

**Twenty Second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
YEAR C  
FATHER'S DAY**

SUNDAY September 1 2013

**“Everyone gets a ribbon”?**

This time next week, Australia will have our next Prime Minister! We will have ticked the squares for our preferred candidates and may have stayed up late watching progressive results as commentators in the tally room announce winners and losers seat by seat!

Only one person will win in each Electoral Division. Only that one person will win the seat for their Electoral Division in the House of Representatives. Everyone doesn't get a ribbon in politics! Everyone doesn't get a ribbon in 'real-life'.

A few weeks ago, I read an article in a local paper about consequences of an “everyone gets a ribbon” culture. The article quoted Amanda Ripley, author of a new book *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way*. Ms Ripley's research for the book explored how teenagers learn in top-performing countries. She intimated that the most successful students in those countries had not grown up in an “everyone gets a ribbon” culture. Rather those students had learnt resilience!

“The trick is that teaching kids to fail and then recover is easier when they are 10 than when they are 30, so if we don't teach them about resilience when they are younger we are not really helping them,” she said. Perhaps the same comments could be made of the quality of humility!

In today's gospel, Jesus recounts a parable of a wedding feast and exhorts His listeners: “do not take your set in the place of honour.” Rather Jesus exhorts His listeners: “when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there.” Surely Jesus was encouraging His listeners to develop humility and resilience.

What could those qualities mean for us as individuals today? What could those qualities mean for Australia as a nation? How could each of us develop our resilience in the midst of an “everyone gets a ribbon” culture?

Surely Jesus' teaching challenges the values of many people in our society where pride and prejudice often supplant humility and hospitality.

Surely Jesus' teaching challenges the values of many people who view any kind of failure as defeat rather than as a stepping stone to resilience. Because in 'real-life' everyone doesn't get a ribbon!

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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

**Guardian Angels'  
Church**

99 Scarborough St  
Southport

**Saturday**

6.00pm

**Sunday Mass**

7.00 am  
10.00 am

**Weekday Mass**

Friday - 12.30pm

**Reconciliation**

**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

**EXPOSITION-BENEDICTION and ROSARY**  
Sunday, September 8, at Guardian Angels Church,  
Southport from 11.30am



You are all invited to  
celebrate Mother Mary's  
birthday with Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament  
Benediction and a Rosary.



There will be fellowship  
over a light lunch. Please  
call or text Len Amores  
on 0438 724 053 for catering purposes.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

'Happy Father's Day' means more than to have a happy day.  
It means I love you first of all—then thanks for all you do.  
It means you mean a lot to me and that I honour you.

*A daughter*

**POPE'S VISION OF A FATHER**

Pope John XXIII had a wonderful quote regarding the role of fathers. He once said: "It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a father." They are confronting yet truth-filled words from a man who, though himself would never have children of his own, was indeed a father to many. Pope John XXIII was a spiritual father to millions of Catholics, and with the advent of the Second Vatican Council, became a Church Father by way of his vision for the faith and life of the church in the modern world. Hence it would seem that one's ability to assist in procreation does not make a man a father. Fatherhood is a role and a life that is at once both challenging and fulfilling. Christ himself has taught us the power and beauty of this relationship between father and child, teaching us to call God our Father.

**A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

*God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world.  
Guide them to be good role models  
and loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a father like you are.  
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a  
loving way.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MAINTENANCE TO MISSION**

**NEW EVANGELISATION**

**OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST**

**So much to offer—so much to receive**

**Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge in exploring our call to mission, to share our encounter with Christ by opening the doors of our hearts to others.**

**MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE ARCHBISHOP SPEAK ON A SUBJECT SO CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THE POPE.**

**SEMINAR: Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.  
Wednesday September 4, 7.00pm to 8.30pm**

**WORKSHOP: Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters  
Wednesday, September 18, 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

**DO NOT BE AFRAID I WILL RESCUE YOU**



Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to act in partnership with missionaries in India and throughout the world. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional and spiritual care as they are rescuing children from horrific situations such as child trafficking, child labour and extreme poverty.

**Please come prepared next weekend and give generously**

**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE PIETY STALL TODAY FOR ALL YOUR FATHER'S DAY GIFTS**

**MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA**

Celebrate Our Lady's Birthday on Saturday, September 7 and Fatima Day Friday, September 13, at Marian Valley Canungra. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am on both days. For bookings please call Viviane on 55 359 623.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**



On Sunday, September 29. at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore, we will be having a special blessing for those celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary, any time during 2013. If it is your **1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th** Wedding

Anniversary this year, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office on 55 102 222 or email [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au) A Wedding Anniversary is the celebration of Love, Trust, Partnership, Tolerance and Tenacity.

