

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

SUNDAY November 18 2012

The Archbishop's Statement on the Royal Commission

A Royal Commission will provide no quick fix or magical solution in an area as complex and tormented as the sexual abuse of minors. But it is our best chance to clear the air at a time when that is very much needed. This will mean distinguishing between fact and fiction, and I very much hope the Royal Commission will help do that. The fictions are many, but prime among them would be that the Catholic Church has learnt nothing and done nothing about sexual abuse of minors in recent years and that there has been a widespread and deliberate cover-up by those who knew exactly what was going on and its effects. In this country at least, the Catholic Church has done a great deal in the last twenty years to put in place procedures which seek to ensure justice for all. They are not perfect and are therefore a work in progress. But to say that we've learnt nothing and done nothing is simply wrong. Similarly, in the past there was an attempt (and not just in the Catholic Church) to deal discreetly with cases of abuse, based upon a failure to understand the pathology of child abuse and the effects of it upon those abused. But that approach has been shown to be a total failure, and in more recent times there has been a sense that unless we deal directly and comprehensively with abuse, then we will certainly fail. I would also hope that, beyond establishing the facts, the Commission will help to bring justice and healing to those who have been abused and to their families.

A more distant hope would be that the Commission might also help to eradicate the sexual abuse of minors, though again one needs to keep in mind what a Commission can and can't do. Some have complained that the scope of the Commission is too broad. But a Commission which was not so broad in its scope would run the risk of failing to deal effectively with a pervasive problem in this society. To narrow the scope of the Commission might have made for manageability, but it would not have dealt with the reality as it is. The broad scope will make the Commission's work almost unmanageable and it will mean that its work will take a very long time. But any other kind of Commission may not have been worth the effort. Certainly a Commission which focused only on the Catholic Church would have amounted to a kind of scapegoating which is always tempting though never helpful when a society isn't sure what to do about a serious and pervasive problem.

In the Catholic Church at least, I don't think it's enough to attribute the entire phenomenon to an unaccountable clericalism. Reductive diagnoses don't help in this area. Is abuse of the young still happening? I don't know. It is possible. All I can say with certainty is that we now know a lot more about the causes and effects of abuse, and are much more determined in working to eradicate it. That's why we will work as cooperatively as we can with the Royal Commission.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

**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

**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

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

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Fr Jose is on his way

After weeks of anticipation, Father Jose Thekkemuriyil 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.

Care & Concern

The October meeting of Care and Concern was well-attended, and a decision was made to hold our Christmas gathering at the Ashmore Tavern on 26th November. This will be preceded by a short monthly meeting (please bring worksheets) to begin at 11:00. All members are encouraged to attend as it is a wonderful social function.

Members and clients are advised that our year will officially close on 14th December, and bookings will resume 16th January, 2013.

Piety Stall at St Joseph Worker Labrador

We have for sale some really lovely Nativity ceramic and poly resin sets.

They would make very nice Christmas gifts and are reasonable priced.

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. Jason 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.

Thank-you & Goodbye- from Fr Jose

As you already know, I am taking leave of you on 26 November 2012 with the new appointment as a Chaplain to the Australian Catholic University campus in Brisbane and as an assistant priest at Hendra-Northgate Parish. After having spent almost 18 months in this parish, I make use of these words to let you know that I am extremely and sincerely grateful to you all; Fr Peter, Fr Jason and each member of this community. Each step of the way you have been with me, encouraging and supporting me throughout. Your friendship made me welcome from the very first day in the parish, and your love and care made me feel at home. Thanks a million! Please be assured of my humble prayers and I also earnestly request your valuable prayers too. See ya, Cheers! Fr Jose

Where are your Christmas cards from last year?

The children in our parish help prepare name tags for the St Vincent de Paul 'Giving Tree'.

Children will make the tags in the next two weeks.

Please bring any used Christmas cards to me as soon as possible as we'll start to make name tags next Sunday.

Sister Helen

Little Blue Books

The little blue books for Advent have arrived! This year the booklet contains six minute reflections on the Sunday gospels of Year C. Available at all three churches. Cost \$5 each.

