

**Feast of Christ the King
Year A
Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

SUNDAY November 23 2014

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

Last Saturday a few Parishioners (including me) participated in the Eucharist that was celebrated by Fr Stephen Gronow from the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Prior to the event, through our newsletter, we provided some information about the Ordinariate and its place within the Catholic Church. The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross was established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. The Ordinariate incorporates all Anglicans (clergy and lay people) who were struggling to accept the recent changes within the Anglican Church. Through the Pope's decision all these people joined the Catholic Church and are now Catholics.

On last Saturday when the Eucharist was celebrated our Parishioners could see some differences in the way the liturgy was celebrated (different language, different order of the Mass parts, and etc., however it was a Catholic Mass). To many of us this picture might be still unclear and we need some additional explanation to understand what it is all about.

First of all we need to know that the Catholic Catechism lists seven rites: Latin (our Roman Catholic), Byzantine, Alexandrian, Syriac, Armenian, Maronite, and Chaldean. These rites are the "descendants" of the liturgical practices that originated in centres of Rome, Antioch, and Alexandria. With the passing time these chief rites develop into "regional" rites so currently within the Catholic Church we have almost 30 different rites. In the Constitution on Liturgy SC #4 we read "in faithful obedience to tradition, the sacred Council declares that Holy Mother Church holds all lawfully recognized rites to be of equal right and dignity, and that she wishes to preserve them in the future and to foster them in every way."

To understand these declarations of the Church documents, the analogy of a garden might be helpful. The liturgical life of the Church is like a big garden with many plants that grow there. Just as we add new plants in our garden, in the same way, we see, from time to time new plants in "the garden of liturgy". The way Eucharist is celebrated by the priests and faithful of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross is a new plant in this garden. Their form of liturgy belongs to the Latin family of the Roman Catholic Church. And for this reason we can see a lot of similarities with our Roman Catholic Liturgy.

When we look closely around us we see that on the Gold Coast we have many rites of the Catholic Church. There are many Parishioners in our Parish who come from Kerala and they from time to time celebrate liturgy in the Syro-Malabar rite. Many Lebanese people grew up within the Maronite liturgy. My mother being Ukrainian grew up in the Byzantine Liturgy of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Today Ukrainians of the Gold Coast celebrate Masses in the Byzantine rite at St Brigid's Nerang every Sunday. Last Sunday to these different Gold Coast groups celebrating Eucharists in their own liturgical traditions, the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross was added and we welcome them and offer our hospitality.

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**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

**Each Friday-10.30am
Mass at Gold Coast
University Hospital**

**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 Saturday
of the Month at 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

**Monday, December 8, Extra
Mass, 9.00am, Feast of
Immaculate Conception**

Tuesday-9.00am

Thursday- 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday of
the Month 4.15pm



2014 ADVENT ADVENTURES FOR CHILDREN

Only one week till Advent begins so please mark this date in your family calendar! All primary school aged children in our parish are invited to join **Advent Adventures on**

Tuesday 16th December in the parish Resource Centre at Ashmore. Children who will be in the parish for Christmas Eve are encouraged to join us on 16th December.

To register please contact Sister Helen at helenw@scp.org.au

Secular Franciscan Order-

Our Christmas Crib:

Francis' Enduring Legacy

Overwhelmed by the LOVE, the HUMILITY and POVERTY of the birth of the SON of GOD, our SAVIOUR, Francis yearned to make this a realisation for all.

In 1223 in a mountainside cave



overlooking Greccio, Francis prepared a replica of Bethlehem with a manger, an ox and an ass. The villagers came from below, torches lighted and their praise echoing around the surrounding mountainsides, to join Francis for Midnight Mass. Francis preached with great emotion of this incredible love. Jesus was born again in their hearts this Christmas night..

The tradition was spread by the Franciscans throughout the world. This Christmas wherever we observe this sacred representation, in our shopping centre, home or church, let us whisper a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

Next Fraternity Meeting is next Wednesday, November 26, Infant Saviour Meeting Room, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. 12.30 to 3.30pm. Final meeting for the year. All welcome.

First Reconciliation in our parish

Next Thursday 27th November at 7pm, 68 children will celebrate their First Reconciliation in Mary Immaculate church. Please continue to remember these children and their families in your prayer as they continue to prepare for this important Sacrament.