The Parish would love to share in your celebrations.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2013**



Preparation gatherings for Reconciliation will commence in October. Children who received Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2012 or before are invited to register to begin preparation for Reconciliation. Please contact Sister Helen at [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au) Before Friday, September 13.

**CROCHET CLASSES AT LABRADOR**

Our Crochet teacher, Susannah is prepared to teach a third term for beginners and experienced crafters, in the "Annex" at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. The term is for eight weeks and will commence on Tuesday, October 1 and finish on November 19. 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost \$10, plus \$10 for material. To register your interest in this community building activity contact Leeanne at the parish office.

**THE RADIANT HEART RETREAT**

"Fan into a flame the gift of God"

A Silent Retreat with presentation and reflections led by Father Matthew McPhee O.CARM The Lay Carmelites extend a warm invitation to you to attend our Annual Retreat Day Loreto College, 415 Cavendis Road Coorparoo



Sunday, September 15 commencing at 9.00am with registrations. Retreat 9.30am to 2.45pm  
Cost \$20 per person. BYO Lunch. Tea and Coffee supplied.

RSVP: By Sunday, September 8,  
to Mary White (Coorparoo) on 3397 1007 or to  
Norm Harding (Southport) 0421 125 575. or email  
[silasharding@optusnet.com.au](mailto:silasharding@optusnet.com.au)

**NEW PARISH SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

We now have two new Parish Social Gatherings. The **Southport Parish Book Club**, which meets on the first Monday of each month. The Book Club had a vacancy for one more member. Phone Carol on 0414 281 647. The other is the **Mary Immaculate Bridge Club**, which meets each Wednesday 9.00am to 12 noon in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate. All the present members are beginners. So if you can play bridge or would like to learn come along any Wednesday. You will be most welcome.



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

Joshua and Daniel Whitehouse  
Children of  
Craig and Halima Whitehouse

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cyril Maloney, Ellen Noble

**ANNIVERSARY:** Lieselotte Karow, Roy Bevan.

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** 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, Maureen Bengtson, Janice Keating, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin, Cyndy Fenner-Smith, Sam D'Abreo, Robert Perren, Fay James, Eddie Walters, Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, Yvonne See, Gary O'Connell, Ross McAlpine, Jim Cliffe, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Vickey Smith, Babes Valenzuela

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

### **FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

#### **Tuesday, September 3, St Gregory the Great, Pope**

St Gregory the Great was born in Rome, the son of a Roman Senator. He was Prefect (Mayor) of the city of Rome when he discerned a deep call and entered the monastery of St Andrew and became abbot. The Pope sent him on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople where he remained for five years. Upon the death of the pope, Gregory was elected to succeed him, the first monk ever elected as the Successor of Peter. Gregory exercised a momentous influence on the doctrine, the organization, and the discipline of the Catholic Church. If no account were taken of his work, the evolution of the form of medieval Christianity would be almost inexplicable. And in so far as the modern Catholic system is a legitimate development of medieval Catholicism, of this too Gregory may not unreasonably be termed the Father. Almost all the leading principles of the Catholicism are found, at any rate in elementary principals in Gregory the Great. He is honoured as a Doctor of the Church.

#### **WORTH A SMILE**

##### **Fathers then and now.**

In 1900, if a Father had breakfast in bed, it was eggs and bacon. Today, it's Special K, soy milk, dry toast and a lecture on cholesterol.

In 1900, Fathers would have a heart-to-heart conversation while fishing. Today, Fathers pluck the headphones off their son's ears and shout, "When you have a minute".

In 1900, Fathers said, "A man's home is his castle".

Today, they say, "Welcome to the money pit".

In 1900, a happy meal was when Father shared funny stories around the table. Today, a happy meal is what Dad buys at McDonald's.

In 1900, Fathers passed on cloths to their sons. Today, kids wouldn't touch Dad's cloths if they were sliding naked down an icicle.

In 1900, a Father came home from work to find his family at the dinner table. Today, a Father comes home to a note, "Jimmy's at football, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult Ed, Pizza in the fridge."

