

**Fourteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
Year A**

SUNDAY July 6 2014

**“Happy Ramadan”**

Last Sunday, millions of Muslims throughout the world celebrated the beginning of Ramadan—the annual month long Islamic religious festival. To mark that significant event in the Islamic calendar, over 230 stores owned by ‘the fresh food people’ displayed a large banner with two words “Happy Ramadan.”

A spokesperson for the company explained the banners were to acknowledge a festival which is very significant for many people in Australia. We celebrate as many international festivities as possible to support the diverse population of Australia, for example Diwali, Passover, Lunar New Year and Christmas.

Rather than digressing to examine the commercial motives behind such marketing, a range of people’s reactions to the banners will be shared. One woman sent a message to the company; “Thank you for being inclusive. I’m not Muslim but I’ve many Muslim friends who celebrate Christmas with me too.”

In contrast, during last week, that simple sign with two words caused outrage among some offended customers. Other customers complained the promotion is offensive and un-Australian. What does it really mean to be Australian in 2014?

For many years, aspects of our Lenten Season have been compared to some of the activities associated with Ramadan. For genuine Muslims fasting from Dawn to Sunset each day during this month enables them to have more time for reflection and prayer. Other aspects include doing charitable activities in the community and sharing gatherings with extended family.

Maybe it is not our emotional reaction to such blatant marketing for commercial gain which could be examined rather it could be our reaction to living with difference! “How do I cope with difference? How do I live with differences?”

A few years ago, when Adam Gilchrist was Chair of the National Australia Day Council he wrote; “a vibrant national life is a complex and interrelated thing. It requires each and every one of us to bring our talents and skills to bear, whatever they may be. It’s this joint, concerted effort that gives us a community which is innovative, compassionate, creative and prosperous.” Thus Australia could become a better place.

Perhaps seeing one of those banners or even reading this article might cause us to question what it means ‘to be Australian’ and to ponder what it means to be Catholic in Australia in 2014?

As we grapple to find honest answers to those questions may we be encouraged by the words Jesus spoke to his disciples and to us: “Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.”

*Sister Helen*

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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

Each Friday-10.30am

Mass at Gold Coast  
University Hospital

**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

Last Saturday of the Month

6.00pm

**Weekday Mass**

Tuesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday  
of the Month 4.15pm

**A Little Bit of Planning:** The old habit of getting to Mass ten minutes late and leaving straight after receiving Communion is starting to sneak back into practice in our parish. No doubt there are lots of people who may need to be elsewhere at a given time, but allowing one hour for God and the community should not be a demanding request. For us as Catholics the celebration of Mass is the centre of our life of faith. The Mass also called the Eucharist is the heart and soul of the Catholic Church. Without the Eucharist there would not be a Catholic Church. Only on the rarest of occasions will Sunday Mass in our parish go over 60 minutes and will always start on the published time. Arriving late and looking for a seat is distracting for the celebrant and disrespectful of the rest of the congregation. If arriving late is unavoidable, please wait until the collection time before finding an available space—usually found in the front pews.

**Are We Meek and Humble of Heart?**

Knowledge of God has consequences, for it demands a response. It's significant that Jesus points to his meekness and humility when holding himself up as a model for us. Notice that Our Lord doesn't point to his miracles, or even his devotion to his Mother. Rather, he highlights his own meekness and humility. Jesus even shows these qualities from the moment of his birth. "God is so powerful," said Pope Benedict XVI in his Christmas Midnight Mass homily in 2005, "that he can make himself vulnerable and come to us as a defenceless child, so that we can love him." In turn, Jesus invites us to make ourselves vulnerable, to open our hearts to others, even at the risk of being rejected. To incur such a risk is to understand better what Christ did for us.

Is Jesus asking me to be more humble with someone?

**The Holy Father's Intentions for July**

**Universal:** That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

**For Evangelization:** That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**



Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Sunday. It is also the beginning of a week of celebrations throughout the nation where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics bring beautiful gifts to the Church in Australia, and it is on this day that we celebrate these gifts. The Theme NATSICC has chosen is

*"Praise to you, Lord of Heaven and Earth"*

According to the 2011 Australian Census, there were 124,618 Catholic of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

Between 1991 and 2011, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic population increased by 62,000 to 125,000 or 102 per cent. The overall Catholic population increased by 18 per cent in the same period.

