

**Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY November 11 2012

Faith in Politics: A Bunch of Malarkey?

The news is across every channel and in every paper – Barack Obama has been elected to a 2nd term as the 44th President of the United States. However, perhaps more explicitly in this 2012 campaign, we have seen a robust conversation about how public policy is influenced by or conflicts with, personal religious beliefs. Mitt Romney is a Mormon (*at one point a minister*); Barack Obama is a Christian linked to the United Church of Christ; and both Vice Presidential candidates, Joe Biden and Paul Ryan, are Roman Catholics. All of the above have varying degrees of faith, and yet have expressed the tenants of this belief system in different ways amidst the political process of seeking election.

Most interestingly was the debate between Biden and Ryan, who, while both from the same Catholic tradition, expressed very different ideas as to how that faith played out in their political platforms. Of course there were many issues that came to light which were both challenged by, and informed by their particular beliefs. The two key issues at stake, as far as intrinsically Catholic moral teaching is concerned, were that of abortion and same sex marriage.

Joe Biden, being the Democrat and more 'liberal' of the two, expressed some distance between his personal faith in the teachings of the Church and his public role in office, particularly when it came to such issues of morality and ethics. His stance expressed the understanding that while he professed strong faith, he was unwilling to impose these beliefs on others across such a broad spectrum in the electorate. Paul Ryan on the other hand, being the Republican and 'conservative' counterpart, expressed his resolute faith in as much as he saw that such beliefs are integral to who he was as a politician and influenced his stance in public policy. I think you can fill in the blanks for where both these men stood on the issues.

Both candidates, it would seem, have a point to make when considering how our faith is played out in everyday life. However, I suggest that being a public figure in the political arena, even though one must remain true to their own personal beliefs (secular or religious), one must also listen to the voices of those one serves. This of course is a tenuous line to tread. In this instance, each of the Catholic candidates had to address where they sat in their relationship to the Church and its belief in the sanctity of life, from the moment of conception, and the sacred bond of marriage between a man and a woman. (*Note: Abortion is already legal in the USA due to the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 by the U.S. Supreme Court – Legalised same sex marriage has for the 1st time been voted in by 3 U.S. states*)

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<p style="text-align: center;">St Joseph the Worker Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">44 Imperial Parade, Labrador</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.00 am 8:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Monday -7.00am Wednesday-7.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Guardian Angels' Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">99 Scarborough St Southport</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday</u> 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u> 7.00 am 10.00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday - 12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday - 4.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Immaculate Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u> 8:30 am & 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Korean Mass</u> Sunday 3.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Tuesday - 9.00am Thursday - 5.30pm</p>
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Does this mean that Catholics should not discuss the issues at play here? Certainly not! However, as part of this conversation between the Church and the world, a few elements are needed. Firstly, one needs to be fully informed about the Church's teaching, and by necessity have also prayed about such topics, finding how such ethical stances sit with our conscience. Moreover, as faithful Catholics, we must give the Church's teaching precedence, seeking always, to the best of our ability, to give it our firm assent, until our conscience tells us differently.

In any political contest there are always a plethora of issues at stake, and these two social/ethical issues were only part of an otherwise complex policy debate. We cannot forget the immorality of letting good people slip into or dwell in dire poverty, with innocent people savaged by war, and where during a turbulent economic period, exorbitant money is spent on election campaigns. While I do not wish to pursue these issues any further, I merely present them to you for your own reflection as we head toward our own federal election next year. I do not negate that our faith should play a part in how we decide for whom we vote. However, it is always important to be informed of the issues and weigh up what is most essential amidst what can otherwise be a convoluted process of electoral debates and political mud-slinging. How does your faith express itself at the ballot box?

Fr. Jason Middleton

S.P.Y Gathering

Fr. Jason has been away, hence SPY did not get together in October. But now he's back, so without delay he's calling on all young people aged 13-20 to join with the team for a night of spirited fun and fellowship. Join us in the Mary Immaculate Meeting Room on **Friday November 30th at 6:30pm**, finishing at 9pm. Dinner is included. Bring a friend. **RSVP essential - by Nov 23rd on 5510 2222 or frjasonm@gmail.com**

Youth Mass Readers

Fr Jason will soon be leaving the parish, and there will not be anyone to organise the youth mass readers. Hence he is calling upon all interested young people (who have been baptised and attend church regularly) to volunteer as readers for the youth mass roster. With enough people the commitment will only be once every 2 or 3 months. The Youth Mass is on the 1st Sunday of every month at the 6pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. **To volunteer call Fr. J on 5510 2222 or email him at frjasonm@gmail.com**

Name Badges

Badges have now arrived. They can be collected on the table at the back of the church that you attend.

