

**Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY February 16 2014

God is Glad to Receive our Service

Towards the end of the Eucharistic Prayer II there is a thanksgiving phrase; ... “we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving you thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.” Despite our imperfections and sins God always sees us worthy to be in his presence and is always glad to receive our service when ever we come to do our ministry in his Church.

These ministries might be very different but they are like little brooks which ultimately run towards the same destination which is the ocean of God’s love and goodness: this is our response to God’s goodness and mercy. As we all know, ministries of the Southport Parish cover a big area not only in terms of geography but also in terms of numerous responses to the needs of those who face different challenges on their journey of faith. Without dedicated parishioners it would be impossible to carry out these ministers, so today again I say thank you to all who are involved in carrying on Jesus’ mission within our Parish. However, there is another factor that cannot be overlooked as we continue Jesus’ mission today, which is the financial aspect of our Parish life. Once more many thanks for your contributions that every week you put on the collection plate. Even though the economic climate is uncertain, you continuously add your part on the plate so that our Parish might be able to serve the Gold Coast people – **thank you for every dollar which the Southport Parish receives.**

In the coming weeks we are going to re- enter the new cycle of the planned giving program. The new beginning is an opportunity to review our commitments and to support the ministries of our Parish. Since the last re entry of the planned giving program cycle, new families have come to our Parish and we are very grateful to them for enriching us with their experiences of faith. For you too, the new cycle, if you are in a position to contribute, is an opportunity to donate on a regular basis to the program.

The money that comes to the collection plate is being dealt with carefully and responsibly. In this task the Finance Committee plays an important role, so today I say thank-you to the members of our Finance Committee who look after the Parish money wisely for the benefit of all Parishioners and our three churches.

For more information in regard to the new cycle of the planned giving program you will find in the insert of our newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

Today St Paul contrasts God’s wisdom with the human wisdom: *“We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age ...*

The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. (2Cor 2:6-10) Listening today to these words let us pray: O God, teach us the hidden wisdom of the Gospel, so that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first your kingdom. Amen

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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

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 of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL READERS

Do you have old copies of "BREAK OPEN THE WORD" As we are now in Year A, it would be appreciated if all previous copies of Years B and C could be returned to the Parish Office. As the Church works in a three year cycle Years A,B and C. It has been suggested that we build up a library of "BREAK OPEN THE WORD" by recycling the previous years as they do not change, except for the date. This way after a few years the parish would be able to supply copies to readers to save them buying a copy each year.

It's that time again for our

PARISH BUS TRIP

Wednesday, March 19.

This time visiting OLD KINGSTON BUTTER FACTORY with their Art and Craft Market and a fabulous

Devonshire Morning Tea

Then going via Jacobs Well to Calypso Bay and HARRINGTONS IRISH PUB

for a Typical Irish Meal for Lunch

All inclusive price \$50

Phone Pat for bookings 55 395 849

Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.15am. Picking up at Queen Street, Scarborough Street and departing from St Joseph the Worker at 8.45am

MUM'S LENTEN GROUP

Every Tuesday for six weeks from March 11 to April 15 9.00am to 10.30am in the Resource Centre.

A relaxed child-friendly group meeting weekly for the six weeks of Lent, to enhance our preparation for Easter, mindfully and prayerfully. All enquiries to Theresa Vossen ctvossen@me.com by tomorrow Monday February 17 to allow for books to be ordered. Cost \$8 per book.

LENTEN STUDIES BOOKS

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5. If you wish to be involved in Lenten Studies Groups, to date three Groups available.. Contact Paula Ashton for one at Labrador.

Theresa Vossen has one for young Mums at Ashmore. Sister Elizabeth will have a group after the 9.00am Mass. On Tuesday. It will be from 10.00am to 11.00am at the Manor.

If anyone else would like to organise a group, please let Sister Elizabeth know.

Lenten Studies Books will be ordered on Tuesday, February 18. Cost \$8. If you would like a copy contact Sister Elizabeth on 55 102 222 or lis@sco.org.au before Tuesday.

CAN YOU HELP?

