

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

SUNDAY August 12 2012

FINDING OUR VOCATION – AN OLYMPIAN TASK?

Thank God the Olympics are over – well nearly!

On Monday at 6am (9pm in the UK) the Closing Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics Games will begin. Do you plan to have a TV breakfast on Monday and watch as London farewells thousands of international athletes and visitors? Or will you ignore the Closing ceremony and continue with your normal Monday morning routine? The choice is yours!

The extinguishing of the Olympic Flame will be one very special moment during the closing ceremony. That Olympic Flame roared into life in the Olympic Cauldron when 240 fiery petals united during the Opening Ceremony. Already commentators are pronouncing judgement on individual competitors who seemed to have performed under their 'personal best'. Media organizations have started interviewing 'experts' to analyse the impact of new technology on London 2012. Some Australian athletes have admitted spending too much time on social media rather than focusing on training and developing their skills.

Some parishioners may be wondering what connection there is between the London 2012 Games and our parish. As Christians we can't put part of our life in a box! As Christians we are encouraged to find God in everything, to be aware of the presence of God around us in all aspects of our daily life; in our family, in our work, in our studies and in our recreational activities. As Christians, are we performing at our 'personal best'? Or are we a 'fiery petal' burning alone? How could our individual flames come together to be a visible united presence in our parish?

One of the main characters in the 1981 movie *Chariots of Fire*, about competitors in the 1924 Olympics, is a Scots minister who is also a runner. When asked why he runs, he says, "When I run, I feel God's pleasure". That's as good a description as any about living out a vocation. The work itself is pleasurable!

In recent years, Catholics have been encouraged to appreciate the wonder of our Baptism and to understand the rights and responsibilities bestowed on us at Baptism. Nearly 50 years ago, The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, referred to all the baptized as the priesthood of all believers! At every Baptism when the priest anoints a child with the oil of Christ that child is anointed to be Priest, Prophet and Royal Person.

As Priest, we are to call people to holiness; as Prophet, we are to proclaim the Word in Liturgy and as Royal person it is our role to build and empower the community of God's people. Prior to Vatican II, ordination was the sacrament for ministry, now Baptism has been restored to its rightful place and has replaced ordination as the primary sacrament of ministry.

In 1987, John Paul II stated: *The new evangelization that can make the 21st century a springtime of the Gospel is a task for the entire people of God. It will depend in a decisive way on the lay faithful being fully aware of their baptismal vocation and their responsibility for bringing the Good News of Jesus to their culture and society.* How could this new understanding of Baptism impact on our lives? How could this new understanding of Baptism make a huge difference in our parish? How could you respond in this parish this year?
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St Joseph the Worker Church

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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

Friday - 12.30pm

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

Wednesday - 5.30pm

Thursday - 5.30pm



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

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER 2012

Last week we were privileged to hear the personal testimony of various parishioners who are actively, intentionally and passionately living out their Baptismal Calling as Disciples of Christ. Today we are prompted by the Holy Spirit to prayerfully discern how God is calling us, why God is calling us and to what God is calling us. As such, the only way we are able to know authentically and with clarity the guidance and direction of God in our lives, is to open our hearts and minds to the will of God in PRAYER. Jesus shows us that all throughout his life and ministry, time spent in silent prayer with God was never time wasted! Therefore, during this Stewardship Month we must use this time to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, by increasing our prayer life, and reflecting prayerfully on all the gifts we have received from God. We are urged to travel more deeply into our personal lives and the mission of our parish community. How can I have a better prayer life? Am I willing to go deeper?

PRAYER PLEDGE CARDS are available at each church as a keepsake of your chosen prayer commitment.

Below are some ways to increase your gift of prayer:

FOR ADULTS

- Read some scripture every morning with your coffee.
- Learn the Liturgy of the Hours (The Divine Office)
- Pray the Rosary on the way to work.
- Pray with your children before bed.
- Read the Magnificat daily.
- Form a prayer group and pray daily/weekly.
- Discern your commitment to Stewardship of Service.
- Utilize the Parish Library for books on prayer.
- Say Grace at meal time as a family at home and when out.
- Pray the Rosary or ponder Jesus in the Eucharist in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after the Tuesday, 9am Mass.
- Visit Saint Stephen's Cathedral and pray at the shrine to St Mary Mackillop.
- Choose a short prayer phrase and try to remember to say it over as often as you think of it during the day. Examples: *Come, Holy Spirit; Jesus I trust in You; Jesus Mary, Joseph I love you - save souls; I love you, Lord; God, come to my assistance.*
- When you reach to turn on the car audio, stop first to call to mind an intention you've promised to pray for, and lift that intention to God in your heart.
- When another driver's behaviour annoys you, ask the Lord to help you change in whatever area you might annoy others.
- In your daily duties in home or office, pray that those receiving your service will be drawn closer to God in receiving it.
- When you begin any task during the day, remind yourself of Jesus' words: "Apart from Me you can do nothing". Ask Him to bless your work and tell Him you are doing it for love of Him.
- When conversing, ask the Lord to speak through your words and voice.

S.P.Y MOVIE NIGHT

All parish young people are invited to join with the members of the **S**outhport **P**arish **Y**outh group for a movie night in the Mary Immaculate Function Room.

Film to be announced next week!

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.

