

**Twenty Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
YEAR C**

SUNDAY October 6 2013

**“Why I’m still Catholic”**

Last Sunday, I watched “Why I’m still Catholic” the last episode of an ABC series on ‘Compass’.

Many parishioners may have watched the recent series in which Geraldine Doogue invited people of different faiths to dinner. During three different episodes Muslims, Jews and Christians were asked to explore what they believe and why? The four Christians invited to dinner were all Catholic but shared very different views about living their faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Doogue introduced the topic with these observations. “Fifty years ago God knew best, the devil was real and religion was part of everyday life. Today people of faith are being challenged like never before and their institutions are under scrutiny.” She posed the same questions to each group of believers. While I watched last Sunday evening I found myself pondering these same questions!

Why remain religious at all? Where do people of faith stand today? What’s in it today for those who remain true to their faith?

During dinner, the four participants were encouraged to talk about what God means to them and how faith informs their lives. As I listened to their responses I wondered how I would have answered!

How would you have answered those questions? How would you explain “Why I’m still Catholic”? One of the Catholic guests last Sunday asserted his belief that the big challenge the Church has now in this age of atheism is to tell the world something about God and to start by talking about Jesus!

Last Monday, I read an account of what Pope Francis stated as his top priority for the Church. The Pope was asked what the Church needs most at this moment in history. He replied: ‘the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful’. Surely this response means not only talking about Jesus but also really getting to know Him and following Him in ways appropriate for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Similarly, today’s Gospel story highlights the apostles grappling with the demands of following Jesus to Jerusalem. It seems they were beginning to understand that being a disciple involved deep faith and a life of service of others. Hence the apostles’ urgent request “Lord increase our faith” as they tried to follow Jesus, the one who came to serve.

Please take the newsletter home today, ponder those questions, and continue to grapple with your response for “Why I’m still Catholic.”

*Sister Helen*

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**St Joseph the Worker  
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,  
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**Sunday Mass**

7.00 am  
8:30 am

**Weekday Mass**

**Public Holiday  
Monday, October 7  
Mass 9.00am**

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

## 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 27.

## 74 DE LA SALLE BROTHERS BEATIFIED



Our parish has a Community of the De La Salle Brothers at Villa La Salle in Bauer Street, Southport and so it is good for us to know that 74 brothers of that Congregation will be beatified as Martyrs on October 13, 2013 in Spain. On that day, there will be 522 martyrs beatified altogether (the step before Sainthood). During the 1930s, the Catholic

Church in Spain was the target of prolonged persecution with laws enacted which banned worship and church activities and which also saw the murder of many priests and religious for no other reason other than they were priests and religious. Lay people also endured great suffering in the name of the Faith. Since 1939 when the persecution ended, 165 De La Salle Brothers of that time have been beatified and some canonised, as at October 13.

The Motto of the Brothers is *Signum Fidei* (Sign of Faith) and it gives one's life in the ultimate witness to Faith a Christian can be called upon to offer. Next month, the Year of Grace comes to an end and this occasion gives us another moment to examine our own preparedness and exercise of the great gift of Faith. The Church beatifies and canonises holy people in order to preserve their memory and for us who follow them to draw inspiration and hope for our own life of faith. We give thanks to our local Brothers whom we congratulate on their heroic brethren's recognition.

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP—SIGN UP-SUNDAY

#### **Talents for Ministry.**

**Next Sunday, October 13, is Sign-up-Sunday.**

What does this mean? It means it is the day we give back everything we have to God. Our Time, our Talent, our Treasure is God's gift to us. 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 serve the community in exercising them. They respond to God's love and mercy by undertaking various liturgical ministries for building up the Body of Christ. Over the next week we ask you to seriously consider what ministry in our parish best suits your Time, Talent, or Treasure. When you arrive at Mass next Sunday you will be handed an Envelope. Please open it and read the enclosed leaflet and covering letter for Father Peter. The leaflet will list all our Parish Ministries to assist you in deciding which ministry best suits you. There is also a card to be filled out and placed on the plate or returned to the parish office. Representatives of many ministries will be at three of our seven Masses, 8.30am at Ashmore and Labrador and 10am at Southport. If you are not sure about a ministry you would like to join, speak to one of the representatives.

**Come ready to sign up.**

#### **A ministry you may enjoy—Hospitality and Welcome**

We've probably all experienced the feeling of being an outsider and knowing no one at a gathering. Then the friendly smile, the welcoming greeting and shared conversation helps us feel 'at home'. Greeters and ushers at our three parish churches are the first to welcome visitors and newcomers to our Mass communities. The role begins with a greeting smile. It extends at times to be willing to make a commitment to the needs of others: welcoming strangers into our community and sharing of ourselves with them until they too have that sense of belonging. Welcoming is international and inclusive. If you would like to join this ministry that is the heart of our Christian call, please add your name for Hospitality and Welcome on Sign Up for Ministry Sunday next week.