A parishioner from St Joseph the Worker, Labrador has recently found, for medical reasons, she is now unable to drive. She would like anyone to bring her from her home in Parker Street, Labrador to the 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker. If you could help, please call her on 55 288 425.

HOW HANDY ARE YOU?

Screen Printing or Embroidery

Our Mary Immaculate St Vincent de Paul Conference has a beautiful altar cloth made for them by the Catholic Women's League, for use at special Masses. They would like the altar cloth to bear the Conference name and logo. The Conference would be grateful, to anyone able to screen print or embroider this altar cloth. Or perhaps donate the cost of having it done commercially (approximately \$300) Please call Nerida Smith 0417 606 639 or email nerida.smith@bigpond.com

LOST

A Prayer Book, called "The Hour of the Passion" was left in Mary Immaculate Church recently. It was found in the pews and placed on the table at the back of the church, where property that is left in the church is placed. Unfortunately the book has been removed from the table by someone other than it's owner. It would be greatly appreciated if this book could be returned, either to the Parish Office or placed back on the table. It is a very special book with great segmental value and cannot be replaced.

CATHOLICS AND THE LAW

The idea of blinding an eye or cutting off a hand in today's Gospel for the sake of moral life is unthinkable, but the use of extreme language made the point. Of course, the language is symbolic. The person should remove the object that the eye and hand desire. There are more than a few Catholics who feel that if they just keep the Commandments they are good Catholics. They often like to ask, 'is it a sin?' that is, is it against the law? Is it a mortal sin or is it a venial sin? If it is only a venial sin, then I can do it. But true Christians do not ask whether something is legal or illegal. They love God, they love Jesus, they love their brothers and sisters. Their only concern is how they can love them more and more, they want to work with Jesus and with his brothers and sisters to build the kingdom of God. It is not then a question of law; it is a question of what I have to do. It is a question of how much more I can do, how much more I want to do. The requirements of the Law are way behind.

WHY DOES MAN HAVE A DESIRE FOR GOD?

God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on men his fundamental dignity.

Catholic Catechism

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

In every activity of evangelization, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to cooperate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit. The real newness is the newness which God himself mysteriously brings about and inspires, provokes, guides and accompanies in a thousand ways.

Pope Francis, November 24, 2013

VOCATION BRISBANE

Leven Hour—2014 Launch Night

Eucharist, plus Eucharistic Adoration followed by a chance to meet the new team and hear about the events and activities that will be run by Vocation Brisbane in 2014.

Friday, February 28, 5.10pm to 6.00pm followed by the 2014 launch, at St Stephens Cathedral, Brisbane.

Leven Hour, sponsored by a number of youth organisations across the Archdiocese, is an opportunity for young adults to gather with prayer, song, Scripture and silence on the fourth Friday of each month. For information call 1300 133 544.

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE

Invites you to attend a Public Seminar

Church on Mission—Living the New Evangelisation

Friday, February 28, from 11.00am to 2.00pm

Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

Guest Speaker: Dr Mary Gautier

The cost is \$10 per person. Register by February 20 to Mary-Anne Cullen 3336 9362

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The World Day of Prayer for 2014, will be held on Friday, March 7, at St James Anglican Church, Brighton Street, Biggera Waters, at 9.30am. The World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Egypt and the theme is "Streams in the Desert". The Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League would like to invite all parishioners to attend. Men are especially invited.

Morning Tea will be servers following the Service.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Samuel Pasquill son of Stephanie Pasquill

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Veronica Crittenden. Joseph Krasue (Baby).

ANNIVERSARY: Marie and Gordon Binnie, Norman Hodgetts, Phyllis Addis, Jessie Pittendrigh, Chris Feltoe.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Graham Fletcher, Doss O'Niell, Yvonne See, Helen Wilson, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Sheila Galvin, Dean Lewis, Kitty McIntosh, Susanne Howarth, Patrick Guillon, Phyllis Miller, Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, John Stowers, Ross McAlpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard.

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 17, St Alexis Falconieri

Founder and mystic, one of the first Servants of Mary or Servites. The son of a wealthy merchant in Florence. Alex and six companions joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin in Florence in 1225. gathered together on the feast of the Assumption in 1233, the group experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary which inspired them to found a new religious community dedicated to prayer.

