

**Twenty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 2014

Parish Council awareness raising and information

It is now time for a changeover from Stewardship Committee to a Parish Pastoral Council and a recommendation process is about to begin in our parish. We greatly appreciate the work done by the previous Stewardship Committee in building and nurturing our faith community. Through the faith and works of the whole community and the goodness and generosity of a God who never ceases to provide for our needs, the Pastoral Council will lead us in making a difference in the lives of people. So it is now time to thank the members of the previous Stewardship Committee who have completed their work and invite all members of our parish to prayerfully and thoughtfully discern who will make up the new Parish Pastoral Council.

Over the next six weeks, your newsletter will contain a series of front page stories. They will contain information about what it means to be a parish with its primary purpose to carry on the Mission of Christ, and the work of great importance this entails, and to which all people in the parish, by nature of their Baptism, are called in 'co-responsible' ministry with the priest.

The parish in today's world is very different from the parish of even fifty years ago. Society is different and people are different, but the purpose of the parish is more relevant than ever in making God's reign visible within, and beyond the parish, in an increasingly fragmented and lonely world. Our community is already different through the witness of your faith over many years and we will strive to continue to speak to the wider community and to the world of the Kingdom values of love, peace, justice and compassion as they are lived out by members of our parish community.

A Mission-oriented parish (Pope Francis 2013): Evangelium Gaudium, The joy of the Gospel
The parish is not an outdated institution... The parish continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed cluster made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities, the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach...

Moving from a question of recruitment to a question of education

An implication of a shift in mindset of what is meant to be parish in today's Church, is the thinking in which a parish engages in order to 'get people involved'. Such a question of recruitment now becomes a question of education: How does the parish feed and nurture people to become a leaven in society?

This new question could be a pondering and conversation point throughout the week as to what feeding and nurturing people to become a leaven in society might look like in a parish context as opposed to the recruitment idea of getting people involved to cover the jobs in a parish that need to be done.

Next Week: Gifted by baptism to serve the Reign of God

In approximately six week time you will be given a nomination form and asked to nominate someone you consider suitable to be a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.

<p style="text-align: center;">St Joseph the Worker Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">44 Imperial Parade, Labrador</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.00 am 8:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday -7.00am Wednesday-7.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each Friday-10.30am Mass at Gold Coast University Hospital</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Guardian Angels' Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">99 Scarborough St Southport</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday</u> 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u> 7.00 am 10.00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday 12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday - 4.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Immaculate Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u> 8:30 am & 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Korean Mass</u> Sunday 3.00pm Last Saturday of the Month 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Tuesday - 9.00am Thursday - 5.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Hour. First Thursday of the Month 4.15pm</p>
<p>Fr. Jan Bialasiewicz Parish Priest</p> <p>Fr Teri Nueva (Associate Pastor)</p> <p>Fr Domenico Muscari (Associate Pastor)</p> <p>Leeanne Human (Parish Manager)</p> <p>Sr Helen White RSM Sacramental Coordinator 07 55 102 296 \\ helenw@scp.org.au</p> <p>Sr Elisabeth Keane IBVM (Pastoral Associate) lis@scp.org.au</p> <p>Daloras Howes (Parish Secretary)</p> <p>Donna Stubbins (Admin Assistant)</p> <p>Aquinas College 07 55 102 888 Maryanne Finder (Principal)</p> <p>Guardian Angels' School 07 55 100055 Terry Gimpel (Principal)</p> <p>De Paul Villa 07 55 827 250 Julie Madden (Director of Aged Care)</p> <p>De Paul Manor Estate 07 55 827 999</p> <p>Parish email address info@scp.org.au</p> <p>Parish fax number 07 55 102 244</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Eddie Doherty edju01@optusnet.com.au 0428 761 110</p>		

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



It is that time of year again when we welcome those who are asking about the Catholic Faith.

If you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to contact Sr Elisabeth as soon as possible at the Parish Office 55 102 222 or by email lis@scp.org.au

If anyone is interested in being part of the team or being a sponsor, your help would be greatly appreciated, so please let Sister know. An information evening will be held next Thursday, September 4, at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate.

Christians can choose one of two diverging roads

Jesus compared two ways of life, the way to true life and the way to death. This analogy was popular in the early Church. As one of the first Christian catechisms ever written, the Teachings of the Twelve Apostles (circa 110 A.D.) painted the Christian life in these terms. One road led to self-giving, light, and life. The other road led to selfish sin, darkness, and death.... To follow [Jesus] meant looking beyond what the disciple possessed at the present moment, even at the risk of losing it all. Yet, how many cling vainly onto the power, possessions, and relations they have today, in mistaken hope they will have them forever? Jesus played these two focal points (today vs. forever) against each other in the word "life." "If someone only wants to keep their life (i.e., everything they possess today), they will lose it. But, if someone loses their life (everything they possess) because of me, they will find it (i.e., true or eternal life)." [16:25] Finally, Jesus wove the notion of the Christian life with the ethical life. The Christian life was based upon sacrifice, just as the Master sacrificed himself on the cross. Such self-giving also grounded the ethical life. In other words, Matthew held one's righteousness can only be measured by sacrifice made for others, in the name of Jesus. As the Son of Man would die, rise, and return to repay everyone for their deeds, the Christian would suffer and even die (through self-giving), only to be raised and receive his/her reward. [16:26]

What is freedom?

