

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

SUNDAY October 20 2013

**Persistence in Prayer**

Today's Sunday readings focus on the power of persistence in prayer. The scripture describes prayer as a mysterious adventure similar to a life of struggle. Thus St Paul writes "I urge you brothers and sisters, by our lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. {Rom 15:30}. If the life of prayer is similar to a struggle, one can win or lose a struggle depending on one's determination and training.

The author of the first reading writes that the Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim {Ex.17:8}. Amalek signifies the forces which fought to frustrate Israel's exodus from Egypt. In her wisdom Amalek sought to destroy Israel at Rephidim. Rephidim symbolises a strategic place and moment when Israel in exodus is thought to be weak, less prepared, defenceless and most disadvantaged to launch or resist an assault. Rephidim also designates a time and place when the devil considers the believer vulnerable.

Being at Mass daily and saying our prayers can be compared to Moses keeping his hands upraised: a gesture of prayer, in order to receive the Lord's continuous protection and help, as we hear in the first reading. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage in battle, against one of the fiercest fighters Israel ever had. No nation could ever defeat them. But with Moses hands raised in prayer to God, with Aaron and Hur holding Moses hands up high in the ancient but charismatic posture of prayer and the forces of God on the side of Israel, Amalek was defeated. This continuous assistance of God is re-echoed in the responsorial Psalm "our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth"

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming tired. Jesus was quite aware that his disciples tend to give up too soon and therefore tells them the parable of a widow who kept going to a judge until he finally accepted to intervene on her behalf. As a result of her persistence, she got what she wanted.

The point of the parable is clear. There is nothing impossible with God. Just as there were no enemies too strong for the army of Israel with God on their side, so too with us, when God battles with us against negative influences. Just as Israel battles with Amalek, we too wage war against our weaknesses and vices.

Whether we fight against our sinful habits: anger, gossip, drug addiction and alcoholism, don't ever give up. Trusting on our persistent power of prayer, our personal Amalek will be defeated. So we are encouraged with these words from St Paul "If God is for us, who can be against us? {Rom.8:31}"

Let us pray God to make us strong in faith and help us to be persistent in prayer.

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**St Joseph the Worker  
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,  
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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

## INVITATION TO ALL MINISTERS

To the Ministers Commissioning Mass and Supper  
Thursday, October 31, at the 5.30pm Mass  
at Mary Immaculate Church

Southport Catholic Parish invites you to our annual  
Commissioning Eucharist and Supper

This is an opportunity for all parishioners involved in  
ministries in our parish to be acknowledged for sharing  
their time and gifts with our community.

Eucharist will be followed by supper in the Meeting Room  
Please RSVP by October 24, to Parish Office 55 102 222 .

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



*With  
Deepest  
Sympathy*

The Mass of Remembrance will be held on  
Thursday, November 14 at 5.30pm; this is a  
Mass where we invite the families of those  
we have buried during the past 12 months  
to bring a photo of their loved one and a  
flower to place in front of the altar during  
the reading of the Roll of Honour.

If any parishioner has had loved ones die in  
the past 12 months and would like to take part in this cere-  
mony, please contact Sr Elisabeth on 55 102 222 or email  
[lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au)

## A GREAT MAN

One of De Paul Villa's most respected residents,  
Father Vince Creed, will be celebrating his 100th  
birthday this week.

Such a grand milestone deserves a celebration, and  
being the humble man that he is, Father Creed has  
simply asked that we have a Mass at which he will be a  
celebrant.

This Mass will be at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore  
at 9.00am this Tuesday October 21. All are welcome to  
join Father's family, friends and De Paul residents for  
the celebration.

## MELBOURNE CUP

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.



The Catholic Women's League are once again  
running their Melbourne Cup sweep and tickets  
will be on sale at all Masses next Sunday  
October 27

### Tickets \$2

**First \$125 Second \$75 Third \$50**

Make sure your phone number is on the ticket.

The draw will take place in the Parish Office on Monday,  
November 4. Those who draw a horse will be notified.

## SIGN-UP TODAY AT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Last weekend, if you attended either the 6.00pm Mass or  
the 7.00am Mass at Guardian Angels, you would not have  
received your personal letter from Father Peter encouraging  
you to Sign-up for a ministry. This weekend at both these  
Masses the Greeters will hand you both the newsletter and  
an envelope. Please open it and read the enclosed leaflet  
and covering letter from Father Peter. The leaflet will list all our  
Parish Ministries to assist you in deciding which ministry  
suits your Time, Talent and Treasure. There is also a card to  
be filled out and placed on the plate or returned to the  
parish office.

