

**Feast of Christ the King  
YEAR C  
Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe**

SUNDAY November 24 2013

**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 on 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 wandering 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}. This means that his kingdom is not a worldly kingdom. That is to say his kingdom is not a territorial or a geographical entity. The ticket to the entrance of the kingdom of Jesus is Charity and service, for he will say to us: "Come, you that are blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. {Mathew 25:34-36}.

Where in the world can we find such a kingdom? It is to be found in the hearts of people. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is "a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace". Those who belong to that kingdom are people who, like the "Good Thief" recognise their need to belong to such a kingdom and ask Jesus to admit them there. They are the ones who will hear him say, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

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**St Joseph the Worker  
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,  
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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  
Every last Saturday 6pm  
Tuesday 7pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Tuesday - 9.00am  
Thursday - 5.30pm

## **TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR NEW MINISTERS**

**Thank you to those who offered to help to be a Reader or Minister of Eucharist.**

The workshop will be held at Mary Immaculate Church, on **Saturday, December 14** at the following times:

READERS: 9.00am to 10.00am

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST: 10.00am to 11.00am

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST TO THE SICK: 11.00am to 12

Please contact the Parish Office if you are attending, as information material will need to be prepared.

Those who signed on recently for Ministries have been included in the next roster, (December, January, February) but you must attend a workshop before you begin a ministry.

If you have any questions please contact Sr Lis 55 102 222 or email [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au)

## **CHILDREN PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN 2014**



Parents wishing their children to prepare for Sacraments in 2014 are invited to contact Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au) before the end of the school term. In Southport parish children are usually in their 10<sup>th</sup> year when they prepare for the Sacraments. Parents

decide the readiness of their child to begin preparation. Early next year information sessions for parents will be held at Mary Immaculate church. During February children will begin our family/parish based preparation for sacraments. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday June 12 and First Eucharist on Sunday June 15 2014.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The Mary Immaculate Conference invites Parishioners, family and friends to volunteer to help us undertake the sorting and packing of our Christmas Hampers.

**Saturday, December 21, 9.00am to 12noon  
at Guardian Angels School**

Please contact Nerida Smith [nerida.smith@bigpond.com](mailto:nerida.smith@bigpond.com) or phone 0417606639, 55 006 547.

This is a great opportunity to put your faith to work.

## **A BIG WEEKEND FOR S.P.Y**

### **Southport Parish Youth**

The last S.P.Y meeting for the year will be next Friday, November 29, in the Mary Immaculate Meeting Room. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Come along, bring your friends and have a great time.

To round off a bumper weekend, there will be a

**S.P.Y Movie Night** on Saturday, November 30, in the Nexus Tower Theatre, Scarborough Street, Southport, Southport. (beside Guardian Angels Church). Doors will open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Any questions, contact Paul 0410 897 639 or email [p.taylor08@hotmail.com](mailto:p.taylor08@hotmail.com)



## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL GIVING TREE**

The Christmas Giving Tree will be in each Church from the first Sunday in Advent (next Sunday December 1). There will be gift tags you can remove to provide gifts for those we visit who otherwise have very little this Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and love in giving your time and gifts to others. Our Christmas Appeal begins next Sunday.

## **BREAK OPEN THE WORD**

For those who ordered copies of 'Break Open the Word', they have arrived and may be collected from Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office, at a cost of \$14.

For those who have already paid, your copy will be waiting for you in your Church box.

**Don't forget your Fr Mac's Heavenly Puddings.  
On sale at all three churches.**

**They make a great Christmas gift for a friend.  
Price is the same as last year only \$15**

## **OPEN DAY ST DE PAUL MANOR**



The last Open Day of the year will be held at De Paul Manor next **Saturday, November 31**, from 10am to 1.00pm

They have a special Christmas promotion.

If you settle on one of the remaining new apartments before December 31, you will receive a **\$17,500** 'Retire for Christmas' incentive package. The package includes furniture removal to the value of \$1,000, a furniture package valued at \$15,000 as well as three months fees absolutely free. This offer is available on a strictly first in, first served basis and is limited to a select few purchasers.

So why not come and visit us and see for yourself the vibrant community at the Manor. They look forward to seeing you.

## **CHRISTMAS PARISH BBQ**



### **OFFICIAL FAREWELL TO OUR THREE PRIESTS**

Join in an evening of sharing and reminiscing as we farewell our three priests who have contributed to the life of our Parish.

**Friday, December 6 at 5.30pm in Guardian Angels School Grounds.** We still need your help to make this a momentous occasion. So ring the Parish Office as soon as possible and let us know how you can help. Tasks include set-up, preparing food, cooking, serving, and clean-up. We also need to know who is coming, so RSVP no later than tomorrow Monday, November 25. Make sure you bring your money with you.

Cost: Burgers \$4, Sausages \$1, Soft Drinks \$1, Beer \$2 and Wine \$2

## **ALTAR SERVERS**



Have you ever thought you would like to be an Altar Server?

For those who "Signed Up" and for all who are interested in being Altar Servers, in any of our three churches, both Adults and Children, (Children must have made their First Communion). There will be a training session next **Thursday, November 28**, at

**4.00pm** in Mary Immaculate Church. Please ring the Parish Office on 55 102 222, by tomorrow November 25, if you wish to attend.

## **ADVENT ADVENTURES 2013**



**All children are invited to join in our parish activity day Advent Adventures on Thursday December 19, from 9am - 3pm in the Resource Centre Ashmore. During Advent Adventures children who will celebrate Christmas in our parish will be receiving their parts in the Christmas Story at Christmas Eve**

**Mass at Mary Immaculate church.**

**To receive a registration form for Thursday December 19 please contact Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au) and return the completed form by 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **LITTLE BLUE BOOK**

The Little Blue Book for Advent has arrived.

