

**Twenty – Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY September 23 2012

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISHES?

For most Catholics the point of contact with the Catholic Church is their parish – the people of the parish are the face of the church, particularly at Sunday Mass. For parents with children at Catholic schools, their link with the Church is usually through the school. With the decline in the number of priests, the decline in attendance at Sunday Mass and the fact that the congregation is mainly elderly, many Catholics wonder about the future of the parish.

In an earlier age, most people worked, played, shopped and spent their lives in the village in which they were born. Almost everyone in the village shared the same religion. Baptism, Sunday services, marriages and funerals were all held in the village church. The church cared for health, education and social services. If you did not belong to the parish you were an outsider.

Because people are much more mobile now, their lives are not generally confined to the place where they live. They travel regularly by car, go to shop at large shopping centres, work away from home, attend concerts and films in the city, and are regularly at home only at night. Maybe their children’s schools are at a distance.

These changes in society have also affected parishes. The parish is no longer the natural centre of local people’s life. On any Sunday some who live within the parish will be at other churches. Some of those at Mass will live outside the parish. They come to this parish because the Mass times are more convenient, or because they find encouragement in the congregation or the style of celebration they find. Parish life has also been affected by changes in the Catholic Church over the last century. Much more emphasis is now placed on the role of the laity. Whereas once responsibility for all activities in the parish was largely left to the parish priest, in many lively parishes lay people now organise much of parish life. It is interesting that at a time when the place of the laity has been emphasised, the number of Catholics actively involved in parishes has declined.

The challenges facing the parish today also challenge the whole church. The large challenge is for Catholics both to represent the whole of humanity reconciled by Christ, and also to live out this universal calling by Christ in our own particular place and time. Despite all the changes in the ways in which people identify with their local area, the parish still has a central place in the life of the church. Parishes bring together people who would otherwise be strangers and make the parish an image of the world made one by Christ. In the Eucharist we share seats, our lives, our concerns and our commitments. The heart of church would be lost if we gave up on parishes and simply gathered with people who were like us in social background and in their views.

Whatever the shape of the future parish, it will need to show in its face and life the face of Christ who makes many different peoples one.

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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
No Mass this weekend.

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

Preparing Children for Reconciliation

Any child who has been Confirmed and received First Eucharist in 2011 or earlier, is invited to join our parish preparation for Reconciliation/First Confession. Preparation will begin in mid-October, so parents are asked to enrol their children by 12th October. Please contact Sister Helen for details helenw@scp.org.au

Helpers Wanted

"Thank You God for Spring"



Volunteers are invited to help with our parish activity day for children on Wednesday 3rd October.

Helpers are needed in the Resource Centre for all of these essential tasks: for registration, to be group leaders, to prepare refreshments for volunteers and to supervise lunch time with the children. Please come for a few hours or the whole day!

Please contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au to volunteer for 3rd October.

Holiday Activity Day

All primary school aged children are invited to our parish holiday activity day **"Thank You God for Spring"** on **Wednesday 3rd October** in the parish Resource Centre.

There will be an exciting programme of fun activities: craft, bible stories, songs, prayer and drama from 9.15am—3pm. Parents are reminded to contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au for a registration form for their children.

Registration closes on 24th September.

Sister Helen

Happy Holidays

We wish all children at Aquinas and Guardian Angels Schools a safe and happy holiday. School resumes on the 8th October 2012.

Open Day at De Paul Manor

De Paul Manor Estate is holding an Open Day on Saturday September 29 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. The opportunity to purchase a luxury apartment at affordable prices still exists with a \$50,000 reduction on 1, 2 and 2.5 bedroom apartments. Prices for these specially reduced apartments range from \$382,000 and \$422,000.

Vacancies!

St Vincent de Paul Ashmore and Southport Conferences

There are vacancies available in our two St Vincent de Paul Conferences. John Campbell, former State President of Queensland St Vincent de Paul will speak at selected Masses on 29th/30th September on how our Parish can do good work helping people in need by joining a Conference. Many hands make light work – by filling our vacancies the home visits and other Conference work becomes manageable for all.

We Celebrate our St Vincent de Paul Stewardship Sunday 29th/30th September!

A Vocation View

We do not promote an easy life. But then no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self take up your cross and follow me." Pray for the gift of being able to accept our vocation.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars for 2013 are on sale in the piety stall at Mary Immaculate and St. Joseph the Worker, and on the front table at Guardian Angels.

Price: \$7 each.

