

**Twenty Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
YEAR C
Child Protection Sunday**

SUNDAY September 8 2013

Are You Afraid to cut Yourself off from Noise ?

Can you peacefully remove yourself from the daily, 24/7 barrage of constant news, trivia, talking heads and images of all sorts which has only increased over the years ? Or do you feel anxious if removed from the mobile, TV, radio, newspaper or internet. If allowed to do so, unrelenting access to these can and do steal from the human mind any chance of having the mind-space to be at peace, let alone to pray.

Are you ever filled with Silence? Attentive, fruitful, healing silence, not lonely, dejected, aimless silence. A Silence filled with an awareness of God present as close as one's heart. How long can you be 'in silence' before restlessness overwhelms and your reach for a remote or keyboard ?

Pope Francis has this on his mind during September. Each month, the Popes issue two prayer intentions in which we are invited to pray with them. This month, the first intention of Pope Francis concerns the Value of Silence. He prays: ***That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.***

A woman who chose to live in the heart of Calcutta, India, one of the noisiest, crowded cities of the world from a young age, Mother Teresa carved out of her long, busy days, frequent periods of silence. Times when she was physically still, mentally 'off the merry-go-round' and spiritually open to the presence of God. These were non-negotiable and she insisted on them too for those who came to help her. As she went about her work, she handed out what she called her 'business card' to anyone she met. On it was printed:

**“THE FRUIT OF SILENCE IS PRAYER
THE FRUIT OF PRAYER IS FAITH
THE FRUIT OF FAITH IS LOVE
THE FRUIT OF LOVE IS SERVICE
THE FRUIT OF SERVICE IS PEACE.”**

It summed up her uncomplicated approach to the Christian life, her Rule of Life. In her wisdom, Teresa also had this to say:

“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.”

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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

**TODAY IS CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL
DO NOT BE AFRAID— I WILL RESCUE YOU**



In India, child trafficking and child labour is the reality for 12 million children. Every day countless young children are stolen from, or sold by, their families into domestic work and prostitution against their will. Today we invite you to put faith and action together and support the tireless work of Sister Clara and missionaries around the world in rescuing these girls. By supporting the Catholic Mission Church Appeal today or by becoming a "Friend in Faith Partner" with a monthly gift, you will help rescue innocent girls and help give them a future with hope.

Please give generously.

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

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 Before Friday, September 13.

AQUINAS COLLEGE 50th ANNIVERSARY 2014



Gerard Sullivan (a resident at De Paul Manor) is currently assisting Aquinas College develop and organize the College Archives and prepare a 50th Anniversary Booklet for 2014.

Past students, parents and teachers of the College are invited to donate old uniforms, old textbooks, old work/exercise books, memorabilia. You may like to donate or loan old photos (which can be scanned and returned in a short time frame), etc. for archival and display purposes. In time, we hope also to invite people to share their memories in some oral history interviews. Gerard will be working closely with the Assistant Principal, Ray Lawn. Please contact Gerard if you are able to contribute on 0400 359 511 or email archives@aquinas.qld.com.au

PARISH BUS TRIP

To Toowoomba for the Carnival of Flowers

Thursday, September 19. Anyone who has not collected their ticket please ring Pat urgently on 55 395 849.

Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 7.30am. Pick Up Points: Queen Street, Opposite Convenience Store.—Railway Street and St Joseph the Worker Church.

SOUTHPORT PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Book Club got off to a terrific start last Monday, with seven parishioners making up a very enthusiastic gathering. Their book of choice for the October meeting is "In One Person" by John Irving. In November they have chosen "The Pagoda Tree" by Claire Scobie. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, phone Carol 0414 281 647 They meet on the first Monday of each month.

WANTED TO RENT

One of our parishioners urgently needs to rent a three bedroom house with double lock up garage. Somewhere in the parish area. They have excellent references, also have a small pet. If you can help please call Daloras at the parish office.

CHILDS PROTECTION SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Bishops, in choosing, Sunday September 8 as Child Protection Sunday, have offered this prayer for children.

'Lord, you asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the Reign of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen.

What are you doing to "Play your part" To keep children safe and cared for in your community.

Being a parent can be challenging. Accept offers of help. Link in with services that support you.—new Parent Groups can be fantastic. It's ok to reach out and ask for support. Discover what helps reduce your stress and assists you to best care for your children. Listen to your children and involve them in planning things as a family. Parenting isn't easy. Take time out when you feel stressed or upset—look after yourself. Parenting can be positive—notice the good times too. Make plans for enjoyable "family time" Talk about safety with your children. Talk about what being unsafe might look and feel like at home, in the community, online or at school. Make plans about what to do if they feel unsafe. Celebrate your children and their achievements, values and interests and support your children when times are tough.

This will build a string family that is loving and safe.