There are 3 ways you can pay for these. Place \$10 in an envelope with your name on it and put on collection plate, cheque made payable to Southport Catholic Parish or call the office with Credit Card Details. If your badges are not on the table, they are on the way.

Quote

'Theirs is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God.'

St Bernard of Clairvaux

Fr Jose is on his way

After weeks of anticipation, Father Jose Thekkmuriyil finally received word this week that he is to be transferred to the parish of Hendra in Brisbane.

He will be working in the parish as the assistant priest to Father Michael McCarthy the newly appointed Vicar for Clergy.

Father Jose is also appointed as Chaplain to the Australian Catholic University at Banyo, which will be a part-time appointment.

Father Jose has been a much-valued part of our parish team for 18 months.

Since Fr. Jose is hoping to return to India for his annual holidays before he begins his new job in January, he will be finishing his time here at Southport on November 25th.

A farewell gathering at Guardian Angel's Church following the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 24th November

and at Saint Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador after the 8.30 am Mass on Sunday November 25th will give parishioners a chance to thank and farewell Father Jose.

Break Open The Word'

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER 'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' FOR YEAR 2013. I strongly advise Readers to obtain a copy of this excellent book as a preparation for your Reading of the Word. I will be placing our order on **FRIDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER** in time to have them for the 1st Sunday of Advent. If you order through the Parish, the cost will be \$15. If you miss the ordering date, you will need to purchase your own copy at a cost of \$20!

So, please give your name to Sr Elisabeth (5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au) as soon as possible. There is no need to pay until the books arrive at the parish.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's league would like to thank all those who bought tickets in their sweep. All money made will be distributed to local charities at the end of the year.

We would especially like to thank our non member volunteers. Fran and Linda from St Josephs, Pat and Ken from Southport and Noela from Ashmore. We could not have done it without you.

Results of the Melbourne Cup Sweep:

1st Prize- Beverly Spitiri-\$125

2nd Prize- Val Sharpin- \$75

3rd Prize- Anne Murphy-\$50

Book of Remembrance

A **Book of Remembrance** has been placed in each church and you are invited to write the names of family and friends you wish to be prayed for. These books will be part of the Offering of Gifts at the Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday, 29th November.**

If any parishioner has a family member or friend who has died this year, and you wish their names to be included in the Roll of Honour read out at the Mass of Remembrance, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office **(5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au)**.

You are also invited to bring a photo of the person, and a flower on the evening.

Sr Lis

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Looking for volunteer to distribute Holy Communion to De Paul Villa residents on Sunday Roster for 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. Please phone **55827250** for further information.

Parking

Please note, kerb-side yellow marking in all church driveways still applies on Saturday & Sunday, especially at Mary Immaculate. Ambulance access is required at all times for De Paul Villa.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Hudsm Glen Benjamin Backholm son of Jesse & Shannon Backholm
Tristan Briscoe son of Innes & Jane Briscoe
Amelia Anne Totedo daughter of Jason Totedo & Katherine Forsyth

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr. Carmel Barry DC (Fr. Stan's sister), Helen Daniell, Grace Meteli, Patricia Devereaux.