FOR CHILDREN

- Pray with your parents at bedtime.
- Have your parents teach you the Catholic prayers: *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Memorare.*
- Have your parents read a Bible story and then draw a picture.
- Remember those who have died in a special prayer every week.
- Make a prayer card of your favourite prayer of saint.
- Have your parents read a story about a saint to you.
- Say "thank you" to God every morning and every night— make a special card to remind you, put it where you will see it when you get up in the morning and go to bed at night.
- Remind your parents to say grace at meals at home and when you are out.
- Make a "Prayer Box" where you can put the names of people and the special intentions for which you are praying.
- Trace a cross on your forehead and pray that God gives you wisdom, strength and grace to be the best person you can be.
- Find one of your First Communion gifts – take a few minutes to read from a children's Bible or prayer book or take the rosary from the velvet box and pray a few beads.
- Find a teen devotional and read from it after a difficult day.
- Write a letter to God in a notebook or journal.
- Think about our natural wonders—thank God for the gift of creation each time you see a sunset, rainbow or the rain.
- Go to Mass.... Without complaining!

Reminder:

Receiving the Host in the Hand: The way to receive the Host in the hand is to place one hand flat on top of the other so that the open palm is facing upwards. This beautiful gesture is described as making of your hands as a throne for the King of Kings. We receive the Host, not take it.

Receiving from the Chalice: The procedure is similar to that of receiving the Host: As you approach the Minister of the Chalice, **bow** as a sign of reverence. The Minister will say "*The Blood of Christ*" and you are to answer **—Amen—**. Take the Chalice in your own hands; take a small sip of the Precious Blood and then slowly and carefully return it to the Minister.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Kade Michael Collett son of Darren & Lianne Collett

Joshua Matthew Dowley son of Philip and Rochelle Dowley

Jake Anthony Gorman son of Dann Hooley and Amanda Gorman

John McNamara son of Michael McNamara & Shaohua Luan

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Derrick, Catherine Westcombe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Benjamin Gilbert, Laurie and Eileen Degen, Bill Vaughan, Willi Kloser.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: 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, Bill Messer, 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, Anne Pettat, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Don Hautz.

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

Ministers of the Eucharist

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion required for Sunday roster to distribute Holy Communion to De Paul Villa Aged Care. This would only require a commitment once a month. Please phone Carol during business hours on 55827250.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be offered at 7am in Labrador and 5.30pm in Ashmore.

Two workshops for the Year of Grace

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

Tuesday 14th August 2012 at 7pm and 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

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR—2012

1st-3rd Thursday each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6.pm 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.

Lost Property

At Guardian Angels church this week there is a box on the table at the back with items left in the church, please have a look and take what belongs to you.

Parish Trivia Night

Have no fear – Einstein won't be there!!

All ages and stages are welcome to join in the fun. Make up your own team of 8 or we will happily put you into a team – a great way to meet new friends.

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

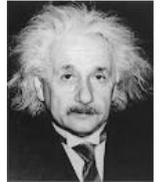
Please bring a plate of food to share for supper.

Refreshments will be available on the night.

When: 30th August 6.30pm

Where: Aquinas College Drama Centre

Bookings: Trisha Waghorn Ph 5574 5224 (answer ph).



Rosters

Ministers rosters are ready to be collected on the table at the back of the church. If you have an email address please contact the office with the details.

A Vocation View:

To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God. "Try, then to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you". Be a presence of God's love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God's love.

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia's Walk as One Campaign: Connecting With Our World's Indigenous Peoples begins with a 2 day Forum in Sydney Sat 25 & Sun 26 August. Join some of the brightest and most influential minds working in Indigenous communities today to identify actions and tools required to address the challenges many Indigenous Peoples face nationally and internationally.

For more information go to www.caritas.org.au/walkasone

Celebrate with A Joyful Heart

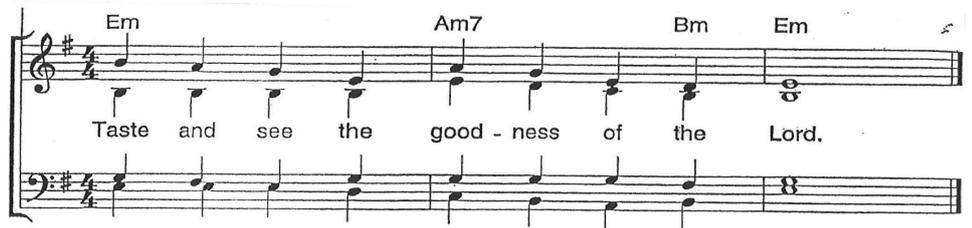
A music ministry workshop by Steve Angrisano Internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and youth minister from the USA

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.

Saturday, August 18, 2012, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Cost \$15

Everyone welcome—especially those involved in youth ministry and music ministry. To register: Go to www.cymbrisbane.org.au/steveangrisano Steve Angrisano is recognized as one of the most dynamic and effective communicators with parish groups, youth, families and religious educators in the Church today. His focus has always been about being a witness of the love and life of Jesus. For more information about Steve's life visit his website www.steveangrisano.com

HYMNS



I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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

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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

OUR SUPPER INVITATION

(Kevin Bates)

Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now;
eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream;
love has its will.

Take up your burden now,
walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means;
walk while there's time.
Food for the journey
will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk;
love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment
to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now;
eat, take your fill.
Share with your people,
that love has its will.

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Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
branch of my vine.

TAKE AND EAT (Maggie Russell)

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
Do so in memory of me.
He will bring you his care and his love.

RECESSIONAL

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain:

**All the ends of the earth,
all your creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders
of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.**

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders God has done in every age. **R**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice
in your might;
every heart, every nation call you Lord. **R**

The Lord has made salvation known,
faithful to the promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth,
let the sea and all It holds
make music before our God!



**God Help us to
change. To change
ourselves and to
change our world. To
know the need for it. To
deal with the pain of it. To feel the
joy of it. To undertake the journey
without understanding the
destination. The art of gentle
revolutions.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58**