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

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.

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.

Quote

'Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He who possesses God lacks nothing;

God alone suffices.'

St. John of the Cross

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annie Priestly, Francis Watt, John McFadden, Flavia McConnon.

ANNIVERSARY: Jack McCormack.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Julie 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.

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

Fr Keith Turnbull 60 years a Priest

Today we celebrate the significant occasion of the 60th anniversary to the priesthood of Fr Turnbull. Southport parish has much to be grateful to Fr Turnbull for. Reminiscences have included the purchase of land at Ashmore, Ladrador, Benowa, Runaway Bay, and Coomera; building projects for education and aged care; other pastoral works including social nights, fundraising, and Pastoral Councils. Among these opportunities for growth among parishioners there was a lot of hard work shared amid friends.

THANK YOU FR TURNBULL!

Parish BBQ—Farewell to Fr Jason

5.30 pm Friday 7th December join in an evening of sharing and try YOUR leadership skills at co-ordinating, set-up, preparing, cooking, serving, or clean-up on this occasion of farewell to Fr Jason. Email to Daloras with your particular gift. **RSVP by 27th November** with acceptance and numbers. This date is important for catering purposes.

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 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

Farewell Aquinas Year 12 Students

On Friday the 16th Nov our year 12 students from Aquinas College graduated after 13 years of schooling (let us not forget prep!).

For them it has been the culmination of many years of study, social interaction, sporting events, musical/dramatic performances, and a plethora of other extracurricular activities. Today we offer them our heartfelt prayers and support during this transition into a new chapter of their lives. As they embark into adulthood, with all its challenges and new experiences, we assure them that the community of the Southport Catholic Parish will always be here to support them and offer them a spiritual home throughout their journey. Many blessings and good luck. Stay safe at schoolies!

Saints of the week

Wed Nov 21 Presentation of the Virgin Mary

Even though Mary's presentation in the temple has no basis in history, the Feast stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work.

Thu Nov 22 St Cecilia (3rd Century)

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. An inscription of the fourth century refers to a church named after her. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of liturgy.

Sat Nov 24 Andrew Dung Lac and Companions (19th Century)

St. Andrew was one of 117 martyrs who met death in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862, all canonized by Pope John Paul II. Christianity came to Vietnam when Portuguese Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. Severe persecutions were launched in the 19th century with between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics killed or subjected to great hardship.

'Advent Adventures' at Ashmore

Any child wanting to join in our parish activity day 'Advent Adventures' on Tuesday 18th December is asked to register their name before the end of November as places are limited. All children who are planning to come to Mary Immaculate church for Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve are reminded to come on Tuesday 18th December to be included in our 2013 'Story of Christmas'. Please contact Sister Helen for a registration form before the end of November.

helenw@scp.org.au

Prayer

Confusion need not paralyze me, unless I want that to happen. I want not to be rash, imprudent, or abrupt, but I would like to be decisive.

Teach me the relationship between incision and decision; give me the courage to decide in a way that cuts through the confusion.

When your light breaks through, the forces separate so that I can handle them one by one, toward clarity, toward peace, toward a reassuring amen.



HYMNS

ALL THE EARTH (Lucien Deiss, CSSp)

Refrain:

**All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Serve you the Lord, heart filled
with gladness.
Come into his presence singing for joy! **R.**

Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes, he is our Father; we are his own. **R.**

We are the sheep of his green pasture.
For we are his people; he is our God. **R.**

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.
R.

Our Lord is good, his love enduring.
His word is abiding now with us all. **R.**

Honour and praise be to the Father,
The Son and the Spirit, world without end.
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

Keep me safe O God, You are my hope.

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

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.**

GATHER US O GOD

Gather us, O God,
Body, spirit, soul and mind.
Gather us, O God.

One in union now with You.

RECESSIONAL

Lord, The Light Of Your Love

(Graham Kendrick)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with
the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow.
Flood the nations with grace and mercy:
Send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **R.**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33-37**

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