They have six minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Advent Year A. Available at all three churches at \$5 each.

## **HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MOBILE PHONE**

A mobile phone was left in Mary Immaculate Church last Sunday. It is available for collection from the Parish Office.



**Today we welcome into God's Family**

Emelia Clare Mitchell, daughter of Brent and Liana Mitchell

Lucy Saoirse Kose, daughter of Brad Kose and Aine Ni She

Mason James Curran, son of  
Timothy Curran and Emma Unsworth

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ann Buons, Olive Shannon, Fr Virgil Pender, Gertrude Marschner, Ramon Alvares, Kathy McLean Peter Buxton, Geoff Taylor, Gordon McLeod, Fr Joe Carroll

**ANNIVERSARY:**

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Peter and Sheila Galoin, Dean Lewis, Kitty McIntosh, Susanne Howarth, Patrick Guillon, Phyllis Miller, Jim Donaldson, Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, Doris O'Neill, John Stowers, Ross McAlpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Marie Stevenson, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Janice Keating, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin, Cyndy Fenner-Smith, Sam D'Abreo,

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

**FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, November 30 St Andrew Apostle**

St Andrew, the Apostle, was born in Bethsaida of Galilee, a brother of Simon Peter, both fishermen. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led himself and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognised Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce him to his brother, Peter. Thenceforth the two brothers were disciples of Jesus.

**WORTH A SMILE**

**Things you'll never hear in church.**

Hey! It's My turn to sit in the front pew.

I was so enthralled. I didn't notice your homily went 25 minutes!

Personally, I find church much more enjoyable than golf!

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we are all here, lets start the service early!

Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS**

**Saturday, December 21**, Bunnings Crestwood, 8am to 4pm help to run our BBQ.

**Christmas Eve**, Dan Murphy's Tavern, Varsity Lakes 10am to 6pm: help us collect donation—stand at the door with a collection tin or return trolleys. Or you might prefer to do the same job on **New Years Eve**, Dan Murphy's, Harbour Town, 10am to 6pm.

These fundraisers bring in several thousand dollars to help us out for 2014. So your help is appreciated. Energetic people willing to give just a few hours to the fundraising roster. If you can help call Nerida 0417 605 639

55 006 547 [nerida.smith@bigpond.com](mailto:nerida.smith@bigpond.com)

This is a great opportunity to put your faith your work.



**THPHOON HAIYAN**  
**APPEAL**

**Caritas Australia, the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency, is responding through our partners on the ground in the Philippines to the devastating aftermath of the super Typhoon Haiyan.**

**Emergency assistance is urgently needed across the region to help with the significant needs of shelter, food and water.**

**Please give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. Call 1800 024 413, or donate on line [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.**

**PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013—2014**

**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 10.00am to 12noon. Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

**Southport Parish Book Club**. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the 1st Monday of the month.



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

Monday, **November 25**, First Reconciliation in Mary Immaculate Church 7.00pm

Sunday **December 1**, St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Friday, **December 6**, Parish Christmas BBQ 5.30PM at Guardian Angels School

Thursday, **December 19**, Children's Advent Adventures Day

Thursday, **June 12, 2014**. Confirmation

Sunday, **June 15, 2014**. First Eucharist

**The Stewardship Committee has suggested some Parish activities for 2014. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK?**

**Send an email to the editor [edju01@optusnet.com.au](mailto:edju01@optusnet.com.au)**

**with your thoughts and suggestions. Dinner Dance—Trivia Night—Artico Concert—Multicultural Sunday—Develop a Social Committee—Choir from various groups in the Parish, (Korean, Pilipino, Islander groups).**

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING**

**The mystery of Christmas.**

Christmas Eve, 1223, Francis asked that an ox, an ass, and may be brought to a mountain cave at Greccio. The people of the town, their torches lighting up the night and their songs of praise echoing around the mountainside, gathered around an Altar arranged over a manger. A priest celebrated the Mass and Francis, full of emotion, preached of the great mystery of love in the simplicity, humility and poverty of the birth of Jesus. The Infant Saviour came to life in their hearts that night. This simple nativity scene was spread henceforth throughout the world by his followers.

The next SFO Meeting is Wednesday, November 27, Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads 12.30 to 3.30 All welcome.

# HYMNS

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Let us go —            re - joic - ing            [to the house,] to the house of the Lord. —

## **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.**

Their praises you accepted,  
 Accept the prayers we bring,  
 Great source of love goodness,  
 Our Saviour and our King. **R.**

## **GLORY TO GOD:**

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.  
 Amen, Amen.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the  
 Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you  
 have the words of everlasting life.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## **GIFTS PROCESSION**

### **WE REMEMBER**

**Refrain**  
*We remember how you loved us  
 to your death, and still we  
 celebrate, for you are with us here;  
 and we believe that we will see you  
 when you come in your glory, Lord.*  
**We remember we celebrate,  
 we believe.**

Here, a million wounded souls  
 are yearning just to touch you  
 and be healed.  
 Gather all your people,  
 and hold them to your heart. **R**

Now we recreate your love,  
 We bring the bread and wine  
 to share a meal.  
 Sign of grace and mercy,  
 The presence of the Lord **R**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.  
 Heav'n 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

### **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**

### **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.*

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**

## **JESUS REMEMBER ME**

(Jacques Berthier)  
 Jesus, remember me  
 when you come into your Kingdom.  
 Jesus, remember me  
 when you come into your Kingdom.

## **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 2:1-5  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 24:37-44

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