Thanks Sister Helen

Beauty of Age

An extract from a recent Homily by Father Vince Hobbs.

The 92-year-old well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she manoeuvred her walker to the elevator the welcoming attendant gave a description of the room. "I love it", she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old who had just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs Jones, you haven't seen the room, just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. The arrangement of the furniture is not important... It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice—stay in bed recounting the difficulties I have with that part of my body that no longer works, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do." Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account; you withdraw what you put in. Take my advice, deposit a lot of happiness. I am still depositing, but remember the five simple rules to be happy—**Free your heart from hatred; Free your mind from worries; Live simply; Give more; Expect less.**

The Francis Effect

"If we wish to adapt to people's language and to reach them with God's word, we need to share in their lives and pay loving attention to them."

Pope Francis

The Kingship of Christ



The last Sunday of the Liturgical year concludes with a solemn proclamation of Jesus, king of the universe. The blessing of the candle at the Easter Vigil declares "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and forever.

The good thief believed in the kingdom of Jesus. He said "remember me when you come into your kingdom" and Jesus said to him "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" "Lk 23:42-43". To Peter Jesus said "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" "Mt 16:19"

But is Christ really a king? His contemporaries must have thought that it was a huge joke. When Pontius Pilate placed above the dying Jesus the inscription "This is the king of the Jews", he did not mean to be taken seriously. He probably just wanted to score a political point against the Jewish leaders of his time by calling this joker their king. The soldiers who crucified him did not believe that he was a king either. That was why they challenged him to save himself if he was indeed a king.

You can hardly blame all those people. There was really nothing about Jesus to suggest that he was a king, apart from the fact that he descended from King David and he was not the only person to lay claim to that. The circumstances of his birth were anything but regal. He was born in a stable, not in a royal palace. His parents must have been pretty poor people, since all they could offer at his presentation were "a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons" "Lk22:24". He grew up in a remote nondescript village that made Nathaniel ask, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" "John1:46". He then went on to become a wondering teacher who had nowhere to lay his head "Matthew 8:20". How can such a person be a king?

Jesus himself provided the answer when he told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" "John 18:36".

An Invitation to all in our Parish to Honour the Immaculate Conception

In the Catholic tradition feasts of saints or faith mysteries associated with the local churches have been always a great occasion to come to pray, honour the life of a particular saint and to have a fiesta. In this context it is good to remember that the first miracle Jesus performed at the beginning of his ministry took place at the wedding feast in Cana.



On Monday, December 8, the Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the title of our church in Ashmore. In our Parish on Sunday December 7 we are honouring Our Lady through prayers and our participation in the Advent Liturgy.

After this time of prayer and worship in church we will move to the social part of the feast which will be a '**champagne breakfast**' straight after 8.30 Mass at Ashmore. Father Jan invites all Parishioners and visitors to come to this gathering where there will be plenty of food, champagne and other goodies. Bring the whole family. The breakfast will be served beside our Church. Please come pray, honour Our Lady, socialize and have fun. **As Monday, December 8 is the actual Feast Day an extra Mass will be celebrated at Mary Immaculate Church, at 9.00am.**



Today we welcome into God's Family

Michael Craig White and Addison Cate White, children of Rowan White and Merissa Dowling.
Charlie Nate Churchill and Addison Nico Churchill, children of Christopher and Anna Churchill.
Kobi Jay Huckstep, daughter of Thomas Huckstep and Tiana Morris
Jemia Grace Fogarty, daughter of Matthew Fogarty and Carly Dove

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joy DeFina, Carmelina Powell, Norma Bailey.

ANNIVERSARY : Des McGee, Ian Black.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Freddie Morgan, David Carter Wiktorija Stojanovic, Angela Taylor, Michael Skinner, David Reynolds, Noelene Owen, Margaret McGiness, Tony Bauer, Ben Howard, Laurin Bliss Beverley Wilson, Valerie Atkins, Paula Greco, Mary Weerasinghe, Anne Volp, Bong, Dannie, and Gie Ubaldo, Yvonne See, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao, Serioza, Fran Spiric, Doss O'Neil, Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Elizabeth Anderson, Gary O'Connell, Jack and Ross McAlpine, John Stowers, Ernest James, Leah Joy Layosa (baby) Jack Keniry, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Alex McKinnon, Joe Vohar.

