

**The Feast of the  
Holy Cross  
Year A**

**Let us Glory in the Cross of Christ**

SUNDAY September 14 2014

**The function of a Parish Pastoral Council**

In the *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops*, the Bishops at the Second Vatican Council stated that the function of the diocesan pastoral council is to 'investigate and weigh pastoral undertakings and to formulate practical conclusions regarding them' (Christus Dominus II). It can be inferred from this statement relating to diocesan pastoral councils that the function of a parish pastoral council is to investigate and weigh pastoral undertaking at parish level.

According to the bishops, there are three elements to the functioning of a pastoral council:

**Investigate**-find out what is happening. What are the pastoral issues pressing on us at this time? This implies having an ear to the ground and listening to people.

**Weigh these pastoral undertakings** – This is the discernment process: what can we do to respond to this matter.

**Formulate practical conclusions regarding them** – in other words, planning is an integral function of the pastoral council.

Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST, offers a description of the function of the pastoral council. He says the parish pastoral council on the one hand, identifies the needs that exist in a community; on the other hand, it identifies the gifts that exist in a community. The pastoral council is the body that puts the needs of the community in touch with the gifts, so that the needs are met. Key to this understanding is the conviction that there exists among the parishioners the gifts necessary to meet the needs. The challenge for the council is to identify those gifts.

The function of the pastoral council, therefore, is one of leadership and direction. It is not a group of people who do all the work; this would be a denial of the right and duty of all the baptised to fully participate in the life of the parish to build God's reign. It has a role of identifying pastoral priorities and has the responsibility to ensure these are attended to by calling on the members of the parish to use their gifts in response to the needs identified. In all of this, the pastoral council plays the important role of ensuring that the parish feeds and nurtures people to be a leaven in society and so make a real difference in the lives of people both in, and beyond, the parish community.

**Next week:** The areas of concern for a Parish Pastoral Council

**It's time to start seriously considering who you will nominate to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. On October 12, you will be given a nomination form and asked to nominate someone you consider suitable to be a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.**

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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

## Happy Birthday Father Vince

Another Great day in the life of our parish will be next Tuesday September 16, when Father Vince Hobbs celebrates his 80th Birthday. Although in retirement, the parish has been able to call on Father Vince at any time over the past eight years for emergency calls, sick calls and visits to the hospital, as well as Mass when we are short of priests.



Father Vince can really be considered a south east Queensland local. He grew up in Camp Hill, went to St Thomas' primary at Camp Hill and then on to Gregory Terrace. After completing high school Father Vince spent his next seven years in the seminary. Following his ordination Father Vince served in many parishes of the Archdiocese including Laidley, Nundah, the Cathedral Parish, Booval and finally Bardon where he retired ten years ago. In retirement Father came to live at Labrador and the Southport Parish has been more than blessed by his presence. Father Vince humbly states that he 'is pleased to minister to the people of the Southport Parish.'

Jazz and classical music form a major part of the musical collection enjoyed at the Labrador presbytery while homilies are being prepared.

To make this happy occasion Father Vince will celebrate the 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate next Tuesday, followed by a monster morning tea. We encourage all to attend to wish Father a Birthday to remember.

### Note from the Holy Land

**Father Jan, Saturday September 6, 4.47am**

Already in Jerusalem, so far visited Nazareth, Bethlehem and the Capernaum region. Interesting but different to what I expected. So far no big dramas. The tour guide is very good, better than the one in Poland. Tomorrow we will be retracing the last days of Jesus' life. No doubt the Holy Land is still far away from its resurrection, a lot of suffering and pain. I hope everything is going well in the Parish.

My phone is working Ok but I don't use it.

Regards Jan

### Dutton Park West End Catholic Parish

invites applications for part-time position of

#### Parish Secretary

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm, 20 hours per week  
To apply please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability [havertc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:havertc@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Application should contain the names of two referees one of which should be a Parish Priest. For more information contact Cindy Hayer on 3367 6332.

### New Catholic Outstanding Leadership Award

Australian Catholics are invited to nominate for a new award recognising excellence in the community.

The Award hosted by the Catholic Leader recognises outstanding achievements among Catholic Parishioners. Catholics can nominate for any of the five awards.

Professional Leader of the Year—Youth leader of the Year—School Leader of the Year—Volunteer of the Year, and Community Leader of the Year. Nominations are open from September 1 and close on October 31.

Nominate on line at [www.catholicleader.com.au/awards](http://www.catholicleader.com.au/awards) or contact the Leader Awards Team on 3336 9100 for an application form.

### Cathedral Concert Series

St Stephen's Cathedral Concert Series presents its fifth concert for 2014 on Sunday September 21 at 4.00pm. Program entitled Space, Face and Places by the Cathedral Schola with the Cathedral Choir. Admission \$25 Concession \$20 For further information call 3720 0514.