## I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME

There are hundreds of people on bridging visas who have  
been re-located from temporary Red Cross accommodation  
to South East Queensland. They are not allowed to work.  
They receive \$223 a week for ALL expenses. Peter Richards,  
Chairman of the St Vincent de Paul Refugee and Migrant  
Committee, issues a plea for donations to set up a house-  
hold "in an instant hurry" until goods from Vinnies Depot  
arrive; **cooking utensils, crockery, glasses, blankets,  
sheets, doonas, quilts, bedspreads all serve as a blanket**.  
Please leave your donation at our hamper food bins in the  
Labrador and Ashmore Churches, or at the Parish Office.  
We will collect them for Peter who will distribute them  
directly to the people in need. Please contact Nerida for more  
information or you need something collected.

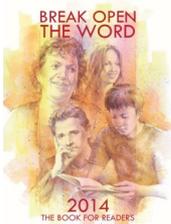
[Nerida.smith@bigpond.com](mailto:Nerida.smith@bigpond.com) 0417 606 639  
55 006 547.

## IT'S TIME—TO HAVE YOUR SAY

As you are all aware by now, we are losing Father Peter,  
our Parish Priest and both his Associate Pastors, Fathers  
Geoffrey and Robert. All three have been transferred to  
other parishes at the end of the year.

There is a process to assist Archbishop Mark Coleridge in  
the appointment of a new Parish Priest. As part of the  
process, Monsignor Peter Meneely, Vicar General of the  
Archdiocese and Fr Peter Brannelly, on behalf of the  
Archbishop, will conduct a meeting which will focus upon  
the past achievements of the parish and the hopes and  
desires for the parish into the future. All parishioners of  
the Southport Parish are ENCOURAGED to attend this  
meeting tomorrow evening, Monday October 21, in the  
Resource Centre beginning at 7.00pm.

## BREAK OPEN THE WORD



The new Church year begins on the 1st  
Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2013. and the  
readings will change from Year C to Year A.

Of particular importance for Readers is 'Break  
Open the Word' which is an excellent help in  
your preparation for the Sunday Readings. We  
strongly urge all readers to obtain a copy. If  
you purchase it through the Parish it will cost  
you \$14, otherwise it will be \$20. If you wish  
to order a copy, please contact Sr Elisabeth at

the Parish Office (55 102 222) or email [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au)  
no later than Friday, November 8

## PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION



Parents with children preparing for Reconciliation  
in November are reminded our first gathering will  
be tomorrow **Monday, October 21**. Please gather  
in the parish meeting room at 4.30pm.

Families will present their children to the parish  
during 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate church

on Sunday, October 27.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Have you visited our Piety Stall to purchase your 2014  
Columban Calendar? 2014 marks the 92nd edition of the  
Calendar which is well known for its traditional religious  
paintings and liturgical information. The iconic calendar has  
become a feature in Catholic homes to generations of  
Australians and is a major fundraiser for St Columban's  
Mission Society. **At only \$6**, make sure you get your copy.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

### We need your help.

This year we have 15 adults taking part and we have been  
meeting for nearly two months. As part of the process each of  
them needs a sponsor, someone to accompany them on their  
journey to Easter, take an interest in what they are learning,  
possibly accompany them at Mass, and to meet informally  
with them on a regular basis to answer any of their questions  
and encourage them. Some of this year's group have  
sponsors, but another seven sponsors are needed, two men  
and five women. Those needing sponsors are young mothers,  
a university student (male) and a businessman. Please would  
you consider this request prayerfully—it is not an onerous  
task, but it is a privilege to accompany these inspiring young  
people on their journey of faith. We should be proud and  
grateful that they are asking to join our community. If you  
would like to help, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish  
office on 55 102 222 or by email [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au)



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

Mason,Lennox and Xavier Ngauamo  
sons of Milton and Nancy Ngauamo  
Kyan Blake Dunjey son of Deon and Amanda Dunjey  
Ellie Leigh McGregor daughter of Martin and Tara McGregor  
Lola Joan Balderstone De Carvalho daughter of  
Victor De Carvalho and Michelle Balderstone

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Amelia Donatella

**ANNIVERSARY:** Bill Watkins, Deniece Dolan

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Ross Alpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Barry Sharp, Cal Zinkel, 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, Janice Keating, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin, Cyndy Fenner-Smith, Sam D'Abreo, Robert Perren, Fay James, Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela

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

**WORTH A SMILE**

At Children's Liturgy the teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teachers us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

All mature women from age 21-85, (single, divorced or married but husband unable to join), are invited to a Christian Life program to be held at Guardian Angels Church starting this Sunday, October 20 at 11.30am. The Christian Life program is an integrated course intended to lead the participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them leading to their spiritual renewal. The Charismatic Prayer meeting will give way to this 8-week program and will resume on December 15 for end-of-year Praise and Worship Day. For more information please Contact Team leader: Nelia on 0430 240 033 or Len on 0438 724 053. There is no cost involved and light refreshments will be provided.

