

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Twenty – First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY August 26 2012

WHY I'M STILL A CATHOLIC

I have long been an admirer of Geraldine Doogue who has been the host of **Compass** on ABC TV since 1998, so when I found her article on the **Eureka Street** publication I wanted to share it with you. Like many of us, Geraldine admits she takes her faith for granted in some respects, one of the products of being formed in post-WW2 Australian Catholicism, with its strong Irish inheritance. 'We grew up with the belief that if you hang in there, Christ's great offering from St John's gospel comes true, in ways impossible to imagine: 'I have come to give you life and give it in abundance.'

But the unfolding headlines of late have challenged Geraldine to ask if the world beyond the institutional church is kinder, gentler, full of more conscientious ethics, values and care for others than the institutional church. While remaining a faithful adherent overall, Geraldine has sought out broader Church experiences via groups like Catalyst for Renewal, by an occasional retreat, by good reading and by participating in Ignatian reading groups.

I find Geraldine's answer to her question, 'So why do I still bother?' a source of inspiration and encouragement for me. 'I'd feel so much poorer without my faith. It anchors me. It introduces me to the whole notion of a journey in life, such an inviting metaphor. It brings a great capacity for rapture, beauty, sensuality, joy – risks are invited within our faith. So, I treasure the sheer tradition of our faith. It helps me fulfil the natural human urge to make meaning. My conviction is that our children and grandchildren will be immensely the poorer for not growing up with a Catholic sensibility, without access to the rich armoury of belief, consolation, glimpse of the divine, the whole notion of commitments, of abundant life.'

'So somehow, we lay people especially, have to ask ourselves some big questions. How much are we prepared to commit ourselves to refreshing this Church of ours? How much do we value it in our lives? How much have we sought to replace it with other elements in our society? How much have we dodged evaluating its impact on ours and on community lives? How much have we left it to the 'officials'? To see the Church 'crucified' on the cross of something as awful as sexual abuse and cover-up, is very hard to bear.'

'In the words of the respected Vatican reporter John Allen, from his book **The Future Church**: 'the real question....is not whether the bishops are up to the challenges of the 21st century. The question is whether the rest of us are?' Again, why do I bother? Because somehow I can't just stand back from it all. I'm not sure what is asked of us individually. I don't even know my talents for any new roles. But then again, I am haunted by the words of St Edmund Campion, returning to England in Elizabethan times, and to almost certain martyrdom: 'The expense is reckoned, the enterprise is begun, it is of God, it cannot be withstood: so the faith was planted; so it must be restored.'

The setting may be different. But some of his courage and surrender rings a bell. How many of us are up to it?"

Sr Lis Keane

St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade,
Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday—7.00am
Wednesday—7.00am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St
Southport

Saturday

6.00pm

Sunday Mass

7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass

Holiday: Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday - 4.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday - 3.00pm.

Last weekend of month

Saturday - 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Church?

We are about to begin this year's series of talks and discussions, so if you know anyone who would be interested, please contact Sr Lis at the Parish Office (5510 2222) or email: lis@scp.org.au

STEWARDSHIP SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Believe it or not, but we have reached the last weekend of our Stewardship Month!

We have heard the *testimony of parishioners* who are in ministry;

We have been encouraged to make a *Prayer Pledge* as we discern God's call in our lives;

We have reflected on the variety of gifts and ministry possibilities through the parish *Stewardship Handbook*.

This Sunday we are challenging all Parishioners to *consider taking up a ministry in the church*.

If you have been involved with a ministry for many years, perhaps *consider trying something new*.

Now is your chance to respond to the call of Christ to share your gifts and talents with the community.

Now is your chance to offer your time to assist with some type of service or prayer.

Fill in a *Parish Ministry Commitment* form and place them on the collection plates at mass.

You will be contacted during September to both confirm your new ministry and receive training in that particular area.

The Commissioning Mass will be the culmination of this process on October 18th.

Blues Angels Success

Congratulations go to Mr Lister (who put the final polish on) and Mr Harley (for teaching the children) and the Guardian Angels Blues Angels Band which won the Primary Schools Concert Band section at tonight's Gold Coast Eisteddfod. It was an amazing performance against 8 other school bands. It is wonderful to see that so many schools are offering their children the opportunity of learning music. The other bands were very good, but the Blues Angels were special. Congratulations go to all involved.

All Hallows' School 20 Year Reunion

A 20 year reunion will be held at All Hallows School, Brisbane on Saturday November 24, 2012 (10:00am to 3:00pm) for the AHS 1992 cohort, including students who attended partial years (Yr8 in 1988, Yr9 in 1989, Yr10 in 1990, Yr11 in 1991) at All Hallows' School, Brisbane. All past students, as well as teaching staff associated with this cohort are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Helen Lauder (nee Dwyer)

ahs.1992.pastpupils@gmail.com or mobile 0418-507-548

Alternatively reconnect with us via Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AHS.1992.PastPupils> (closed Facebook group)

Our Lady's Birthday

"Saturday 8th of September Birthday of Our Lady" celebration at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Marian Valley and, Thursday the 13th of September (Fatima day). Bus will leave Sacred Heart at 0815am. For bookings please call Viviane on 07 55 359623.