## 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

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## POPE'S RECOGNITION OF MIGRANTS

Pope Francis celebrated Mass on the tiny Sicilian island of Lampedusa on Monday, July 8, to commemorate thousands of migrants who have died crossing the sea from North Africa, underlining his drive to put the poor at the heart of his papacy. 'Who wept for these people who were aboard the boat?' Pope Francis asked in his homily. 'We are a society that has forgotten how to cry,' he said. The Pope denounced smugglers who take advantage of the poverty of migrants to enrich themselves. While thanking Lampedusa and volunteers who care for the newly arrived migrants, he challenged everyone to take responsibility for the migrants' desperation, urging them not to have 'anesthesia of heart'.

## SOUTHPORT PARISH BOOK CLUB

Due to the public holiday on Monday, October 7, the next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, October 14, at 10.00am in the library at Mary Immaculate Church.

### THIS IS MY BODY

**A journey to sexual freedom with Pope John Paul II.**

**Start your journey on Saturday October 19, continue November 2 and 16th 4.30pm to 6.00pm. Age 18-35 Community Hall, St Bernard's Church, \$ Klumpp Road Mt Gravatt.**

**Featuring Presenters from Real Talk Australia Team.**

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## CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS IN ART

Christian Symbols in Art is the title of a free public lecture on Thursday October 17 at 6.00pm in the Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth Street Brisbane. Dr Barbara Hutchinson, theologian and psychologist, will discuss with illustrations of contemporary and traditional symbols, their richness and deeper significance especially for practising artists and travellers to Europe. The Cathedral of St Stephen Art group will offer light hospitality at the enjoyable evening with free parking from 5.30pm in the Charlotte Street Cathedral car park. We may delight in their use in art, liturgy architecture here or overseas, but by learning more of the sometimes surprising origin of familiar symbols our reading embedded in them is surely much enhanced PH 3870 9427.

## WHEN IS INFALLIBILITY EXERCISED?

Infallibility is exercised when the Roman Pontiff, in virtue of his office as the Supreme Pastor of the Church, or the College of Bishops, in union with the Pope especially when joined together in an Ecumenical Council, proclaim by definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals.

Infallibility is also exercised when the Pope and Bishops in their ordinary Magisterium are in agreement in proposing a doctrine as definitive. All the faithful must adhere to such teaching with the obedience of faith.



## Today we welcome into God's Family

Asha Chloe Cognet daughter of Justin and Stephanie Cognet

Bede Charlie Cant son of Michael and Katie Cant

Lucas Michael Baker son of Darrel and Dian Baker

Elijah and Luca Todd children of Anthony and Tina Todd

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dr Owen Lloyd, Robin Kelly, Patricia Nevins

**ANNIVERSARY:** Kerry Donohue, Emmanuela and Edgar Carrar, Maria Corolla, Bertie Hunter, George Bauer.

**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**

### **FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

#### **Monday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**

The Rosary is a way of contemplating the *face of Christ* seeing him—we may say—with *the eyes of Mary*. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel in the full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio inenute*: the Church has to launch out “into the deep” in the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities

Pope John Paul II

### **WORTH A SMILE**

A woman walks into a butcher shop and asks the butcher about the price per kilo for tenderloin. “\$24 per kilo” replies the butcher. “But that seems so high compared to other butchers in the area.” “Lady maybe they gave you the price for a poorer cut of beef.” “No, the butcher across the street said it was \$18 per kilo,” she says. “Well, then, why don't you go and buy it there?” asks the butcher. “Because they have sold out,” she replies. “Well, I'll tell you what I'll do. When I'm all sold out, I sell it for \$16 per kilo,” retorts the butcher.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday, October 11, at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, Southport. Followed by Mass and lunch. New members and any visitors would be most welcome. Phone Anne 55 392 707.

### **MINISTERS ROSTERS**

We are now preparing Ministers Rosters for the next three months, December, January and February. If you are unable to take your place on the roster over this period please contact the parish office before October 30. Also if for some reason you were not on the last roster, please let the office know so we can return you to the roster.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM WORKSHOP**

**Matthew's Stories for Children.** Workshop for teachers and parents.

Wednesday, October 30. 3.00pm to 6.00pm Cost \$15

MacKillop Place, 61 Fernberg Road, Paddington.

Presenters: Carole Danby and Lorraine Wynne.

from Children's Ministry Team

RSVP: by Tuesday October 29, to Percy 3109 6810.