**Father Dom left last Wednesday for his annual holidays. He is travelling to Italy to spend time with his family. He will be away five weeks. These holidays and Father Jan's trip were all arranged before their transfers to our Parish.**

### Cross compels people, including Emperors, to act

The Cross is one of the most central objects of the Christian faith. It is the symbol of God's love for us expressed by the self-sacrificing death of Jesus, his Incarnate Son.

The public veneration of the Cross originated in the fourth century. According to legend it began with the miraculous discovery of the True Cross by Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, on September 14 326, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine.

In the year 627, during the reign of the Emperor Heraclius I of Constantinople, the Persians conquered the city of Jerusalem and removed a major part of the Cross from its sanctuary.

The emperor determined to recover the relic which he regarded as the new Ark of the Covenant for the new People of God, before leaving Constantinople with his army, Heraclius went to the church wearing black in a spirit of penance; prostrated himself before the altar and begged God to sustain his courage. In the ensuing war, the emperor was victorious. One of the conditions of a peace treaty was the return of the Cross, in the same condition as when it was removed. On his return to Constantinople, Heraclius was received by the acclamations of the people. They came out to meet him with olive branches and torches. The Cross was honored with a grand triumph.

The emperor then wished to give thanks to God by going in person to return the Cross to Jerusalem, after an absence of 14 years. In Jerusalem, he wished to carry the Cross on his shoulders but on reaching the gate leading to Calvary, he could not go forward. He was astonished and his retinue could not understand. "Take care, O Emperor!" the Patriarch Zachary then said to him. "In truth, the imperial clothing you are wearing does not sufficiently resemble the poor and humiliated condition of Jesus carrying His cross." Heraclius then removed his shoes and bejeweled robes. Wearing a poor man's tunic, he was able to proceed to Calvary and replace the Cross.' *Extract from 'Triumph of the Cross' by Irish Jesuits*

### The Sign of the Cross

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Since we make the Sign of the Cross before and after our prayers, many Catholics don't realize that the **Sign of the Cross** is a prayer itself. It should be said with reverence; we shouldn't rush through it on the way to the next prayer.

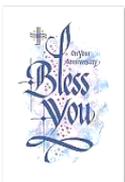
Saint Paul tells us that we should "pray without ceasing," yet in the modern world, it sometimes seems that prayer takes a back seat not only to our work but to entertainment. As a result, many of us have fallen out of the habit of daily prayer that characterized the lives of Christians in centuries past. Yet an active prayer life is essential to our growth in grace. Learn more about prayer and about how to integrate prayer into every aspect of your daily life.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, October 5, there will be a SPECIAL BLESSING for those celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries any time this year, at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church.

If you are celebrating an anniversary for 1 year, 25 years, 50 year, or any year ending in Zero and you would like to be part of this celebration, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office 55 102 222 or by email:

[lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au) by Friday September 26. This will be your last chance if you wish to be part of this Special Ceremony.





## Today we welcome into God's Family

Brody James Leo Kelly, son of Anthony and Leanne Kelly

Ayden Paul Sacre, son of Christopher and Jessica Sacre

Duncan Mason Stevens, son of Duncan and Alana Stevens

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bruno Ast, Don Pettiford, Dorothy Gooley, Baby Angel Warren.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Roy Bevan, Frank Bumingham

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Don Pettiford, 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, Baby Jasmine Krause, Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao, Serioza, Fran Spiric, Doss O'Neil, Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Daisy Howes, Elizabeth Anderson, 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, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries,

**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.**



**Monday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Tuesday, September 16, Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**

**Wednesday, September 17, St Robert Ballarmine**

**Friday, September 19, St Januarius**

St Januarius, patron saint of blood banks and volcanic eruptions. Living in the fourth-century Italy. As a Bishop he became famous for visiting two deacons and laymen in prison. He also was imprisoned and eventually thrown to the lions. When the animals did not attack him, he was beheaded.

### **Marion Valley Canungra**

#### **Blessed Jacques Desire Laval**

A gift of Love...In memory of a dear apostle who dedicated his life to the poor, the needy, the sick and the Mauritian Community. You are wholeheartedly invited to a French/English Mass at Marian Valley, followed by the blessing of the shrine. **Saturday, September 20.**

Commencing at 10.40am with Rosary **Mass** at 11.00am  
Enquiries to Mauritian Community, Josette 0408 477 064

### **Worth a Smile**

I was reading an article about fathers and sons and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first beer. Off we went to our local which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Fosters, he didn't like it, so I had it. Then I got him a XXXX, he didn't like it, so I had it. So I offered him a Carling Black Label, he didn't like it, so I had it. It was the same with the new Lager and the Premium Dry Cider. By the time we got down to the whiskey I could hardly push the pram home.