#### **ROSARY AND NOVENA**

There will be Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador, next Wednesday, September 4.

#### **BIG THANK YOU**

The members of the Catholic Women's League would like to thank all the parishioners who supported their Cake Stall at the 8.30 Mass at Mary Immaculate last Sunday. Along with the various people who donated cakes. Over \$470 was raised.

### **PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013**

**1st & 3rd Thursday**, each month Lectio Divina Cenacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

**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.

Sunday, **September 1**, Fathers Day

Thursday, **September 19**, Parish Bus trip to Toowoomba for Carnival of Flowers. Cost \$50.

Sunday, **September 29**, Wedding Anniversary Celebrations 8.30 Mass, Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **October 13**, Stewardship Sign-on Sunday.

Sunday, **October 27**, Family Mass of Enrolment for children preparing for Reconciliation. 8.30am Ashmore.

Thursday, **October 31**, Ministers Commissioning Mass 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Thursday, **November 14**, Memorial Mass, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

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

#### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last" Luke 13:20*

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same standards.

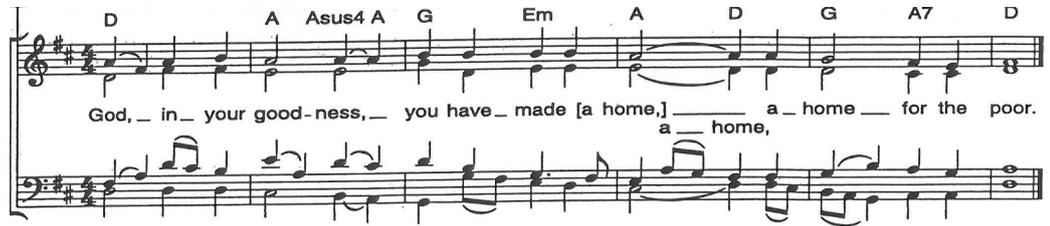


During his Angelus address in St Peter's Square on Sunday August 11, Pope Francis asked the pilgrims to think about what Jesus said to his disciples in the Gospel of Luke: 'Where your treasure is, there also is your heart, an anaesthetised heart?' he asked. "And what, for you, is the most important most precious thing, that which attracts your heart like a magnet?" Many people would respond that their family is the most important thing, he said. That's good, but "what is the force that holds your family together? It's love, and the one who sows love in our heart is God."

#### **VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you are looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

# 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**

## **GLORIA**

### **Refrain:**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae  
voluntatis.**

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.

### **Refrain:**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

God in your goodness you have made  
a home for the poor.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
Wisdom 9:13-18  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The word of the Lord lasts forever,  
What is the Word that is living? It is  
brought to us through his Son Jesus  
Christ.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **GIFTS PROCESSION**

**THE CRY OF THE POOR** (John  
Foley S.J.)

### **Refrain:**

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
Blessed be the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
with praise ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord,  
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R**

Let the lowly hear and be glad:  
the Lord listens to their pleas;  
And to hearts broken God is near,  
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna  
in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
in the highest.

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
And profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## **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**

**TABLE OF PLENTY** (D Schutte)

### **Refrain**

**Come to the feast of heaven  
and earth!**

**Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that  
we need,  
Here at the table of plenty.**

O, come and sit at my table,  
Where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money;  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you  
Through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
To flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
Your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
Will send my rain on the soil. **R**

## **IT'S MORE THAN WINE AND BREAD:**

(Vince Nims)

When we eat this bread, our eyes are opened  
When we drink this wine, we hear your voice  
When we celebrate this sacrifice  
our hearts become restored.  
When we eat this bread,  
our minds grow strong  
When we drink this wine, we are renewed  
When we celebrate this sacrifice  
we glorify our God!

**Refrain: And it's more than wine;  
it's your blood.**

**And it's more than bread; it's your body.  
And it's more than wine; it's your blood.  
And it's more than bread; it's your body.  
When we receive you Lord,  
we are transformed into your church.**

When we eat this bread, we fill with hope  
When we drink this wine,  
we change the world  
When we celebrate this sacrifice  
we're giving you our lives  
When we eat this bread, we grow closer  
When we drink this wine, we do declare  
When we celebrate this sacrifice we profess  
our faith in you.

## **RECESSIONAL**

### **WE ARE CALLED**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God! **R**

### **Refrain:**

**We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another;  
To walk humbly with God!**

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
So hatred and blindness will be no more! **R**

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