

**Thirty-First Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY November 2 2014

**The Commemoration of all the
Faithfully Departed (All Souls Day)**

MEMENTO MORI (Remember Death!) ... MEMENTO VIVERE (Remember to Live!)

Early this week, while having my morning coffee in the kitchen, my reverie was interrupted by Fr Dom's guttural salutation, "Memento Mori!" Those words conjure some sombre thoughts about death and the sadness it brings to the family, even echoing the misery of the wider world as technology broadcasts the death of a soldier in Canada, of Ebola victims in West Africa and the massacres of countless others in war-ravaged Iraq and Syria.

"Memento Mori" is a perennial reminder of our mortality, which in medieval times was often depicted by the gloomy symbols of a skull, the skeleton or the grim reaper, which went beyond communicating the transience of human endeavours and worldly pleasures, but also cultivated a morbid fear of dying while subtly spurring a macabre alliance between death and its purveyors.

The ISIS phenomenon is one such where death is the main currency, either in the form of a brutal death for infidels or the suicidal deaths of its warriors. All propaganda notwithstanding, when the end result is atrocious death and the obscene devaluing of human life, any attempt at a religious justification only serves to demean God as the source and originator of death and mortality.

But the Christian faith points to the God of life and of the living. The God who held our hopes is the God who has destroyed death forever, wiped away our tears, and invited us to come and find rest and peace with him in the land of the living.

It is against that backdrop that we remember our beloved dead, not just for the sake of reminding ourselves that they are dead, and we are all mortals. But more importantly to sustain our hope in prayer that our dead shall live, as the Lord Jesus has solemnly declared, "I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness."

Remembering and praying for the dead is not a glorification of death nor the beatification of all the faithful departed. But this commemoration enables us to tap into our individual and collective memory of our beloved dead, draw lessons and inspiration from their heritage, and be strengthened in our resolve to do better and to live life, not wantonly, but in accord with God's revelation of a life of freedom and happiness, of love and peace for everyone. The Christian challenge is not to contemplate death and the ways to die, like terrorists do, but to ponder on life, its meaning and purpose, and to seek ways on how to live that life to the full.

(In response to that challenge, the Columban Fathers will speak in all masses here in Southport parish next weekend. They will be promoting the Columban Calendars, the Mission Magazine, and all missionary efforts of their society and others involved in mission work throughout the world.)

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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

This is a Peace Lamp from the Holy Land

Launched on November 16 2004 in Taybeh, a small Christian village located 25km north-east of Jerusalem, in The Holy Land. This initiative is the result of the following analysis:



In the conflict that harms the Holy Land, Israelis and Palestinians have tried all possible means of action to put an end to it using both violence and non-violence, but with little success. As a last resort, the people of Taybeth addressed their prayers for peace in the Holy Land to the Lord with a simple and symbolic idea: The lamp, together with the oil and light, becomes a message of peace from their side and a sign of solidarity from churches all around the world. Their goal is to place a **"Peace Lamp"** in every church in the world and to unite as many Christians and people of faith in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land. The initiative was blessed by both the Cardinal of Florence, H.E Ennio Antonelli and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, H.B Michel Sabbah. Father Jan obtained one of these Lamps on his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We feel it would be a wonderful prayer for peace in The Holy Land if we had a lamp in every home in the Parish.

The lamps are made of solid porcelain and measure 24+12+14cm. Cost is \$25. The parish has ordered an initial supply. Be one of the first to have one in your home. First in first served. Leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office. *"When this world prayer occurs our Lord will not have any other choice than to listen to his congregation!"* Funds raised from the sale of the **"Peace Lamp"** helps Christian communities in the Holy Land with employment prospects, helps with the refurbishment of the church at Taybeh but most importantly it has spread the idea of praying for peace in the Holy Land.

Piety Stall

Make sure you visit the Piety Stall to see the great range of Christmas Gifts which have just arrived. There are many new items that would make wonderful Christmas Presents. One in particular is an illuminated Nativity Scene which comes in several different colours. Don't forget the Columban Calendars for 2015 at only \$7 each. We probably have the best range of religious items anywhere and we cater for everyone and for every occasion.

Holy Fathers Intentions for November

Universal: That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

For Evangelization: That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

Fans-Fans and more Fans

With the warm weather now with us and for your comfort during Mass, please take a fan from the table at the church entrance. After Mass take it home with you and if you forget to bring it with you next Sunday, don't worry take another one. That's right we are giving them away.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

Would you like to adopt and shop for a family?

