

**Twenty Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
YEAR C**

SUNDAY September 15 2013

New Lost In God's Eyes

The gospel for this Sunday includes three parables, all of them quite preposterous to a practical-minded, economically sensitive follower of Jesus. Who would go after one stupid, lost sheep and take the chance of losing the other ninety-nine? If 'rejoice with me' includes food and drink – and we can hardly imagine that it wouldn't – then the shepherd is still going to lose some of his property! Or who would bother to clean a whole house for one coin? And if 'rejoice with me' includes food and drink, then the woman spent more than one coin partying with her friends! Or who would 'celebrate with a feast' for a son who has the audacity to ask for his inheritance early, squander it, and then come home to a party rather than to punishment and disgrace? This doesn't make sense – and that is the point!

In the first two parables, there is no concern for *how* the sheep and coin are lost: they are not to blame. All that matters is that they are found. But the prodigal son is to blame. He is 'lost' because of his dissolute life. However the father (unlike the older brother) is not concerned with blame. His only concern is that he has his son back. So too with God who is more eager to welcome and receive sinners than to hold them accountable.

Being a faithful disciple does not mean always doing the logical thing nor the most practical thing. Like God in the first reading we too must put aside our short-sightedness and be merciful and forgiving. If we find this difficult, we only need to remember God's utter fidelity and compassion toward us.

Forgiveness is never easy, and so much more difficult when the hurt is intentional. Perhaps one way is to consider the good in the other person who needs our forgiveness – just like us they are a baptised son or daughter of a loving God. Even good and faithful disciples are called to compassion!

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St Joseph the Worker Church
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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

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
So far only four couples have contacted Sr Lis. Are there any more? September 29 is not far away,
The Parish would love to share in your celebrations

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

To Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



St Brigid's Catholic Parish, McLaren Road, Nerang.

Commencing in October on the Second and Fourth Saturday morning of each month, after 9.00am Mass we will be having a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Dates: October 12th and 26th.

November 9th and 23rd

December 14th and 28th—Dates for 2014 will be advised.

Please come along to participate in this beautiful devotion.

SAMOAN MASS

The Samoan Community of the Gold Coast have organised a Mass to be said in the Samoan language with Samoan music to be celebrated by Father Epati Tamati at St Brigid's Catholic Church Nerang on **Sunday October 6 at 1.30pm**. Everyone is most welcome. For further information please phone Maina on 0438 256 297.

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Gold Coast Team for Marriage Spirituality is holding a day of retreat and reflection at St Brigid's Nerang on Sunday, September 29.

The day will begin with participants attending the Parish Mass at 8.30am celebrated by parish priest Father Rafal Ruciniski, who is also the spiritual Counselor for the Gold Coast Team.

The Gold Coast team extends an invitation to any couple who would like to join them for this spiritual opportunity.

Couples will be guided through the day by Sue Thomas, the Pastoral Associate at Surfers Paradise.

Lunch will be provided and a donation of \$10 would be appreciated. The day will conclude at 3.00pm.

Bookings:

Sue and Bren Milsom, 55 224 880, 0409 718 139

or email milsom@iinet.net.au

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Helping you journey to a new beginning

Friday, October 25 to Sunday, October 27

Beginning experience Weekend is a live-in weekend for adults grieving the loss of a relationship through death, or separation and who are ready to come to terms with their loss and begin to move forward with their lives.

This is a core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. To be held at the

Queensland Conference and Camping Centre
179 Gold Creek Road Brookfield.

For information and enquiries visit the website
www.brisbanebe.org.au or phone Paul on 0428 977 417.

Blessed are you especially if you know how to recognize the Lord in all those you meet; you have found the true light, true wisdom.

THROUGH THE DOOR OF FAITH

In the Acts of the Apostles, Barnabas and Paul make a report when they return to Antioch, their mission-base, after the first ever Christian mission outside Palestine: They tell of "how (God) had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles" (14:27) The Gentiles had encountered not just the mission team but Christ crucified and risen, whom the mission team had proclaimed. Once they had encountered Jesus, the Gentiles decided to entrust their life to him, which is what faith means They recognised in him the doorway into life, and they were prepared to say yes to him, to walk through the doorway.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO SAY YES?

TO OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THE REGIONAL

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

This workshop will be facilitated by Faith and Life staff and is a follow up of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's seminar last Wednesday.

Please RSVP to Surfers Paradise Parish Office 55 725 433

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

There will be no Charismatic prayer meeting today, it will resume on the 1st Sunday in October.