Freedom is the power given by God to act or not to act, to do this or to do that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. Freedom Characterises properly human acts. The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. Freedom attains its proper perfection when it is directed towards God, the highest good and our beatitude. Freedom implies also the possibility of choosing between good and evil. The choice of evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to the slavery of sin. *Catholic Catechism para. 363*

Parking at Mary Immaculate Church

It is with regret that we have to once again remind Parishioners attending the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate that Parking on the YELLOW LINES is **ILLEGAL**. Further, in the case of the church grounds at Mary Immaculate parking on Yellow Lines is dangerous and potentially life threatening. Recently access to De Paul Villa has been blocked by parishioners restricting access for ambulance and Fire Brigade. **Please consider others before illegally parking.** Parking has been made available in the school grounds of Guardian Angels for those attending 8.30am Mass.

AQUINAS CELEBRATED 50 YEARS

On Friday August 22 Aquinas College celebrated 50 years of Quality Catholic Education in the Southport Parish. Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Fr Jan and Fr Dom celebrated mass in the schools covered sports facility with our whole school community. Invited guests from the parish, representatives from the Sisters of Mercy, local schools, Brisbane Catholic Education, and past students and families from over the last 50 years were there in prayer as a Eucharistic community. Archbishop Mark spoke about how the College is made up of the DNA from many aspects from St Thomas Aquinas, the Christian Brothers, the Mercy Sisters, Brisbane Catholic Education, their houses of Oscar Romero, Catherine McAuley, Edmund Rice, Caroline Chisholm and of course Jesus Christ. During the mass we acknowledged the foresight of Fr Keith Turnbull, the dedication of the Christian Brothers and the sisters of Mercy with the Star of the Sea.

This week Aquinas College started its 51st year of education.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

2014

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN



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Traditionally, the Archdiocese has conducted four in-parish appeals to raise funds for the Holy Spirit Seminary, the Priests Foundation and Centacare. In addition, parishes conducted other appeals for Caritas, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul and various other ministries and programs throughout the year. The Annual Catholic Campaign is a single fundraising program, held over a number of weeks.

It seeks support for five principal beneficiary areas of: Centacare—Priests Foundation—Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund—Holy Spirit Seminary—Religious Works.

Parishioners are reminded that the Annual Catholic Campaign last year raised in excess of \$1,200,00 with over \$8,000 coming from our parish.

This years commitment day is on Sunday September 14.

Family-Parish Preparation for Sacraments of Initiation in our Parish

Many parish communities are growing in awareness of their responsibilities to families seeking Baptism for their children. Parents again introduce their children to the parish community before they begin preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist. Celebration of these three Sacraments of Initiation require a commitment by families and parishioners to journey with the children. Children enrolled for sacramental preparation will be presented to our parish community in October, after the school holidays.

Parents who have discerned their children's readiness for Confirmation and Eucharist next year and Reconciliation this year are invited to contact Sister Helen

helenw@scp.org.au

before Tuesday, September 2.

Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday November 27, 2014 at 7.00pm Confirmation and First Communion will be in late May or early June next year. These dates depend on the availability of a Bishop for Confirmation in 2015.

The first gathering for parents will be **Tuesday September 9 at 4.00pm and 7.00pm** in the Mary Immaculate meeting room. **Please contact Sister Helen to register your child's name by Tuesday September 2.**

Music Workshop

On Saturday, September 13 at Mary Immaculate, we will be hosting a Music Workshop for the 7 Parishes of the South Coast Deanery. All Organists, Cantors and Choir Members of our Parish are strongly urged to be there. The Morning Sessions beginning at 9.30am will be given by Ralph Morton, who is in charge of Music at St Stephen's Cathedral and his input will be of great assistance to those involved in Music Ministry.

In the afternoon session, our Choir will be presenting some new hymns, so if you would like to sing and learn at the same time, you will be most welcome. This session will begin at 2.00pm. It is essential you register with Sr Elisabeth (5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au) as there will only be music available for those who do so.

**menAlive men's weekend St Brigid's Parish Nerang
Saturday, November 8—Sunday, November 9**



Today we welcome into God's Family

Leilani Grace Kwok daughter of Terence and Sally Kwok

Charlie Jacob Maynard son of Brett and Claire Maynard

Izaak Edward Roots son of Rebekah Roots

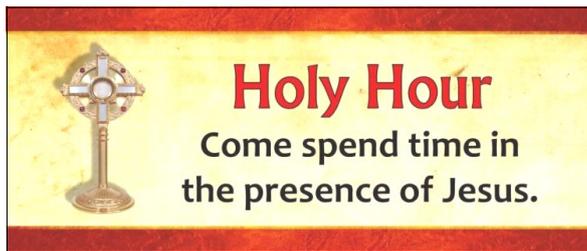
YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Webb, Baby Kate, Brian O'Sullivan, Noel Wilson, Don Dinneen, Walter Seymour.