**GUARDIAN ANGELS TEAM IN CANBERRA**

This weekend a team of seven Guardian Angels' children from Year 5, 6 and 7 are in Canberra, competing in the 2013 Australasian Pacific Titles of the Tournament of the Minds competition. This is the second consecutive year that a team from Guardian Angles has reached this level of the competition. The team consists of 3 Year 7 children, Brydie Allardyce, Caillin Toll and Zachary Quinlan, 3 Year 6 children, Zac Sandford, Lauren Hill and Will Purcell as well as Will Browning from Year 5. Their teacher Mrs Christine Toll will accompany the team. After winning the State Titles in their chosen discipline of Applied Technology, the team qualified to represent their school and Queensland at the Australasian Pacific Titles competing against teams from all over Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia. After the Official Welcome at Parliament House on Friday morning the team spent the afternoon exploring Canberra. Saturday saw them spend a grueling 3 hours in a lock up situation before presenting their response to the Applied Technology Challenge in front of a panel of judges. The team will also respond to a Spontaneous Challenge within the 3 hour lock up. The Guardian Angels team would like to thank all parents, local community, the parish, school P&F and Principal Terry Gimpel for their support in helping them make this fantastic opportunity possible. Memories of their incredible journey will stay with them forever.

**OPEN DAY AT GUARDIAN ANGELS SCHOOL  
NEXT THURSDAY October 24**

**PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013—2014**

**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.

**Bridge**, every Wednesday 10.00am to 12noon. Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.



**SPY**. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm

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.

Friday, **November 1**, All Saints Day

Saturday, **November 2**, Guardian Angels School Fete

Thursday, **November 14**, Mass of Remembrance, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **November 24**, Catholic Women's League Trade Table, after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate

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

Thursday, **December 19**, Children's Advent Adventures Day

Thursday, **June 12, 2014**. Confirmation

Sunday, **June 15, 2014**. First Eucharist.

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING**

**Francis and Christ Jesus**

Francis could not love such a vague thing as Christianity. He had to love someone personal. To Francis, Christianity was something vague. Christ was someone warm, living and real. Wherever Francis found Christ, he loved him. In the Gospel, he saw his brother and model. In the Eucharist, he saw Christ dwelling among us. In every man, woman and child, he saw Christ present. More than any other, Francis simplified and humanized the Good News, bringing Christ close to us, making him so appealing, heart-warming and human. Our next Fraternity Meeting is next Wednesday, October 23, Infant Saviour meeting room, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. 12.30 to 3.30pm All are welcome.

**FUND RAISER FOR ETHIOPIAN MISSION**

**Monster GARAGE SALE. Next Saturday October 26 form 7.00am. 268 Marine Parade Labrador. If you have any Saleable goods they would be most welcome. Contact Judy on 56795 370.**

# 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**

Called to forgiveness, called to be light..  
Promise of hope to the lonely and poor. **R**

### **GLORY TO GOD:**

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.  
Amen, Amen.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Our help is from the Lord who made  
heaven and earth.

This News Sheet is proudly  
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E C#m F#m B7 E B C#m7 A Bsus4 B7 E

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **GIFTS PROCESSION**

#### **WE GATHER HERE, O LORD.**

##### **Refrain:**

We gather here, O Lord, to hear  
Your saving word.  
To feast upon this finest bread,  
this richest wine out-poured.

Come, set our hearts ablaze!  
Come, fill our nights and days  
with purpose strong and vision clear  
and songs of thankful praise!

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
And profess your Resurrection  
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**

#### **YOU ARE MINE (David Haas)**

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you  
as my choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light,  
Come and rest in me.

##### **Refrain:**

***Do not be afraid, I am with you,  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.***

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name. **R**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live **R**

### **LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO**

(Michael Herry)

##### **Refrain:**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You are our bread, broken and shared.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.  
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,  
Our pledge of eternal life. **R**

The bread you give is the living bread,  
Your flesh for the life of the world. **R**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,  
A light for my path of life. **R**

### **RECESSIONAL**

#### **TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU**

Take the word of God with you as you 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.***

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**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
Sirach 35:12-14.16-19  
2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18  
Luke 18:9-14**