**Vinnies Community Sleepout**

Vinnies Gold Coast is organising a Community Sleepout to help raise funds and awareness of homelessness in the Gold Coast Community. They need your help to make a difference in the lives of the men, women and children impacted by homelessness in our community.

The Gold Coast Vinnies Sleepout will be held at TSS College on Thursday, July 10, commencing at 5.30pm.

Sister Elisabeth is on the Organising Committee, and will be sleeping out for the night! If you would like to join her for the Sleepout you can register at [www.communitysleepout.org.au](http://www.communitysleepout.org.au) or if you would like to sponsor her all donations will be very greatly received.

**Note From Sister Elisabeth:** Thank you so much for all who have sponsored me for the Sleepout. I have \$850 which overwhelms me and will make a big addition to the total we will receive to help the homeless. If anyone else would like to make a donation (do you think we can raise \$1000) there will be an envelope and form to sign in the Sacristy of each Church. God will certainly reward you for your generosity.



**ARTICO ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

**Mary Immaculate Church**

**Sunday, July 20 at 2.00pm**

**ARTICO Ensemble performs**

**"The Art of Song"**

**Shelli Hulcombe, Soprano—Rianne Wilschut, Clarinet**

**Paul Kopetz, Bass Clarinet—Brieley Cutting, Piano**

**Tickets on sale at the Parish Office**

**Adults \$20. Students and Pensioners \$15.**

**Primary School Children Free**

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music ranging from classical to Broadway showstoppers, performed by the professional touring group ARTICO Ensemble (previously The Australian Chamber Musicians) Their aim is to bring good music at an affordable price to audiences that may otherwise not be able to experience it live in mainstream concert halls. After an overseas tour they will perform in our Mary Immaculate Church! Funds raised this year will go to support our Parish Youth in their endeavour to help as many as possible attend the World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. Simple warm refreshments will be served after the concert. **How would you like to help our youth by cooking soup for the afternoon refreshments? Call Bernadette 0414308364 if you would like to help.**

**Big Thank You from Father Jan**



Father Jan and Father Dom wish to express their Thanks to all the parishioner volunteers who accepted their invitation and attended the Thank You BBQ last Friday evening outside Mary Immaculate Church.

Fathers Jan and Dom manned the BBQs to produce some very succulent sausages and hamburgers, with the rest of the parish staff

working furiously to make sure all were fed. The night was a little on the cool side but all were kept warm with the help of three brand-new outdoor gas heaters, which will prove to be a great parish investment for future social gatherings. The area outside Mary Immaculate church proved to be ideal for this type of function. If you were not there you missed a great night.

**Ministers Workshop**

Any parishioner of Ashmore, Labrador or Southport who would like to become a Reader, Minister of Eucharist or take communion to people in Hospital, Nursing Homes or people in their own homes, Sister Elisabeth will be offering workshops on Saturday, July 12, at Mary Immaculate Church.

The Readers workshop will be at 9.00am.

Ministers of Eucharist at 10.00am. For those taking communion outside Mass, your workshop will be at 11.00am.

It is essential you let Sister Elisabeth know on 55 102 222 or [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au) so relevant material will be ready for you.

It is the generosity of parishioners to partake in various ministries that gives positive life to our community, so please consider if you would like to help. **Note From Sister Elisabeth:** Thank you to the generous people who have signed up for the Workshops and are offering their services for our Parish Community. Four people have signed on for the Readers Workshop; Three people to be Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist; Three people to take Communion to the Sick. It is not too late if anyone else would like to be involved, please contact Sister Elisabeth on 5510 2222

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## Today we welcome into God's Family

Ethan Daniel Wolff, son of Kyle and JoAnn Wolff  
Zaidyn Isaac McDonald, son of Nicholas and Kristy McDonald  
Alyssa Jae Kilford-Smith, daughter of  
Jason Smith and Jodie Kilford

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Billy Withers, Mary Scanlan (mother of Fr Denis Scanlan), Donato Di Salvio, Lyn Drage, Fr Peter McHugh OSA, Baby Peach (stillborn).