Guardian Angels Students Win State Final

The Tournament of the Minds is a school competition for students throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Teams of students work to solve problems in a number of disciplines. The Gifted and Talented program at Guardian Angels have been involved in the competition for many years, as it aims to develop independent thinking, leadership and group co-operation among students of promise and ability. The Guardian Angels Applied Technology team consisting of seven Year 6 & 7 students recently placed first in the State Finals of this international challenge for their presentation of a 'spontaneous' challenge and their response to a three hour problem solving activity focussed on the development of a particular technology. The students received an outstanding grade for the originality of their presentation and their use of supporting story line, dialogue and props. They were also praised for the level of leadership and organisation displayed and the highly interactive co-operation shown by team members. Eight Qld teams made it through to this particular section including the Guardian Angels team, which are now the first GA team to win in a State Final, with the opportunity to represent Qld at the Australasian Finals in Perth from 17 - 21 October. The students themselves have developed a fundraising schedule of car washes, a school free dress day and raffles to assist in funding their participation. Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass at Mary Immaculate Church, if you would like to support them in attending the Australasian Finals in Perth later this year. Many thanks.

Missing!

4 Pyxes (for taking communion to the sick) from the Priest's sacristy at Ashmore. If you have one, please return ASAP—no questions asked! Also a large number of purifiers are missing from the same spot.

Bus Trip

The bus is now full but please ring if you'd like to go and we will put you on the waiting list for cancellations or if we have enough people for another bus we will get one. Price: \$45 inclusive. Please call Pat for bookings 55395849

Altar Servers Sessions Catch-up

If you are a young person or adult who has been confirmed, made your first Holy Communion, and attend Mass regularly, then you might be interested in becoming an Altar Server. Servers are needed for all churches, but especially for masses at Guardian Angels Church – Southport, and St. Joseph the Worker Church – Labrador. To express your interest **email Fr. Jason at jasonm@scp.org.au or call 5510 2222**. Training has begun and will continue on the **29th of September at 10am, in Mary Immaculate Church – Ashmore**.

S.P.Y Holiday Gathering

The next Southport Parish Youth gathering will be during the school holidays on Friday the 28th of September. It is open for all **young people aged 13-20**. We begin at 6:30pm with a chill out/catch-up session, and then get into some activities and games at 7pm. **Spirit Space:** *What is your relationship with Jesus, and who is he for you?* We will share a meal together and have a great time till 9pm.

If you are interested in joining us **contact Fr Jason on 5510 2222 or jasonm@scp.org.au** no later than Sunday the 23rd September.

What is the Year of Grace all about?

This is your opportunity to meet **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** and hear him speak on the Year of Grace. The Archbishop was instrumental in planning the Year of Grace. He will be guest speaker at a regional seminar on Thursday 4th October at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Please RSVP to Surfers Paradise Parish Office 55725433.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Mikayla Rose Hogan daughter of Shaun & Kerrie Hogan

Hyunlok (Louie) Lee son of Chenwon Lee & Sinman So (Sylvia)

Jayden Don Isaac Mahawattage son of Don Mahawattage & Nayomi Perera

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Hunter, Patrick Rooney, Joseph Tabone.

ANNIVERSARY: Patricia Wade, Walter Buhagiar, Bernadette Green, Kevin Green, Mark O' Neill, Tom Bennison, Flo Bennison.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Brian Shipman, Eddy Jackman, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, Judy Crane, Tony Murray, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Matthew Davidson, Dianne Wilkinson, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Sue Stewart, Belinda Boucher-Smith, Bob Amos, Monica Donaghy, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Graham Patterson, Paul Millgate, Christine Wheldon, 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, Brent Pratt, Carol Little, Joan Martin, Vickie Hall, Teresa Taylor, Angela Taylor, Gie Ubaldo, Mary Ng, Harry Gordon, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard.

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

INVITATION

ANNUAL COMMISSIONING EUCHARIST AND SUPPER

Thursday, **October 18, at 5.30pm** Mass

Mary Immaculate Church

Southport Catholic Parish invites you to our annual Stewardship Commissioning Eucharist and Supper.

This is an opportunity for all parishioners involved in ministries in our parish to be acknowledged for sharing their time, talents and gifts with our parish community.

Eucharist will be followed by supper in the under cover area at Aquinas College.

I look forward to sharing this gathering with you

Fr. Peter Dillon. PP.

RSVP by **October 3**, to Daloras dalorash@scp.org.au

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.

October 3, Wednesday "Thank you God for Spring" is a holiday activity for all primary school aged children

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.

St. Stephen's Cathedral Concert Series

We are pleased to announce that the artist for the next concert in the St. Stephen's Concert Series is Daniel de Borah, winner of the 2012 Australian National Piano Award. The concert is scheduled for **Sunday September 30 at 4.00 pm** at the Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street (car park entrance from Charlotte Street). Admission \$22 (Concession \$17). Further information 3876 6812 or <http://www.ststephensmusic.com/daniel-de-borah.html>.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Date: Saturday 6 October

Time: 10.00am

Venue: St Stephen's Cathedral - 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane- Phone: 33369111.