Parish Trivia Night

Don't forget the Trivia Night.

Entry to the event will be a gold coin at the door.

Please bring a plate of food to share for supper.

Refreshments will be available on the night.

When: 30th August 6.30pm

Where: Aquinas College Drama Centre

For further information call Trisha Waghorn Ph 5574 5224 (answer ph). Email : tobymagi@tpg.com.au

Public Holiday

Please note that on **Friday August 31st** Mass will be celebrated at Guardian Angels Church at 9am.

S.P.Y MOVIE NIGHT

All parish young people (aged 12 and above) are invited to join with the members of the **Southport Parish Youth** group for a movie night in the Mary Immaculate Function Room.

Movie: HUGO (Rated: PG)

Date: Friday August 31st (GC Show Public Holiday)

Time: 6:30pm for 6:45pm movie start. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Bring own beanbag/pillow.

RSVP: jasonm@scp.org.au or 5510 2222

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

On **Sunday, 16th September** at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore, we will be having a special blessing for those celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary. If it is your **1st, 25th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th, or 75th** Wedding Anniversary this year, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office (5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au) We would love to share in your celebration.

KOREAN MASS

During September the Korean Masses at Mary Immaculate 3pm will be celebrated by Frs. Peter, Jose or Jason

Annual Catholic Mission Appeal

On the weekend of September 8/9.

In a few weeks, when you make your donation, please remember that you are being asked to give, just as Jesus gave of Himself. On behalf of those who will receive assistance with your generosity, we give thanks.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

Sharing as a Community

Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld invites you to join them on **Saturday 8 September 2012**

9.30 am – 2.00 pm

An opportunity to share with each other and discuss various aspects of the Community with:

Pauline Peters on what is happening in the World Community at the moment;

Kath Houston what the Community can provide to enrich your spiritual journey;

Gabby Nelson with an overview of Father Laurence's "Vision of the Community".

Morning tea will be served at 9.30am. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for lunch.

Where: Holy Spirit School hall, 36 Villiers Street, (off Brunswick Street) New Farm.

Parking: is in the streets around the school – there is none in the school grounds.

Suggested donation: \$10 (morning tea included) Resources will be available for sale during the day.

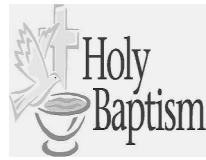
For any queries contact: Gabby Nelson

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Celebrations

Congratulations to Sr Stanislaus (formerly of Star of the Sea Convent), who is celebrating her 101st Birthday on Friday 31st August at Holy Cross Hostel, 22 Morris St Woolwin.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Albie William Cahill son of Jered & Chelsea Cahill

Naomi Amalia daughter of Adrian De Vito & Marie-Claire De Vito

James Oliver Fernandez son of Richard & Rachael Fernandez

Indiana Rose Stevens & Zachary Kenneth Stevens children of Anthony & Leahanna Stevens

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gustav Vombruch, Cecily Byrne, Morrie Turner, Margaret Scarrott

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Kinnane, Kathleen Healy

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Belinda Boucher-Smith, Bob Amos, Norah Baker, Monica Donaghy, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Graham Patterson, Paul Millgate, Christine Wheldon, Eddie Doherty, George Ovens, Jacob Redman, Isla Dodge, Ken Knowles, Jacinta Crohan, Margaret Young, Sheila Grieve, Ray Jarrett, Carmel Donnelly, Anne Volp, Bill Farmer, Pricilla Bussac, Andrew McCurdy, Nicole Elliott, Lisa Magill, Marie Hancock, Michael Hammond, Rachel Murphy, Brent Pratt, Carol Little, Joan Martin, Vickie Hall, Teresa Taylor, Angela Taylor, Gie Ubaldo, Mary Ng, Harry Gordon, Sr Mary Benignus rsm, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Don Hautz.

Lord Grant your people your protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen.

Bus Trip

On Wednesday the 10th October, we will be going south to Eltham Valley partly situated between Lismore and Byron Bay in the beautiful northern rivers district of NSW. Pecan nuts, coffee and olives are grown here. We will be able to see the processing of these and tasting some with lunch.

Unfortunately NSW will be on daylight saving time so its an early start 7.30am from Labrador and 8am from Ashmore Plaza, with pick ups at Railway St and Westpac in Scarborough St

Price: \$45 inclusive. Please call Pat for bookings 55395849

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR—2012

1st-3rd Thursday each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6pm in the Mary Immaculate Library.

First Sunday of each Month: Morning Tea at the "Annex" St Joseph the Worker, Labrador after 8.30am Mass

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month: Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church, 11.30am Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

August 26, Sunday: Catholic Women's League, Cake Stall after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

August 30, Thursday: Parish Family Trivia Night.

September 2, Sunday: Fathers Day

September 16, Sunday: Wedding Anniversary Mass 8.30am Mary Immaculate.