ANNIVERSARY: Sheila Crotty

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Beverley Wilson, Valerie Atkins, Paula Greco, Mary Weerasinghe, Anne Volp, Bong, Dannie, and Gie Ubaldo, Yvonne See, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Barbara McLachlan, Baby Jasmine Krause, Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao, Serioza, Fran Spiric, Doss O'Neil, , Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Daisy Howes, Elizabeth Anderson, Gary O'Connell, Jack and Ross McAlpine, John Stowers, Ernest James, Leah Joy Layosa (baby) Jack Keniry, Michael Murray, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Alex McKinnon, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries,

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercession those who we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.



**Next Thursday, September 4, 4.15pm
Mary Immaculate Church**



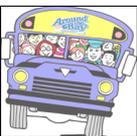
Monday, September 1, Saint Giles

St Giles is the patron saint of the handicapped and street people. *A prayer to those confined to their beds or wheelchairs "Lord help them, lead them to therapies that will help them to recover, give them shelter and jobs, and show them how to rely on You for their strength. Saint Giles, pray for us. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great

Catholic Women's League

The Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League would like to thank all parishioners who supported their Cake Stall after the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate last Sunday. Together with the raffle, \$440 was raised which will go to various Parish Charities at the end of the year. A special Thanks to Kath Hayes who donated the raffle prize, Business.



Second Parish Bus Trip this Year

This time we are going to Ipswich to visit **Ipswich Heritage Buildings** Thursday, September 4.

If you are thinking about going, be quick, only a few seats left and we will be have a special guest join us for lunch, so don't miss it. Phone Pat now **55 395 849**

Some tickets for the Bus Trip were not collected at Guardian Angels Church last Sunday. Make sure you collect yours today. If you have not received your tickets contact Pat. 55 395 849

Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.30am. Pick up at Southport RSL and Railway Street, leaving St Joseph the Worker Church at 9.00am.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 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.

Southport Parish Book Club, meets First Monday of the month 10.00am. Mary Immaculate meeting room.

Bridge, every Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm on the First Wednesday followed by Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, Guardian Angels Meeting Room, followed by Mass

Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

Young Adults Group, Meet in the parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7.00pm

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

Tuesday, **September 9,** Information gathering for parents of children joining the Sacramental Program for 2015. Mary Immaculate Church 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

Saturday, **September 13,** Music Workshop at Mary Immaculate 9.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday, **October 5,** Mass to Celebrate Significant Wedding Anniversaries 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Tuesday, **October 21,** Aquinas Mothers of Past Students 50th Anniversary High Tea.

Weekend, **November 8/9** MenAlive weekend St Brigid's

Thursday, **November 27,** Reconciliation for Children joining the Sacramental Program in 2015 7.00pm Mary Immaculate

Saturday, **November 29,** Fundraising Event for Ethiopia Mission, Gold Coast Little Theatre

Worth a Smile

Two Irishmen were sitting in a pub, watching the Tour de France on TV. Seamus shook his head and asked, "Why do they do that?" "Do what?" asked Mike. "Go on them bikes for miles and miles, up and down hills round the bends day after day, week after week. no matter if it's icy, raining, snowing, hailing...why do they torture themselves like that?"

"Its the prestige and money replied Mick, You know the winner gets a half a million Euro?" "Yes I understand that, said Seamus, but why do all the others do it"

HYMNS

HERE I AM LORD

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **R**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **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.

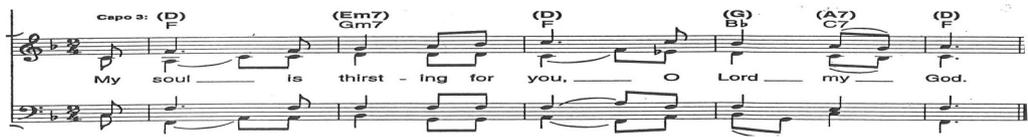
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we
might see how great is the hope to which
we are called.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (Refrain)

**We come to share our story,
we come to break the bread,
We come to know our rising
from the dead.**

We come as your people,
We come as your own,
United with each other,
Love finds a home. **R**

We are called to heal the broken,
To be hope for the poor,
We are called to feed the hungry at
our door. **R**

Bread of life and cup of promise,
In this meal we all are one.
In our dying and our rising,
May your kingdom come. **R**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven 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

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 BLEST ARE THEY (David Haas)

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R**

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God! **R**

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **R**

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
yours is the kingdom:
Shine for all to see. **R**

ST THERESA'S PRAYER

Refrain:

**Christ has no body now but mine,
No hands, no feet on Earth but mine.
Christ has no body now but mine,
let me be Christ let me shine**

Mine are the eyes with which He looks,
Looks with love upon this world.
Mine are the feet with which He walks,
Walks to do good in this world. **R**

Mine are the hands with which He works,
works for peace here in this world.
Mine is the voice with which He speaks,
Speaks His message to this world. **R**

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**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

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