Thanks for your generous support of the Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith Appeal recently

At its heart, the Christian message is one of seeming contradictions: we have to die, in order to experience eternal life, Jesus is the Son of God, who becomes human, and those who suffer now will one day experience peace and happiness. The readings for this weekend highlight these paradoxes; they also serve to remind us that in a world full of violence and bloodshed, heartache and hopelessness, poverty and persecution, it is the ones who seemingly have the least that we need to serve, love and support. The people of Ethiopia, and the other 159 countries where Catholic Mission operates, are just as worthy of "life to the full", as each of us - in fact, as Jesus reminds his followers, it is in welcoming, nurturing, caring for, and yes, feeding, the children that we become worthy of our own mantle as 'Children of God'. On behalf of Dawit and the many millions of children like him, the communities in which they live, and the missionaries who serve them, thank you for your recent support of our appeal campaign for 2012, and for extending the hospitality of your parish to our Ambassadors. **David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese**

Prayer

I could start counting now, Lord,

And I would be at it for days taking inventory of your blessings to me.

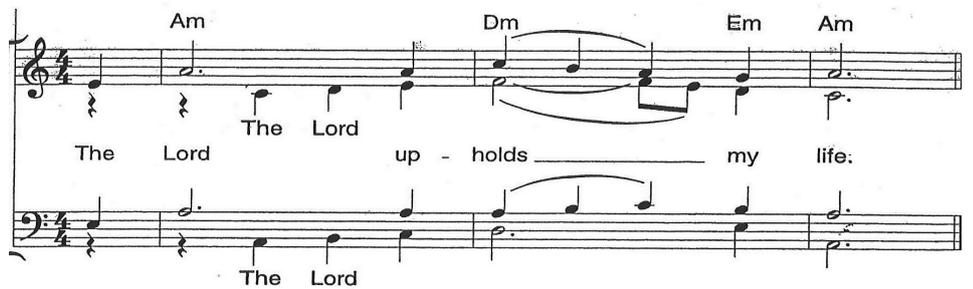
Forgive me for not noticing them more readily and more often.

When everything is going well, I rarely think of pausing to say thanks. That's simply wrong of me and terribly immature.

Now that I am taking a moment to think about it, I'm beginning to notice the arrogance in my refusal to say thanks and the selfishness of putting myself on centre stage without a nod to playwright, producer, and supporting cast, not to mention the folks who built the theatre and sold the tickets.

Let me shun for this brief moment the spotlight I crave in order to find the humility I need. And there, on the ruins of my self-centeredness, I pray for an abiding sense of gratitude. One word turns my heart to you: Gratias!

HYMNS



Seek, O Seek the Lord

Refrain:

**Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near,
Trust him, speak to him in prayer,
and he will hear.**

God, be with us in our lives,
Direct us in our calling;
Break the snares the world contrives,
Keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life
That Christ by dying gave us:
Though we faint in mortal strife
His blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love
We owe to one another;
How can we love God above
and not our brother? **R**

GLORY TO GOD (Mass of St Francis)

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.
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.
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 Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

GATHER TOGETHER

(music only)

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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:

We proclaim your death, O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

AMEN

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

COME AND EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

**Come and eat this bread,
come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast
our God has spread.
You have promised us
You are here with us
In the breaking of the bread.**

This is the bread of life, for all to
share, bread of hope and redemption,
Bread to feed a world of hungers. **R**

This is the cup of Christ's own
sacrifice,
Blood of love and compassion,
Blood to heal the world's divisions. **R**

Just as the scatter'd grains become
one bread,
Make us one in your Spirit,
all one Body in Christ Jesus. **R**

And as we share one cup of covenant
make us one in communion
At the table of Christ Jesus. **R**

Each time we eat this bread and drink this
cup,
We remember your death, Lord and we
celebrate your rising. **R**

Now from this table to the ends of earth,
Gather all of your people in this feast of all
creation. **R**

Refrain:

**Praise the living God, praise to Christ,
the Son,
Praise the mighty Spirit, Holy Breath.
For our whole life thru
We shall sing to you
God of life beyond all death.**

TAKE AND EAT (No 2) (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.

RECESSIONAL

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain:

**We are companions on the journey,
Breaking Bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we
share
for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.**

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's House;
We are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care. **R**

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord:
To act with justice, to love tenderly
And to walk humbly with our God,
To walk humbly with our God. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48**