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercession those who we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God

This Week's Saints

Monday, November 24, St Andrew Dung-Lac

Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the group, which included a nine-year-old boy, were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized by St John Paul II

Tuesday, November 25, St Catherine of Alexandra

Wednesday, November 26, St John Berchmans
Patron Saint of Altar Servers

Thursday, November 27, St James Intercisus

Worth a Smile

At St Peter's Catholic Church, they have weekly husbands' Marriage seminars. At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to talk a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I took her to Italy for the 25th anniversary! The priest responded, Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary? Giuseppe proudly replied, "I gonna go pick her up."

Readers your "Break Open the Word" have arrived and are available for collection from Sister Lis at the parish office for \$17. They commence next Sunday, first Sunday of Advent. Daily Mass Books are also available at \$17.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The Appeal starts next Sunday, November 30.

Appeal envelopes will be given to you at Mass: Cash donations give the flexibility to give the right hand up needed by someone doing it tough. You can hand your full envelope to a Vincentian as you leave the Church, or take it home and hand it into the Parish Office, or put it on the plate at another Mass, or post it back. Tax receipts are issued on request.

Christmas Giving Tree

The trees will have gift tags on them. Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and place the gift with the tag back under the Christmas Tree. The last day for leaving gifts under the Tree at Mass is Sunday, December 14.

Christmas Hampers

Christmas Hampers will be packed on Saturday, December 20, at Guardian Angels Primary School Hall. Contact Nerida if you would like to help pack, hand out or deliver hampers. nerida.smith@bigpond.com 0417 606 639

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014/ 2015

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

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church.

Bridge, every Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm every Wednesday, followed by Mass at 7.00pm on the First Wednesday of the month at St Joseph the Worker.

The Mass on Wednesday, December 3, will be a Healing and Anointing Mass.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass

Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

Young Adults Group, Meet in the Parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7.00pm

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm.

Thursday, **November 27,** Reconciliation for Children joining the Sacramental Program in 2015 7.00pm Mary Immaculate

Sunday, **December 7, Feast of Immaculate Conception.** 8.30am Mass, followed by Champagne Breakfast at Mary Immaculate Church.

Sunday, **December 14, Parish Christmas Party** 4.00pm at Guardian Angels Church.

Saturday, **December 20,** Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 2.00pm at De Paul Manor.

Thursday, **June 4 2015,** Confirmation.

Sunday, **June 7 2015,** First Eucharist

Musical Playgroup at Southport Catholic Parish

The Playgroup meet every Thursday 9 to 10.30am in the Parish Resource Centre; for parents, grandparents and children 0 to 5. They have four weeks left of this term and have vacancies for three new families. Call Theresa 0423 743 616 to meet the group before year end. They enjoy quality play, craft, music and fellowship for about 20 families.

Loving God, help me to be alert to your call, shaping me into the image of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

HYMNS

ALL GLORY PRAISE AND HONOUR

Refrain:

**All glory, praise, and honour to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. **R.**

The company of angels are praising you on high;
And mortals, joined with all things
Created, make reply. **R.**

GLORLY 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

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia
Blessings on him who comes in the name
of the Lord! Blessings on the coming king-
dom of our father David!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia

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GIFTS PROCESSION

BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed 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, 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**

LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his
heart, leading them home.**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is my shepherd'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.' The chords indicated above the staff are G, Am/C, D/A, G/B, Am7, C/G, and G.

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top,
Lift your voice;

Jerusalem, here is your God. **R**

I myself will shepherd them,
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest. **R**

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
And take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest. **R**

RECESSIONAL

HAIL REDEEMER

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of ever lasting peace.

Refrain

**Angels saints and nations, sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."**

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With your praises King of kings. **R**

King most holy, King of truth,
Guide the way-ward, guide the youth;
Christ our King of glory bright,
Be to us eternal light. **R**

Shepherd King, from mountains steep,
Home ward bring the wand'ring sheep;
Shelter in one royal fold
States and nations, new and old. **R**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 63:16-17

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

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