October 18, Thursday: Ministers Commissioning Mass, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

November 18, Sunday: Fr Keith Turnbull's 60th anniversary of ordination Mass, Mary Immaculate 8.30am

November 29, Thursday: Mass of Remembrance, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Women of "The Way"

Women of "The Way" is a Catholic Charismatic Women's Ministry that offers women support, friendship and an opportunity to grow in a Christ-centred environment. 7th-9th September, 2012. YMCA Camp Warrawee, Joyner. Enquires phone Julie Lynch 3071 7499

email: (jl_r16@hotmail.com)

Women's Night of Spirituality

Tuesday 28th August 2012 ~ 7.30pm - 9.15pm.

Stuartholme School Chapel Birdwood Terrace, Bardon Stuartholme Girls Choir will be performing throughout the night. Donation at the door. Parking Available.

Supper provided. St Ignatius Parish

Email: womensnightofspirituality@live.com.au

QUO VADIS Discernment Weekend for Men

Quo Vadis weekends are an opportunity for you to stop and seriously ask "where are you going?" Focusing on the call to Ordained Priesthood the weekend will include talks, time for prayer, outdoor activities and the celebration of Eucharist, as well as sharing with other young men asking similar questions. The weekend will be led by Father Morgan Batt - the Brisbane Archdiocese Vocations Director with input from guest speakers. Space is limited to 12 and is filling up fast. If you are interested please contact Michael Whitney in the vocations office at vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

Date: 7th-9th of September 2012

Time: 7.30pm Friday - 12:30 Sunday

Location: Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: Donation

Contact: Michael Whitney on 1300 133 544 or 3336 9203 or email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au ** Registration is essential.

Two workshops for the Year of Grace

Rev Dr Anthony Gooley will be conducting a workshop at St Brigid's Parish Centre Nerang on

Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7pm.

Pope John Paul II's letter Novo Millennio Ineunte (*At the Beginning of the Third Millennium*) forms the basis for reflection and renewal during the Year of Grace. The Workshops offer an opportunity to reflect on Novo Millennio Ineunte.

A Face to Contemplate, considers Part II of NMI and **Starting Afresh from Christ**, considers Part III.

For more information and bookings please contact the Parish Office on 5596 2632 Tues/Thurs 9am to 3.30pm

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

*Please untie the knots that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.*

*Remove the have nots, the can nots and
the do nots that I have in my mind.*

*Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots
that may find a home in my heart.*

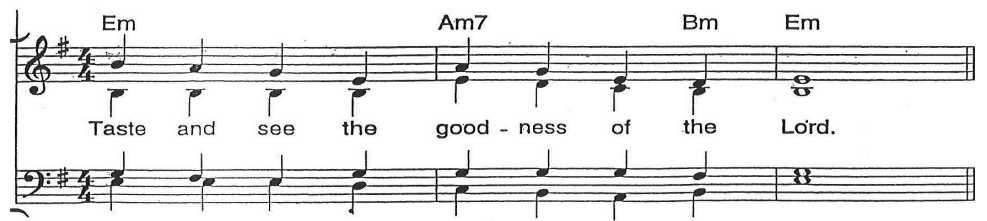
*Release me from the could nots, would nots
and should nots that obstruct my life.*

And most of all Dear God,

*I ask that you remove from my mind,
My heart and my life all of the "am nots"
that I have allowed to hold me back,*

*Especially the thought that I am not good enough
Amen.*

HYMNS



ALL THE EARTH (Lucien Deiss, CSSp)

Refrain:

**All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Serve you the Lord,
heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence singing for joy! **R.**

Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes, he is our Father; we are his own. **R.**

We are the sheep of his green pasture.
For we are his people; he is our God. **R.**

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.
R.

Our Lord is good, his love enduring.
His word is abiding now with us all. **R.**

Honour and praise be to the Father,
The Son and the Spirit,
world without end. **R.**

GLORY TO GOD (Mass Shalom)

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father. **R.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us. **R.**

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. **R. Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

(music only)

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this bread and drink
this cup, we proclaim your Death, O
Lord, until you come again.

AMEN

Amen, Amen,

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

(Michael Herry)

Refrain:

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and
shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours
are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger
remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of
wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

The bread you give is the living bread,
Your flesh for the life of the world. **R.**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my
steps,
A light for my path of life. **R.**

SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Refrain)

**We come to share our story,
we come to break the bread,
We come to know our rising
from the dead.**

We come as your people,
We come as your own,
United with each other,
Love finds a home. **R.**

We are called to heal the broken,
To be hope for the poor,
We are called to feed the hungry
at our door. **R.**

Bread of life and cup of promise,
In this meal we all are one.
In our dying and our rising,
May your kingdom come. **R.**

You will lead and we shall follow,
You will be the breath of life;
Living water, we are thirsting
for your light. **R.**

We will live and sing your praises,
"Alleluia" is our song.
May we live in love and peace
our whole life long. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

BLEST BE THE LORD (D. Schutte)

REFRAIN:

**Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets
of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings
I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure. **R.**

I need not shrink before the terrors
of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul. **R.**

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8
James 1:17-18.21-22.27
Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23**

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