

**Thirty First Sunday
In Ordinary Time
YEAR C**

SUNDAY November 3 2013

How far would you go to meet Jesus?

We humans seem to have an undying curiosity about people who can draw large crowds. Jesus, as a formidable person of his time, drew large crowds. And, like today, not everyone in the crowd was necessarily seeking to follow Jesus. Sometimes they were merely curious. But an encounter with Jesus takes curiosity and turns it into salvation! The gospel for this Sunday contains an interesting human touch – a curious, short, rich man puts aside his social status and does something not very dignified: he climbs a sycamore tree to see Jesus better!

Zacchaeus, impelled by his desire to see Jesus, makes a great effort to seek him out. Jesus responds to Zacchaeus' earnest enthusiasm by doing for him the very thing Jesus came to do: 'to seek out and to save what was lost.' This encounter brings to light something about both persons which escapes the crowd: Zacchaeus is capable of changing, and Jesus is more than an object of curiosity – he is the Saviour of sinners.

This encounter brings a changed behaviour in Zacchaeus: he shares his wealth with the poor and mends his sinful ways. Because of this, Jesus says to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house.' The dignity of means and status is nothing compared to the dignity God bestows on forgiven sinners who are saved.

There is another interesting detail in this gospel. Jesus 'intended to pass through the town,' but 'must stay' after encountering Zacchaeus. Jesus' ministry is hindered neither by wealth nor status, but by his passionate desire to bring salvation to anyone who comes seeking.

This story of Zacchaeus reminds us that we sinners must come seeking Jesus if we are to have a saving encounter. Sometimes it may seem to many of us that our seeking Jesus is far more difficult than climbing a tree to see and encounter him! Perhaps we are having difficulty with prayer and God seems to have abandoned us. Perhaps so much is going wrong in our lives that we are inclined to be bitter or resentful. These are times when we can come closest to God by acknowledging our human frailty and giving ourselves to God's care and mercy. Sometimes just a refocus of our attention away from the difficulty towards Jesus who loves us is enough to remain faithful and meet Jesus in a new and life-giving way.

Would you go to the same heights as Zacchaeus to encounter Jesus, to change, and be saved?
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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

MELBOURNE CUP

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.

The Catholic Women's League are once again running their Melbourne Cup sweep. Tickets are available outside all Masses today. Make sure you don't miss out.

Tickets \$2

First \$125 Second \$75 Third \$50



Make sure your phone number is on the ticket.

The draw will take place in the Parish Office tomorrow Monday, November 4. Those who draw a horse will be notified.

FUND RAISER FOR ETHIOPIAN MISSION

Gold Coast Little Theatre, Saturday November 30, at 8.00pm
A British comedy "**Don't Just Lie There Say Something**"
Supper provided. Cost \$30. Raffles. Must have exact numbers by Tuesday, November 12.

Phone Trish Litfin 55 285 644 or Kathryn, 55 321 939 to book. Funds raised help send desperately needed baby wraps and cloths and basic underclothes for the mothers who attend the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady at the remote health centres. Thank you all for your support

GOLD COAST CITY WIND ORCHESTRA

Concert with Guardian Angels School Band



All members of the Parish Community and their friends are invited to enjoy an evening of great concert music performed by Gold Coast City Wind orchestra with guest appearances by members of the Guardian Angels School—Senior Band.

The concert is being held in the Guardian Angels School Hall. **Saturday, November 9 at 7.00pm.** Refreshments available for purchase. Concert will conclude at 9.00pm

Tickets at the door \$30 per family (2x2), \$15 Adults, concession \$10, primary school children \$5.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mass of Remembrance will be held on **Thursday, November 14 at 5.30pm at Mary Immaculate**; this is a Mass where we invite the families of those we have buried during the past 12 months to bring a photo of their loved one and a flower to place in front of the altar during the reading of the Roll of Honour.

If any parishioner has had loved ones die in the past 12 months and would like to take part in this ceremony, please contact Sr Elisabeth on 55 102 222 or email lis@scp.org.au



NEWS FROM GUARDIAN ANGELS

Tournament of Minds

Congratulations go to Mrs. Toll and the Guardian Angels Team (Brydie Allardyce, Zac Quinlan, Caillin Toll, Zac Sandford, Will Purcell, Lauren Hill and Will Browning) on **winning the National Final** of Tournament of Minds. A wonderful achievement and one that we are all proud of.

NRL FREE BACKYARD FOOTY CLINIC. The National Rugby league would like to invite your son/daughter to their "Coles backyard League Centre" in conjunction with Guardian Angels School and your local Junior Rugby league Club, the Southport Tigers. The Coles backyard league Centre provides a great introduction to Junior Rugby league. The session will consist of fun games and challenging activities that will provide an opportunity for your child to improve their coordination, spatial awareness, social skills and fitness. The session will be taught by professional NRL game development officers. It is completely Free.

Venue: Guardian Angels Oval. Tuesday November 19.

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Registration forms are available from Guardian Angels school front office.

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. To make this a momentous occasion we need your help. So email the parish office at info@scp.org.au as soon as possible and let us know your skills at co-ordinating, setting-up, preparing, cooking, serving cleaning-up or anything else you think you can help with. We also need to know who is coming, so make sure you RSVP well before Monday, November 25.

CATECHISTS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY.