**THANK YOU FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL
MARY IMMACULATE CONFERENCE**



Thank you to you all for your ongoing generous support to our Conference good works: your food donations in our food bins at the back of both the Labrador and Ashmore Churches plus your Poor Box donations give us flexibility in our

"hand up" to those less fortunate than ourselves. In June and July we offered plenty of useful advice and referrals, and spent \$7,054 assisting 245 people (half children), making 109 visits during 105 hours. We are called by Christ to serve those in need and such acts of love and compassion for our neighbour draw us closer to God. Thank you for your love in giving of yourselves to help us give a hand up and make a difference to those in need. We keep you and your families in our prayers. New members always welcome! Contact Nerida at mil3@svdp.org.au or 0417606639

MARY IMMACULATE BRIDGE CLUB.

After eight week of professional instruction behind them, the Bridge Club is under way. With 16 members meeting every Wednesday to enjoy a great social outing.

A new training class will start immediately for anyone interested in learning the game, or like a couple of the present members who played years ago and had forgotten some of the rules. Lessons are \$10 per person per lesson.

We are a great social group with everyone at the same standard. So if you play Bridge socially at home, and don't want the stress of joining a professional club, come along and join us. We meet every Wednesday, at 10.00am to 12 noon in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate.

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!



Today we welcome into God's Family

Miguel Ian Putong, son of
Orlando and Myra Putong

Bonnie Jean Short, daughter of
Timothy Short and Elizabeth Iliffe

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop William Brennan (Wagga) Elsie Burmingham, Rosalie Rusic.

ANNIVERSARY: Bernadette Mahoney, Kevin Green. Sheila Crotty, Frank Burmingham, Shirley Donohue, Jim Donohue, Bob Sullivan, Luz Abelardo.

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

WORTH A SMILE

A young man appeared before St Peter at the Pearly Gates. "Have you ever done anything in your life of particular merit?", St Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing" the young man replied. "On a trip to the shopping centre, I came upon a gang of bikies who were molesting a young woman. I asked them to leave her alone but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kick his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, "Now, back off or I'll do the same to the rest of you." St Peter was very impressed, "When did this happen?" "Just a couple of minutes ago."

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Friday, September 13 St John Chrysostom

One of the Greatest Early Church Fathers of the 5th Century, St John was born in 347 AD. St John became a monk and was ordained a priest where his eloquent preaching on the Sacred Scriptures in Antioch earned him the title of 'Chrysostom', meaning 'golden mouthed'. In 398, he was made Archbishop of Constantinople where his call to repentance and moral reform won him the enmity of the nominally Christian Empress who had him deported and exiled on trumped-up charges. But his preaching and intrepid boldness inspired the hearts of the people of Constantinople who held him in great affection. His devotion to the written Word of God was matched only by a love of the Eucharist. St John died under harsh conditions of his exile in 407.

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Also known as Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The Cross is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. The Cross is the symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ, all in one image rather than being a symbol of shame, faith in the resurrection makes the Cross a symbol of pride.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVAL MASS

Multicultural Theme



All Vincentians—active, retired, staff and volunteers, friends and family—are invited to celebrate our next Vincentian Festival Mass at Marsden on **Friday September 27.**

A bus (free) is being arranged to leave Mary Immaculate at 6.00pm. If you intend to

use the bus or can offer anyone a lift, please call Nerida urgently at mi13@svdp.org.au or 0417 606 639.

The multicultural theme extends to the catering.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday September 13, in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, at 11.00am. Followed by Mass at 12.30pm then lunch. New members and any visitors are welcome to attend Phone Anne 55 392 707.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple" Luke 14:33



When we first heard this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples

HYMNS

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (Bob Hurd)

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters, each of us called
to walk in your light. **R.**

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other, each of the gifts
the Spirit provides. **R.**

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
Waters of mercy, waters of hope
that flow from your side. **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

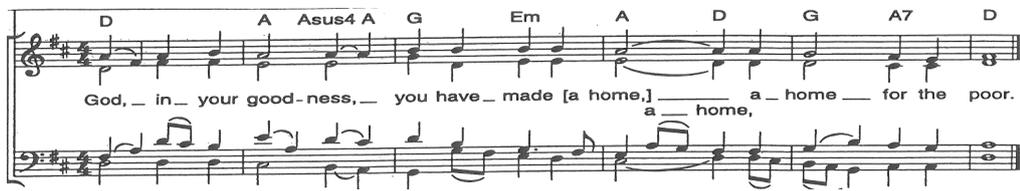
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age O Lord you have been our
refuge.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

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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

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure
thou art.

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

THE SUMMONS

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

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.**

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**

RECESSIONAL

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Take the word of God with you as your go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make them
grow

Refrain:

**Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God,
the love of God with you as you go.
You as you go.**

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace
and make them grow. **R**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy
and make them grow. **R**

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make them
grow **R**

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