### **PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013**

**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.

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**, Memorial Mass, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Friday, **December 6**, Parish Christmas BBQ

Thursday, **December 19**, Children's Advent Adventures Day

### **CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MONGOLIA**



There is still time this World Mission Month to help us build the emerging Catholic Church in Mongolia and throughout the

world! With no local priests or sisters, nor any local income to sustain the outreach of the Mongolian Catholic Church due to the extreme and widespread poverty, we still desperately need your help. The goal is to raise \$600,000 by the end of October 2013.

After decades of struggling in a communist ruled country, with no religious freedom, it is only recently that the people of Mongolia have had the opportunity to hear the Good news of Jesus Christ thanks to the outreach of the Catholic Church.

If you have not yet had the chance to make a donation go to [www.CatholicMission.informz.net](http://www.CatholicMission.informz.net)

This is a unique opportunity for us all to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis, an invitation to live out and witness our faith, and to proclaim the Gospel to those who do not yet know the Good news of Jesus Christ, including the people of the young Church of Mongolia and other emerging churches across the world.

### **VOCATION VIEW**

Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

**Blessed are you if you know how to be silent and smile, even when you are interrupted, contradicted or walked on; the Gospel is beginning to take root in your heart.**

# HYMNS

## WE COME TODAY

### **Refrain:**

*We come today to break this bread  
and share this cup of wine.*

*We gather at your table now  
to hear your words of life.*

*And though there are so many here  
today, we all are one:-  
one family, one body, and one Church;  
We are your own.*

We thank you, God, for Jesus,  
who calls us to this feast  
to share in one communion  
in your name. **R**

We thank you for our parents,  
who care for us each day,  
The family gathered round us  
here in love. **R**

We thank you for the people,  
who teach us in your ways,  
Who help us learn to love our neighbours  
well. **R**

We thank you for creation,  
the beauty of the earth;  
With grateful hearts we thank you  
for your gifts. **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

If today you hear his voice harden not  
your hearts.

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Capo 3: (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

if to - day you hear his voice, — hard - en not your hearts.

## 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

**BEYOND THE DAYS (Music Only)**

## 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

**COME AND EAT THIS BREAD**

### **Refrain:**

*Come and eat this bread,  
come and drink this cup,  
Come and share the feast  
our God has spread.*

*You have promised us*

*You are here with us*

*In the breaking of the bread.*

This is the bread of life, for all to  
share, bread of hope and redemption,  
Bread to feed a world of hungers. **R**

This is the cup of Christ's own  
sacrifice,  
Blood of love and compassion,  
Blood to heal the world's divisions. **R**

Just as the scatter'd grains become  
one bread,

Make us one in your Spirit,  
all one Body in Christ Jesus. **R**

And as we share one cup of covenant  
make us one in communion  
At the table of Christ Jesus. **R**

Now from this table to the ends of  
earth,  
Gather all of your people in this feast  
of all creation. **R**

## **Final Refrain:**

*Praise the living God, praise to Christ,  
the Son,*

*Praise the mighty Spirit, Holy Breath.*

*For our whole life thru*

*We shall sing to you*

*God of life beyond all death.*

## IT'S MORE THAN WINE AND BREAD:

(Vince Nims)

When we eat this bread, our eyes are opened

When we drink this wine, we hear your voice

When we celebrate this sacrifice

our hearts become restored.

When we eat this bread,

our minds grow strong

When we drink this wine, we are renewed

When we celebrate this sacrifice

we glorify our God!

**Refrain: And it's more than wine;  
it's your blood.**

**And it's more than bread;  
it's your body.**

**And it's more than wine; it's your blood.**

**And it's more than bread; it's your body.**

**When we receive you Lord,  
we are transformed into your church.**

When we eat this bread, we fill with hope

When we drink this wine,

we change the world

When we celebrate this sacrifice

we're giving you our lives

When we eat this bread, we grow closer

When we drink this wine, we do declare

When we celebrate this sacrifice we

profess our faith in you.

## RECESSIONAL

**WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE**

### **Refrain:**

*We are called to serve,  
we are called by grace*

*to cherish Christ in every face.*

*We are called to serve,*

*we are called by name and in all we are  
God's love proclaim.*

Called beyond our human understanding,

Called before the world came in to view.

Within your mother's womb,

your name was known to me,

For you did not choose me, no, I chose you **R**

Called to be a light amid the darkness,

Called to help a doubting world believe.

"Empowered by my Spirit, anointed with my  
love,

You are called to give and share what you  
believe." **R**

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## **THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**2 Kings 5:14-17**

**2 timothy 2:2:8-13**

**Luke 17:11-19**