### **Behold the Handmaiden of the Lord**

#### **Contemplating the Annunciation.**

In this month when the Church honours Mary the mother of Jesus, this prayer reflection day is designed to ponder with Mary the mystery of the Annunciation. Using the ancient prayer of the Church, the Lectio Divina you are invited to be still and contemplate this mystery in a guided meditation using a Gospel text and the representation of this mystery in art. **Saturday September 27, 9.30am to 3.30pm.** Cost \$35

Sacred Heart Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 fairways Drive Clear Island Waters. BYO Lunch, Tea and Coffee provided  
Bookings/enquiries: Helen Goldsmith Ph. 0412 894 356 or [helengoldsmith@bigpond.com](mailto:helengoldsmith@bigpond.com)

### **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 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

**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. Sunday, **October 5,** Mass to Celebrate Significant Wedding Anniversaries 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Weekend, **November 8/9** menAlive weekend St Brigid's Thursday, **November 27,** Reconciliation for Children joining the Sacramental Program in 2015 7.00pm Mary Immaculate Saturday, **November 29,** Fundraising Event for Ethiopia Mission, Gold Coast Little Theatre

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

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

### **Enrolment for Sacraments 2014-2015**

Thanks to all parents who joined the information sessions on Tuesday. All enrolment forms will be due in the parish office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

All families with children preparing for Reconciliation or Confirmation and Eucharist will present their children to our parish community at the Mass of Enrolment, either at 6pm Mass on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October or at 8.30am Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

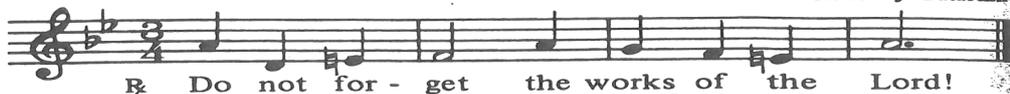
Important dates for our parish:

**Reconciliation Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Confirmation Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**First Eucharist Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Thanks Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au)



## HYMNS

### **GLORY IN THE CROSS** (Easter Hymn)

Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ,  
Our salvation and our hope.  
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,  
Who was broken to make us whole.  
There is no greater love, as blessed as this:  
To lay down one's life for a friend.

#### **Refrain:**

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
And the triumph of God's great love.**

Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
Who is risen from the grave.  
He will come in glory to receive our hearts  
At the dawn of the lasting day.  
For the trumpet will sound,  
the dead shall be raised,  
And death shall defeat us no more. **R**

Let us raise our voices to the cross  
of Christ

Where the earth and heaven unite.  
God has wed creation on the tree of hope  
Where the darkness becomes our light.  
Let us join in the dance of heaven and  
earth,  
Give thanks for the goodness 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.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Do not forget the work of the Lord!

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR  
NEXT SUNDAY**  
Isaiah 55:6-9  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
Matthew 20:1-16

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
We adore you, O Christ, and we  
praise you, because by your cross you  
have redeemed the world.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **GIFTS PROCESSION**

#### **WE GATHER HERE, O LORD**

##### **Refrain:**

**We gather here, O Lord,  
to hear Your saving word.  
To feast upon this finest bread,  
this richest wine out-poured.  
Come, set our hearts ablaze!  
Come, fill our nights and days with  
purpose strong and vision clear and  
songs of thankful praise!**

### **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**

When we eat this bread and drink  
this cup, we proclaim your Death, O  
Lord, 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**

#### **WILL YOU LOVE ME**

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light of my  
presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways.

##### **Refrain:**

**Will you love me  
as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me  
the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars  
will be gone like the night and the  
sun will be shining on you.**

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
Is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through  
the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night  
for the world? **R**

Can you walk in the footprints of silence?  
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,  
from the desert of doubt and temptation,  
to the glorious mountain of fire? **R**

### **O JESUS CRUCIFIED**

#### **Refrain**

**O Jesus crucified, for us you suffered,  
for us you died on the cross**

How can we pass by and not care?  
It was our sins that, nailed him there  
On the cross.

See the crowd un pitying stare:  
'Forgive them, Father,' is his prayer  
On the cross.

Thorns the only crown he must wear,  
For thirst and wounds our King must bear  
On the cross.

See our high priest makes his great prayer,  
Himself the victim, bleeding bare  
On the cross.

Let our lives by giving declare  
Amen, Amen to that great prayer  
On the cross.

May we die to sin and so share  
The triumph he enacted there  
On the cross

### **RECESSIONAL**

#### **HAIL REDEEMER**

Hail Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of ever lasting peace.

#### **Refrain**

**Angels saints and nations, sing:  
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary."**

King, whose name creation thrills,  
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,  
Till in peace each nation rings  
With your praises King of kings. **R**

King most holy, King of truth,  
Guide the way-ward, guide the youth;  
Christ our King of glory bright,  
Be to us eternal light. **R**

Shepherd King, from mountains steep,  
Home ward bring the wand'ring sheep;  
Shelter in one royal fold  
States and nations, new and old. **R**

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