

Evangelisation Brisbane are hosting another 'A Morning's Prayer' mini retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in September. It's about providing the space for a profound engagement with the God who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are.

The retreat will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome.

Find out more and register here: <https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>

A MORNING'S PRAYER



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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:

Jeremy Willson, Timothy Willson, Marion O'Shea, 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,

We pray for those recently deceased:

Bruce Smith, Noel Brennan, Brian Davissen, Don Muir, Audrey Tanwan, Kevin Wildermuth, Tom Donohoe, John Thornton, Shane Dyson Flynn, Katrina Roberts,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Family and friends of Norman (dec'd) and Tess Hall, Patrick Sommerville, and all deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.




Holy Cross
FUNERALS

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Funerals with Faith

This is now a
monthly
publication
available from
the first
weekend of the
month.

The August
edition will be
available this
weekend!

\$4 each

THE
CATHOLIC
LEADER

Live Stream Mass via Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting
Meet anytime

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