

**Twenty Eight Sunday
In Ordinary Time
YEAR C
Sign-up-Sunday**

SUNDAY October 13 2013

Hanging In There

Do you ever wonder if Jesus ever thought, "This is all too much"; "When are things going to go my way, for a change?": "what is the thanks I get for all this preaching and healing and feeding the multitudes?" I suppose if he was truly human, like the rest of us, it might have crossed his mind once or twice. In fact, it would be rather comforting to think that even Jesus occasionally counted the cost of his service of others. But in those moments of self-doubt or low energy for the task, what kept him going? What made him come back for more of the same again and again? The only answer I can think of is commitment to the cause and perseverance in the face of unrealistic expectations.

It has been said that perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did. The truth is that perseverance, that necessary trait of a healthy spiritual life is never easy, which is why so many people find it difficult to persevere with the practice of their faith when it appears at times to be just hard work.

While it seems to be commonly found in athletes and saints, perseverance is not always virtuous, particularly when it presents as stubbornness or pigheadedness. Synonyms for perseverance include endurance, steadfastness, constancy and stability. But it would be wrong to equate perseverance with merely staying in one place or sticking to one thing. We all know of people who have stayed in unfulfilling jobs or relationships, even when they were offered something better, simply because they lacked the courage to change. This is not the life-giving perseverance that can draw us into a deeper appreciation of God's call to transform ourselves and the world in which we live.

Two crucial factors impacting on an approach to perseverance are self-discipline and a vision of the future. The heart of discipline is remembering what you want and staying focused on the journey towards getting what you want. In other words, a vision and a goal. The clearer our vision of what we want in the future, the better our chances are of mustering up the energy and sustaining the self-discipline to achieve that vision. The sharper the vision the more likely the perseverance. Jesus himself gives us frequent examples of his steadfastness. It is good to ask ourselves what enabled him to endure his particular trials and temptations. The answer is simple. Jesus persevered the same way we do: by remembering God loved him and he wanted all people to know that they too were loved as intensely. His vision was totally clear and his path was sure. Even his energy to keep going came from the fact that he knew there was no other way to achieve his goal. He kept to what he had been taught and knew to be true.

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St Joseph the Worker Church
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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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Jesus seems so sad and disappointed in the nine lepers who did not return to thank Him. Do we regularly return to thank God? Or do we run off to our busy lives, taking for granted all the wonderful blessings that God gives to us every day? Using our time, talent and treasure to acknowledge God's gift of creation, like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Christians are called to be 'stewards of the mysteries of God' in all aspects of living their vocation as disciples of Jesus. As stewards, Christians discern and accept their various gifts and talents, and commit themselves joyfully and generously to service of the community in exercising them. They respond to God's love and mercy by undertaking various ministries for building up the body of Christ.

SIGN—UP—TODAY FOR PARISH MINISTRIES.

IT'S TIME—TO HAVE YOUR SAY

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 invited to attend this meeting on Monday evening October 21, at Mary Immaculate Church beginning at 7.00pm.

Editors Note: Mary Immaculate Church, seats 600 it is very important that all these seats are full on Monday October 21, at 7.00pm

EVEN MORE SURPRISES!!!!

Following the unexpected announcement by Father Peter of his transfer next January to be Parish Priest of Ipswich, this week the Archbishop has announced that Fr. Geoffrey and Fr. Robert will also be moving to new appointments in the new year. Father Geoffrey will be going to Maroochydore as Associate Pastor and Father Robert to Grovely/Mitchelton Parish to replace Father Nigel Sequeira who has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Kingaroy. Although these priests have only been with us a short time, they have made a great impact on the life of our parish and will be greatly missed. As yet no replacement has been announced for any of our priests but we are anxiously awaiting an announcement. Both Fathers Geoffrey and Robert are grateful for the welcome they have received from our parish and look forward to return visits.

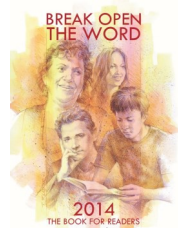
More information when available.

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 no later than Friday, November 8



STEWARDSHIP NETWORK GATHERING

The third and final Network Gathering for this year will be hosted by the Southport Parish, on **Thursday, October 24**, in the Resource Centre. 7.00pm to 9.00pm

During this year the theme or focus for each of the three gatherings has been based on the nine core qualities of a vibrant parish life as revealed by the result of the NATIONAL Church Life Survey. It is worth a look at the website to refresh what these nine core qualities are all about. www.ncls.org.au

At the final Stewardship Network Gathering the theme will focus on the three **"Outward Core Qualities"**

Practical and diverse **SERVICE**

Willing and effective **FAITH SHARING**

International and welcoming **INCLUSION.**

This will again be an opportunity to mix with those from other parishes who are internationally growing a stewardship culture in their parishes.

To register for this event contact Mary-Anne via email mcl.fl@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 336 9362

REMEMBERING OUR CHERISHED BABIES

In October 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

To commemorate International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, White Lady Funerals Ashmore, is holding a **Memorial Service.**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6.00pm

Park View Chapel, Allambe Memorial Park

Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes the courtesy of an RSVP to:

gdecke@whiteladyfunerals.com.au

or Phone Rose 55 781 699.

PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION



Parents with children preparing for Reconciliation in November are reminded our first gathering will be **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.