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Ang, Michael Brennan, Victor Pittendrigh, Dorrie Moloney, Monica Cross.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Julie Watkins, Anne Watkins, Gail Dineen, Neil Cormick, Eddy Jackman, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, Judy Crane, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Matthew Davidson, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Belinda Boucher-Smith, Bob Amos, 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, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Kitty Ferguson McGeown, Michael Skinner.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR—2012

1st & 3rd Thursday each month Lectio Divina
Cenacles 6-7pm 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

November 18, Sunday: Fr Keith Turnbull's 60th
anniversary of ordination Mass, Mary Immaculate
Church 8.30am

November 25, Sunday: Catholic Women's League
Christmas Trading Table after 8.30am Mass at
Ashmore

November 29, Thursday: Mass of Remembrance,
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Church

December 7, Friday: Parish Christmas Barbeque,
Guardian Angels School at 5.30pm

December 18, Tuesday: Advent Adventures, Activity Day
for children

A Great Celebration Planned

60th Anniversary to the Priesthood

Please join with Fr Keith Turnbull, former parish priest of Southport Parish, and celebrate his 60th Anniversary to the priesthood, on **November 18th** (next Sunday). This occasion will be marked during the **8.30am Mass** at Mary Immaculate church and followed by refreshments. If you are able to help with this significant day by setup or clean up, food preparation and serving please let the parish office know of your speciality by the **12th November**

Caterer Sought by Manor for 2013:

In collaboration with the Secretary of the Social Committee, the Manor is looking for a caterer to provide appropriate menus for themed evenings at the Manor in 2013. For example, in July, Bastille Day could give rise to a French menu with a glass of champagne for entrée, beef bourguignon for main course and crème brûlée for dessert. With 60 residents now living at the Manor, there may be up to 50 people who attend the monthly dinner, which is normally held on the 3rd Saturday night of each month. The cost per meal is also a very important consideration.

The Manor has a fully functional kitchen but the Manor would not be opposed to the food being cooked elsewhere and brought to the Manor in a way which meets Food Safety Standards.

Seated Stretch, Breathe & Relax

Chair Yoga – a 4 week program – Thurs 1.15pm commencing 15 November. Please register your interest with reception at De Paul Manor Estate

Presented by Garry Anderson, member of Fitness Australia and Yoga Alliance International.

Provider of Chair Yoga services to the GCCC Active & Healthy Program.

Nudgee College Old Boys' Association.

The Annual Memorial Mass to celebrate the lives of deceased Christian Brothers, Nudgee Old Boys and Members of the Nudgee Family will be celebrated in the College Chapel on Saturday 1st December at 7.30am

All Members of the Nudgee Family are welcome. Breakfast follows.

Cleaner Wanted

A long term parishioner, who is visually impaired, is looking for someone to clean his two bedroom apartment, once a fortnight. He lives five minutes away from Guardian Angels Church, Southport. Please call Jack on **55270931**

Ethiopian Missions

The garage sale for fundraising for the Ethiopian Missions is to be held on **November 24th at 268 Marine Pde. Labrador from 7am till Noon**. If you have any household items that might be suitable for sale please contact Judy on 56795370 or Katherine on 55321939. Look forward to seeing you on the day.

Christmas!

Planning has started for Mass on Christmas Eve in our parish. On **Monday 24th December at 6pm** children will retell the story of the first Christmas. All children who will be at Mary Immaculate Church on Christmas Eve are invited to join in "Advent Adventures" on **Tuesday 18th December** in the parish Resource Centre.

Watch this space for more details. Sr Helen.

Choir for Christmas:

The Choir will be singing at the Midnight Mass at Guardian Angels Church Southport.

We are about to start practising – if you would like to join us (no fees, no auditions, just a wish to join us), please contact Sr Lis – **5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au** so music can be arranged. We meet each Monday night at **Mary Immaculate, Ashmore from 7 – 8.30pm**. It is a great experience and we would love you to join us.

HYMNS

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for God is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear:
Brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise God in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper
our work and defend us;
Surely God's goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us
adore him!
All that has life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen" sound from God's people
again.
Gladly with praise we adore him!

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

Praise the Lord my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

THERE IS A LONGING

(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, 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

THE BODY OF CHRIST (Brian Boniwell)

Refrain:

***This is the body of Christ,
Blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ***

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life. **R**

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within. **R**

If you would live in my love,
Hold my word, my promise in your
heart. **R**

Gathered as one in my name,
Take my joy, my freedom to the world
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 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.***

RECESSIONAL

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

Refrain:

***Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.***

The heart of the cross lowly and poor,
Calls us on.
Lord it is you promising hope,
Promising truth. **R**

Restless the hearts
who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream:
Justice brings life,
Justice redeems.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14. 18
Mark 13:24-32**

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