Last year several parishioners "adopted and shopped" for a family on the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper List. This generous act of giving to others helped our parishioners make their own Christmas feel extra special and blessed. You are given the anonymous details of a family (age, gender, brief background) so you can shop and make up your own food hamper. Contact Nerida Smith nerida.smith@bigpond.com

0417 606 639 or 55 006 547

'The Far East Magazine'

Columban Father Trevor Trotter will be visiting our parish and speaking at all Masses next weekend November 8/9 to promote **subscriptions to 'The Far East Magazine'** Father Trevor will share his long overseas mission experience with us.

The Far East magazine is published by St Columban's Mission Society. It features articles and photographs by Columban missionaries from those countries where the missionary work. The magazine was launched originally to promote mission interest in Catholic homes in Australia and New Zealand. The Far East magazine in Australia was published for the first time on October 15, 1920, and sample copies were sent to every parish and school in Australia and New Zealand.

Baptism in our Parish Community

In every parish, Baptism celebrates the faith that transforms the lives of parents and of the community. A faith that is shared by word and example with every newly baptized infant or adult. Adults baptized at the Easter Vigil are welcomed by our parish community. Members of our community rarely have the opportunity to welcome parents presenting infants for Baptism.

The Rite of Baptism for Children explains: 'baptism should take place on Sunday, the day the Church celebrates the paschal mystery. It should be conferred in a communal celebration for recently born children and in the presence of the faithful.'

On Sunday 9th November, two families in our parish will present their babies for Baptism during 8.30am Mass at Ashmore. Parishioners are encouraged to celebrate Baptism with these young families and to welcome the newest members of our faith community.

Mass of Remembrance



The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Thursday, November 20 at 5.30pm, Mass at Mary Immaculate The families of those we have buried over the past 12 months (over 70 families) have been invited and all parishioners are welcome. If any of you have had relatives die in the past 12 months, and they have been buried from

another church, you are invited to give their names to Sister Elisabeth and they will be added to the Roll of Honour. You are also asked to bring a photo and a single flower.

Break Open the Word and Daily Mass Book— 2015

It is time to order liturgical books for next year. If you are a Reader it is strongly urged you to have a copy of this valuable book. Preparation for Sunday ministry is vital. 'Break Open the Word' gives you the background to the Reading, suggestions for how to interpret the reading, and great helps for pronunciation. The price is \$20, but if we can order 25, the cost will be \$17.

There is also a Daily Mass Book for 2015 that contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass.—Price \$20.

These books run from Advent 2014 to Advent 2015. The 1st Sunday of Advent is November 30. Closing date for orders will be **Monday November 10**. Call Sister Elisabeth **NOW** to place your order. 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au

Melbourne Cup Sweep

Today is your last chance to buy a ticket. Tickets \$2 each
First Prize \$125 Second Prize \$75 Third Prize \$50
Drawn in the Parish office tomorrow Monday November 3.
Those who have drawn a horse will be notified.

Cherish Life-Gold Coast

Dinner and Film 'October Baby'

Adopted...after a failed abortion attempt... Hannah embarks on a journey to discover her hidden past... and hope for her future... She learns that every life is beautiful.

Friday, November 14, Sacred Heart Hospitality Centre
Fairways Drive, Clear island Waters. Cost \$10.

For more information call Fiona Hunter, Vice President
Cherish Life Gold Coast, 0457 781 513



Today we welcome into God's Family

Drayzen Jayce Allen and Osheya Ruby Allen,
Children of Jaye and Felicity Allen
Tayana Zahli Dzihwema and Shade Nawin Ashenden,
Children of Bright Kudakwashe and Mellisa Dzihwema
Eden Roshelle Knuth and Zane Robert Knuth,
Children of Paul and Meshelle Knuth

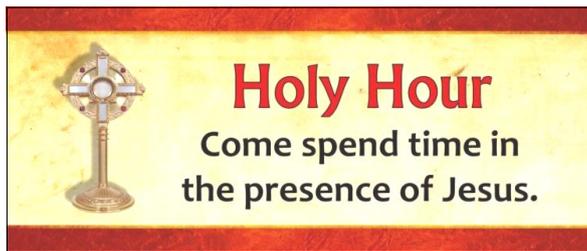
YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noel Reid