At a recent Deanery workshop facilitated by the Children's Ministry of Faith and Life, participants expressed a desire for follow up sessions in a number of areas of Children's Ministry in the Deanery.

As a result, Carol Danby has agreed to facilitate a full day workshop for catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday February 1 2014, 9.30am to 3.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Further details will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime add this date to your diary.

DID YOU KNOW

That Guardian Angels Student Jessica Ramsey is now the fastest 10 year old girl in Queensland over 100m and 200m, and was 2nd in the High Jump and 2nd in 4x100m at the recent Queensland Primary Schools Track and Field Championships in Brisbane. Jessica is now off to the Australian Titles as part of the Queensland team.

AQUINAS COLLEGE organised and hosted a very successful Leadership and Career Pathways Conference for Indigenous students last week. There were 50 people in attendance from Aquinas College, Marymount College, Assisi Catholic College, Trinity College (Beenleigh) as well as presenters from Universities, TAFE, Australian Defence Force, Australian Public Service and employment agencies. Students gained an insight to the services and opportunities that exist in the community to assist them when considering future pathways.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will take place in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, Southport on Friday next November 8 at 11.00am, followed by Mass and lunch.

New members and any visitors are most welcome.

Phone Anne on 55 392 707.

MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

Celebrate "Fatima Day" at Marian Valley Canungra, on Wednesday, November 13. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters at 8.30am.

For bookings please call Viviane on 55 359 623.

LITURGY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The liturgy of the Mass as the sacred action *par excellence* is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed and it is likewise the font from which all her power flows. Throughout the liturgy Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with and through his Church.

GRANDMOTHERS

I went to my grandson and held him. I looked into his piercing blue eyes. He returned my look with total trust.

Charlotte Goodhum American Teacher





Today we welcome into God's Family

Bree Anne Tomkinson, daughter of
Michael and Michelle Tomkinson
Madeleine Elise Fowler, daughter of
Stephen and Angela Fowler
Rainer Sequeira son of,
Santosh Sequeira and Reema Coutinho

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fay James, Eddie Walters, Mary Jensen, Anne Forcella

ANNIVERSARY: Peta Grieve

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, Doris O'Neill, John Stowers, Ross Alpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Barry Sharp, 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, Robert Perren, Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela

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

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 4 Anglican-Catholic Reconciliation

In 2022 the leadership of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches in Australia chose November 4 as a day of prayer for reconciliation and greater understanding between the two communities. Why November 4? In the shadow of All Saints Day, November 4 takes courage from the witness of many holy men and women who have lived in both communities. We recognise that the relationship between our two Churches have improved in many ways that we now take for granted. We also recognise that new issues arise which can strain our relationship and create the need for greater understanding. Even More, we need to keep praying for each other through both the calm and the storm.

Monday, November 4 Charles Borromeo

Received the clerical tonsure at age twenty, Charles studied in a Benedictine monastery. In 1559 his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV and in 1560 named him at the age of 24 his Secretary of State and created him a cardinal and administrator of the See of Milan. Due to his enforcement of strict ecclesiastical discipline, some disgruntled monks attempted to murder him. He was shot at but not hit. He helped re-open the *Council of Trent* and fervently enforced its decrees. One of the towering figures of the Catholic Reformation, he used his position with humility and personal sanctity.

Saturday, November 9 Dedication of Leteran Basilica

The anniversary of the dedication of the Leteran Basilica, erected by the Emperor Constantine in 333, has been observed on November 9 since the twelfth century. This is the oldest, and ranks first among the four great 'patriacal' basilicas of Rome. The official cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, the Leteran Basilica is a symbol of the unity of the Church.

**THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR PRESENTS
BRISBANE SINGS
MESSIAH**

**Saturday, November 23, 7.30pm
Brisbane City Hall**

**Sinfonia of St Andrews, conducted by Kevin Power
Handel's magnificent choral masterpiece performed by
200 Voice Choir.**

**Leanne Kenneally (soprano) Gregory Massingham,
(tenor) Georgia Hawes (mezzo-soprano) Leon Warnock
(bass)**

Tickets: www.4embs.com.au or phone 3847 1717

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.



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

Friday, **November 1,** All Saints Day

Saturday, **November 2,** Guardian Angels School Fete

Thursday, **November 14,** Mass of Remembrance, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **November 24,** Catholic Women's League Trade Table, after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate

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

Friday, **December 6,** Parish Christmas BBQ

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

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

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

WORTH A SMILE

True questions asked of an Australian Travel Agent.

Q. Does it ever get windy in Australia. I have never seen it rain on TV How do plants grow.? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown, and then just sit and watch them die.

Q: Will I see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends on how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney—can I follow the railroad tracks?_ (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles. Take a lot of water.

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can I see the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night at Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

HYMNS

ALL ARE WELCOME (Marty Haugen)
Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **R**

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees
us: **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

I will praise your name forever, my King
and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GIFTS PROCESSION COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are,
that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and
disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,
not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by
my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you
the less?

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

WILL YOU LOVE ME

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of
my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways.
R

Refrain:

*Will you love me as I have loved
you?
Will you live with me
the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars
will be gone like the night
and the sun will be shining on you.*

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Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through
the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world? **R**

Can you walk in the footprints of silence?
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire? **R**

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 hunger. **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**

RECESSIONAL

ON EAGLE'S WINGS (Michael Joncas)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN:

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
2 Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27. 34-38

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