**ANNIVERSARY:** Les Bloomfield, Filomena Ocariza Jaca, Acushla Mead, Lilian Deeth, Emma Amos

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Daisy Howes, Elizabeth Anderson, Jean Ritchie, 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, Colleen Blanch, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Yvonne See, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Mary Porrill.

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

### Novena for Vocations

V9 Novena for vocations is a nine week novena of prayer across the Archdiocese for vocations. It began on Sunday, June 15 and concludes at the end of National Vocation Awareness Weeks on Sunday, August 10. The campaign encourages a prayerful culture across the Archdiocese

by praying a nine week novena for vocations. **You will find the Prayer for Vocations on the back page of this newsletter. Keep a copy and pray this prayer daily for nine weeks.**

### Feast Days of the Week

**Thursday, July 11 St Benedict**

As the founder of western Christian monasticism, Benedict's contribution to society and the Church during the past 1,500 years has been enormous. Born into a distinguished family, in central Italy, studied at Rome, and in early life was drawn to the monastic life. He founded twelve monasteries, including the monastery of Monte Cassino, Italy. His Rule of St Benedict has guided monks and religious over the centuries, so that 'Christ may bring us all together to life eternal.' His motto: 'To pray and to work!'

### Worth a Smile

**Amazing Remedies:** Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables.

For high blood pressure sufferers- simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to set a timer.

A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep.

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you will be afraid to cough.

You need only two things in life—WD40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the Duct Tape.

If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

Remember—smile a lot and you always feel better.

**Stewardship Reflection:** "Let all Your works give You thanks, Oh Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us. See Psalm 145.

**Vocation View:** Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News

### 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

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

Sunday, **July 20,** ARTICO Concert. 'The Art of Song' Mary Immaculate Church.

Sunday, **August 10,** Parish Car Observation Rally

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

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

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

### Cleaning-up at Guardian Angels Church

The wardrobe in the priests' sacristy at Guardian Angels has a number of albs hanging amongst the priest's vestments. If you own or use one of these albs, would you please remove it until further notice. It would be a good idea to clearly mark your alb with your name before it is returned to the wardrobe. Any albs left at the end of July will be given a new home.

### Winter Cold and Flu

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:** If you have a cold or flu symptoms (or any other communicable disease, cold sores etc.) you **MUST NOT** receive communion from the Chalice and it would be advisable to receive the host in the hand and not on the tongue, while your symptoms persist.

**God is all powerful and can do all things.**



# HYMNS

## SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

### **Refrain**

*Sing to the mountains  
sing to the sea.*

*Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. **R**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God. **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

I will praise your name forever my King  
and my God.

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## THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Isaiah 55:10-11      Romans 8:18-23**  
**Matthew 13: 1-23**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth,  
You have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the Kingdom.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### COME TO ME, ALL WHO

### LABOUR

#### **Refrain**

**Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy burdened  
And I shall give you rest.  
Take up my yoke and learn  
from me,**

**For I am meek and humble  
of heart.**

**And you'll find rest for your souls,  
Yes, my yoke is easy  
and my burden is light.**

The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall never be in need.  
Fresh and green are the meadows  
where he gives me rest **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

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

### LIKE A SHEPHERD

#### **Refrain:**

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his  
heart,  
leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top,  
Lift your voice;  
Jerusalem, here is your God. **R**

I myself will shepherd them,  
For others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal  
their wounds and pasture them,  
giving them rest. **R**

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
And take my yoke upon your shoulders,  
I will give you rest. **R**

## BREAD OF LIFE, HOPE OF THE WORLD (Bernadette Farrell)

### **Refrain:**

**Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.**

As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
We remember your promise  
to return again. **R**

The bread we break and share  
was scattered once as grain:  
Just as now it is gathered,  
make your people one. **R**

We eat this living bread,  
we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world,  
source of lasting love. **R**

## RECESSIONAL WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

### **Refrain:**

**We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another;  
To walk humbly with God!**

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
So hatred and blindness will be no more! **R**

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each  
other,,  
As sisters and brothers united in love. **R**

## Prayer for Vocations

- A.** At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart  
was moved
- B.** For they were like sheep without a  
shepherd
- A.** Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"
- B.** "But the labourers are few"
- A.** Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the  
harvest
- B.** O Lord we pray that young men will  
answer the call to become priests in Your  
harvest
- A.** And the shepherds for your people.  
Amen