CANALI HOUSE

CANALI HOUSE is the Archdiocesan house of discernment for young men considering the Priesthood. Young men interested in applying to become a resident of Canali House for 2014 will need to contact the Vocation Centre or call Fr Morgan Batt (Vocations Director) on 0408 292 543 by the end of October this year. If you are or know a young man over 18 seriously considering their "CALL" then find out more today and Ask the Question? Vocation Centre 1300 133 544 or vocations@bne.catholic.net.au

SACRAMENTS 2014



Families with children ready for Confirmation and First Eucharist next year will be happy to know the dates for those two important Sacraments.

Last week we received details: Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, June 12** and First

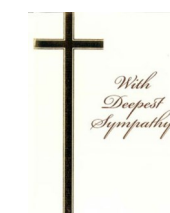
Eucharist will be **Sunday, June 15, 2014.**

Families may like to share these dates with relatives and godparents.

For more information please contact Sister Helen

helenw@scp.org.au

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



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 ceremony, please contact Sr Elisabeth on 55 102 222 or email lis@scp.org.au



Today we welcome into God's Family

Kaylee Beth Brittin daughter of Shane and Dannika Brittin

Cooper William Boswerger son of Clinton and Kelly Boswerger

Marlee Madeline Quig and Harvey Tyson Quig
children of Tyson and Tamara Quig

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Woods, Peter Vigan, Zoe Carter (baby), Ivy McKwan, Leslie Steel, Josephine Arcangeli.

ANNIVERSARY: Erenie Stephanou, Philip Zammit, Carmen Zammit, Edna Mulligan.

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, Doreen Collins, 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, Maureen Bengtson, 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

The Golden Years!

A row of bottles on my shelf, caused me to analysed myself.
One yellow pill I have to pop, goes to my heart so it won't stop.

A little white one that I take, goes to my hands so they won't shake.

The blue one that I use a lot, tell me I'm happy when I'm not.

The purple one goes to my brain and tells me I have no pain.

The capsules tell me not to wheeze, or cough or choke or even sneeze.

The red ones, smallest of them all, Go to my blood so I won't fall.

The orange ones so big and bright, prevent my leg cramps in the night.

Such an array of brilliant pills helps me to cure all my ills, but what I'd really like to know.....

Is what tells each one where to go?

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 15, St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

Founder of the Discalced Carmelites and Doctor of the Church. St Teresa spoke of prayer as 'nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.' So extraordinary were the attractiveness of her personality, her energy, gaiety and sense of fun—"May God preserve us from sullen saints" - that her own religious sisters could not believe her to be a saint.

Thursday, October 17, St Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius was a convert and a disciple of St John the Evangelist. St Peter appointed him Bishop of Antioch, which diocese he governed for forty years. Arrested in the reign of Emperor Trajan he was taken in chains to Rome and devoured by lions. He ended his saintly life exclaiming, 'May I become agreeable bread to the Lord.'

Friday, October 18, Luke the Evangelist

Author of Luke's Gospel and Acts of the apostles, a physician, born a Greek and a Gentile, a companion of St Paul on his travels. He portrayed the loving kindness of Jesus and has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. In Luke alone we hear the story of the Annunciation and Mary's visit to Elizabeth, including the Magnificat, the parable of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son, and the story of the two disciples Jesus met on the road to Emmaus.

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.

Sunday, **October 13,** Stewardship Sign-on Sunday.

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.

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.

CORAL CONCERT

Manilla Chamber Singers.

Canticum Chamber Choir is proud to host the internationally acclaimed **Manilla Chamber Singers** on the Brisbane leg of their tour of Australia. The choir of 20 young professional and students has won several major international choral competitions and has toured extensively around the world.

Come and enjoy a feast of choral music, and enjoy refreshments with the singers after the concert,

Tuesday, October 29 7.30pm. St Mary's Anglican Church, 455 Main Street Kangaroo Point.

Tickets at the door or phone 3847 1717 to book

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM 'HEAVEN'?

By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They form the Church of heaven, where they see God "face to face" (1Cor 13:12).

They live in the communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.

Anxiety comes from our estrangement from the consciousness of God's love inside us.

HYMNS



ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain:

*All the ends of the earth,
all your creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders
of the Lord.*

*For the Lord of the earth,
the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.*

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders God has done in every age. **R**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice
in your might;
every heart, every nation call you Lord. **R**

The Lord has made salvation known,
faithful to the promises of old.

Let the ends of the earth, let the sea
and all it holds make music before
our God!

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

The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.

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

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy one.

**Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (REPEAT)**

And now, let the weak say,
'I am strong'.

Let the poor say, 'I am rich', because
of what the Lord has done for us.

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Give thanks.

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

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Antiphon:

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine:*

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I have called you and you are mine.*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
He will bring you his light and his peace. (A)

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
He will bring you his joy and his hope. (A)

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love. (A)

THE BODY OF CHRIST(Brian Boniwell)

Refrain:

*This is the body of Christ,
Blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ*

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life. **R**

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within. **R**

If you would live in my love,
Hold my word, my promise in your heart. **R**

Gathered as one in my name,
Take my joy, my freedom to the world **R**

RECESSIONAL

SING A NEW SONG

Refrain:

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains
high.*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

All God's people dance for joy.

O come before the Lord.

And play for him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound. **R**

Rise, O children from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song. **R**

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.

The trumpet sounds;

The dead shall be raised.

I know my Saviour lives. **R**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 17:8-13

2 timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

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