Wednesday, February 19, Bl. Alvarez of Corova

Blessed Alvarez was born at Zamora, Spain towards the end of the fourteenth century. Bl Alvarez entered the Order of Preachers (the Dominican order) in 1368. he preached throughout Spain and Italy and established the priory of Scala Caeli at Cordoba where he promoted the regular life. By his preaching and contemplation of the Lord's Passion he spread the practice of the Way of the Cross throughout the West. He died on February 19, 1430.

Thursday, February 20, St Wulfric

Wulfric was a hermit and miracle worker. Born at Compton Martin near Bristol, England, he became a priest and was excessively materialistic and worldly. After meeting with a beggar, he underwent a personal conversion and became a hermit at Haselbury; Somerset. For his remaining years, he devoted himself to rigorous austerities and was known for his miracles and prophecies. He was a very popular saint during the Middle Ages, and his tomb was visited by many pilgrims.

Friday, February 21, St Peter Damian

Peter was born in Ravenna, Italy. Orphaned early, he spent his youth in hardship and privation, but showed such signs of remarkable intellectual gifts that his brother took him to be educated. Peter made such rapid progress in his studies of theology and cannon law, that when about twenty-five years old he was already a famous teacher. He became a member of the Order of St Benedict, and was a reforming monk in the circle of Pope Leo IX and a cardinal. In 1823 he was declared Doctor of the Church.

WORTH A SMILE

A women phoned the dentist when she received a huge bill. "I'm shocked!" she complained. "This is three time what you normally charge". "Yes I know," said the dentist. "But you yelled so loud, you scared away two other patients."

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"Open Wider." requested the dentist, as he began to examine the patient. "Good God!" You've got the biggest cavity I've ever seen., the biggest cavity I've ever seen. "Ok Doc" replied the patient."I'm scared enough without you saying something twice." I didn't, "that was the echo"

Ministers Rosters for the next three months, March, April and May are available for collection from the table at the entrance to all three churches.

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.

Bridge, every Wednesday 10.00am to 1.00pm Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

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

Southport Parish Book Club. Meet in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate on the 1st Monday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon.

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



Wednesday, **March 5,** Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.

Wednesday, **March 19,** Parish Bus Trip Sunday, **April 6.** 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Archbishop, to install Father Jan as our Parish Priest.

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

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

Sunday, **July 20,** ARTICO Concert. Mary Immaculate.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary is Prayed daily in our Parish at the following times:

Monday: at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador from 6.15am

Tuesday: at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore from 7.15am

Wednesday: at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador from 6.15am

Thursday: at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore from 4.15pm



The Rosary is also Prayed daily together with

Devine Mercy Devotion at the home of Laura and Ernie Ashbrook

Unit 1/49 Imperial Parade, Labrador (opposite St Joseph the Worker) Daily from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

For Sale by Tender: As part of the building program underway at Aquinas College, several pieces of machinery from the workshop is to be replaced. Tenders are called for the machinery no longer required. Contact Brad Pledge 55 102 819 for details.

HYMNS

ALL THE EARTH (Lucien Deiss, CSSp)

Refrain:

**All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Serve you the Lord,
heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence singing for joy! **R.**

Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes, he is our Father; we are his own. **R.**

We are the sheep of his green pasture.
For we are his people; he is our God. **R.**

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.
R.

Our Lord is good, his love enduring.
His word is abiding now with us all. **R.**

Honour and praise be to the Father,
The Son and the Spirit, world without end.
R.

GLORY TO GOD: (Mass of St Francis)

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

Happy are they who follow the law of the
Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

GIFTS PROCESSION

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU

A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another
as I have loved you,
That you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you
are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you
are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
For by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

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

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.**

A TOUCHING PLACE

Christ's is the world in which we move.
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to
love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

Refrain:

**To the lost Christ shows his face;
To the unloved he gives his embrace;
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a
touching place.**

Feel for the people we most avoid,
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women, and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain. **R.**

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled.
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
And feel for the weary who find no rest. **R.**

Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning
For all those weep.
The people in darkness
have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.

Refrain:

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us
Has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness
Has called us to be
A light for his people
to set their hearts free. **R.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48