The organisers of last Sunday's Exposition, Benediction and Rosary in honour of Mother Mary's birthday would like to thank Father Robert for responding to their request and selflessly sharing his time and effort to all. Many thanks as well to those who came and joined through to the shared lunch. Fellowship is an important tool to grow spiritually. To find out more about the Couples for Christ group, contact Allan or Len 0438 724 053. email len@amores.com.au

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS



A big thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who have been volunteers for Children's Liturgy this term. Our parish is blessed with so many young families. There have been more children coming to our three groups

each Sunday.

Any parishioner who would like to volunteer for Children's Liturgy could "come and see" for a couple of weeks with our three groups next term.

Please contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au to join the wonderful volunteers on the Children's Liturgy team.

SPRINGTIME BAPTISMS

Many parents have requested to have their children's baptisms in our parish during Spring! Every Sunday in October has been booked and Sundays in November and December are filling quickly.

If you know any parents who plan to request baptism this year please encourage them to contact Sister Helen

helenw@scp.org.au before the end of September.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

After this weekend, The Catholic Weekly will no longer be available from our churches. Parishioners can subscribe and have it mailed to you at a cost of \$90 per year. It can also be accessed free, through their website www.thecatholicweekly.com.au

Ozcare Parkwood Gardens, is looking for Volunteers, to visit residents, read to them and for calling bingo. These activities start at 10.30am to 11.30am and in the afternoon from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Call Michelle on 55 002 477 if you can help.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Volicia Evie Manda Markovic daughter of Ivo and Sladana Markovic.

Rhys Hunter and Lincoln Tyler Neuss sons of Jason and Lauren Neuss

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Shepherd, William Simpson,

ANNIVERSARY: Severina Badana, Alfred Marschner.

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, Vicky Smith, Babes Valenzuela

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

WORTH A SMILE

A priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner. However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited: 'I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. The first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had taken illegal drugs. I was appalled. But as the day went on I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a parish full of good and loving people.' Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk: 'I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived,' said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession. Moral: Never, be late.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 16 Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

Decius, Roman Emperor from 249 to 251, instigated fierce persecutions aimed at the total extinction of Christianity. Large numbers were lost to the Church through both martyrdom and apostasy. St Cornelius, as Pope, worked to maintain unity against the opposition of the first anti-pope, Novatian, and to welcome back those who had apostasised. He was supported by St Cyprian, Bishop of Cartage. Both Cornelius and Cyprian claimed that the Church had the authority and power to forgive repentant apostates. Both Cornelius and Cyprian were martyred in 253.

Friday, September 20 Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions.

The Korean Church is unique because it was founded entirely by lay people. This fledgling Church, so young and yet so strong in faith, withstood wave after wave of fierce persecution. Thus, in less than a century, it could boast of 10,000 martyrs. Even today their undying spirit sustains the Christians in the Church of silence in the north of this tragically divided land.

MARY IMMACULATE BRIDGE CLUB

After eight solid weeks our training is complete so we now have 14 players able to take their place at Club level.

We are inviting all Bridge players, experienced or not, to come and join us each Wednesday, 10am to 12noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate.

Blessed are you if you can look seriously at small things and peacefully at serious things; you will go far in life.

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.

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

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives you everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our back on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

IN 2014 AQUINAS COLLEGE CELEBRATES

50 YEARS OF QUALITY EDUCATION

Some of the events planned during 2014 are:

Friday, February 14, Opening School Mass

Friday, May 2, Open Day and Carnival

Saturday, May 3, 50th Anniversary Ball

Sunday, June 29 to Friday July 4, Confraternity Rugby League Carnival

Friday, August 1, Past and Present Students Cabaret

Friday, August 22, 50th Anniversary Mass

Friday, November 7, Night of Excellence

Friday, November 21, Year 12 Graduation and Formal



HYMNS

GATHER TOGETHER- Brian Boniwell

Refrain:

***Gather together, gather as one,
Come as the body of Christ.
Gather to share in the Spirit of love.
Gather together as one.***

Open to all, we gather as one.
Drawn by the light of Jesus the Son. **R**

Called to be bread,
now broken and shared.
Called to be one in the Spirit of love. **R**

Come with your gifts,
the fruit of your lives.
Share in this life, the family of God. **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

I will rise and go to my Father.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



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

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,
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

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.***

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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**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams of every heart,
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from
all fear. **R**

See the face of Christ revealed in every
person standing by you side,
Gift to one another,
and temples of your love. **R**

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Antiphon:

***I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine:
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.***

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
He will bring you his light and his peace. (A)

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
He will bring you his joy and his hope. (A)

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love. (A)

RECESSIONAL

BLEST BE THE LORD (D. Schutte)

REFRAIN:

***Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me from the nets
of all my foes.

He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

I need not shrink before the terrors
of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
no arrow strike me down,
no evil settle in my soul. **R**

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