ANNIVERSARY: Betty Hickey, Laurie Jean Beasley, Jess Power, Katrina and Trifon Nedkov.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Marj Shipman, Angela Taylor, Michael Skinner, David Reynolds, Mavis Boland, Noelene Owen, Margaret McGiness, Tony Bauer, Ben Howard, Laurin Bliss Beverley Wilson, Valerie Atkins, Paula Greco, Mary Weerasinghe, Anne Volp, Bong, Dannie, and Gie Ubaldo, Yvonne See, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao, Serioza, Fran Spiric, Doss O'Neil, Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Elizabeth Anderson, Gary O'Connell, Jack and Ross McAlpine, John Stowers, Ernest James, Leah Joy Layosa (baby) Jack Keniry, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Alex McKinnon, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic.

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, November 6 at 4.15pm
Mary Immaculate Church**

This Week's Saints

**Monday, November 3
Tuesday, November 4**

**St Martin dc Porres
St Charles Borromeo**

Parish Pastoral Council

A BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who have taken the time to nominate someone to be their representative on the Parish Pastoral Council.

All persons nominated have been invited to attend a meeting at 6.00pm next Thursday November 6, in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate, immediately following Holy Hour and Mass. We have invited Lorraine Wynne from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Care Evangelization Group to attend the meeting and to assist us with the formation of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Worth a Smile

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level. I described a typical day this way: Yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk, about 7km, through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I almost stood on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank eight beers. Inspired by the story, the doctor said "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!" "No," I replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer."

Video Volunteer Required

We have an urgent request for a Volunteer to join the roster, to video the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, to be played later to the residents of De Paul Villa Aged Care. All equipment and training will be provided. Please contact the Admin. at De Paul Villa during business hours 8.30am to 4.00pm on 55 827 247. If you can help.

Fr Mac Christmas Puddings

This year the Puddings will be sold by St Vincent de Paul, with profits going to the Conference to help people in need. Sales start next weekend November 8/9. \$16.50 each.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014/ 2015

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 every Wednesday, followed by Mass at 7.00pm on the First Wednesday of the month at St Joseph the Worker.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, 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. Thursday, **November 20**, Annual Mass of Remembrance at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore 5.30pm.

Sunday, **November 23**, Catholic Women's League, Trade Table after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Thursday, **November 27**, Reconciliation for Children joining the Sacramental Program in 2015 7.00pm Mary Immaculate Saturday, **December 20**, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 2.00pm at De Paul Manor.

Thursday, **June 4 2015**, Confirmation.

Sunday, **June 7 2015**, First Eucharist

menAlive—Last Chance to Register. Be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life next weekend November 8/9 at St Brigid's Parish. Nerang. Contact Tom Lyons on 55 595 554 or Michael Ware 55 004 510.

Vocation View: "Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice .

HYMNS

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign
lands, and all will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

***Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
and I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you, through it all. **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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia
This is the will of my Father, says the
Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that
he has given to me, and that I should raise
it up on the last day.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia

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GIFTS PROCESSION **THE SERVANT SONG**

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

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, 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)

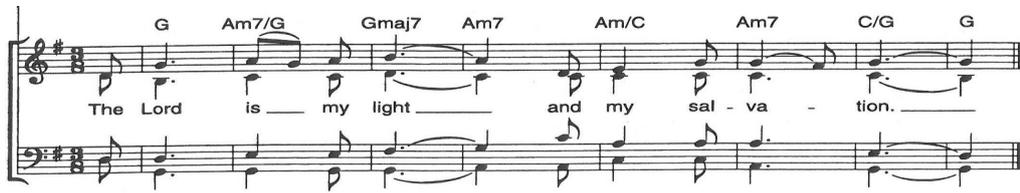
I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as
my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

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**

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (Bonniwell)

The Lord is my Shepherd
and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
Valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

Refrain:

***I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd
and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes***

And while on the journey
to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along,
And over the mountains,
we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me

RECESSIONAL

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain:

***We are companions on the journey,
Breaking Bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear
is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.***

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's House;
We are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care. **R**

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord:
To act with justice, to love tenderly
And to walk humbly with our God,
To walk humbly with our God. **R**

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

**Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22**