

**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A**

All are Welcome, in this Place

SUNDAY September 21 2014

The areas of concern for a Parish Pastoral Council

There are areas of parish life that are not the concern of the parish pastoral council, such as finance, maintenance of buildings, school management or fundraising. It is important to identify these areas so as not to lump onto the pastoral council what was previously lumped onto the priest: everything. This would be a recipe for failure. So, what are the areas for concern for the parish pastoral council?

Answering this question begins with another question faced by early Christian communities and every Christian community ever since: how do we continue the ministry of Jesus in our time and place? In the Archdiocese of Brisbane a three part framework with nine priorities was established as a result of the Archdiocesan Synod in 2003. The Jesus Communion Mission Vision names the areas of concern for pastoral activity in the Archdiocese from which pastoral councils can receive much direction. These are:

Embrace Jesus and his Vision

Jesus - Catholics embrace the person and vision of Jesus e.g. Promotion and development of personal prayer and Adult Faith Education opportunities i.e. Lenten Programme, Scripture Courses, Study Groups, Prayer Groups.

Young People - Young people are helped by faith development opportunities to integrate their faith with everyday experience e.g. Youth ministry planned and developed, Parish and School initiatives supported.

Build Communion with God and Others

Liturgy - Parish liturgy is vibrant, meaningful and inclusive e.g. Parish liturgies enhanced by having an active Liturgy committee, relevant Sacramental Programmes, liturgy workshops/publications available - including training and education for lay led liturgies.

Welcoming Communities - Parishes are welcoming, inclusive communities to which people are drawn and in which people have a strong sense of belonging e.g. Strategies continue to be developed to welcome newcomers, to include people with different ethnic backgrounds, to involve those with disabilities, to welcome those who wish to return to the practice of their faith.

Pastoral Leadership - Parish pastoral leadership is promoted, supported and resourced at all levels e.g. Ongoing formation valued and provided to Pastoral Leadership Team, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Administration Team, Parish Ministry groups.

Small Groups - Parishes accept, value and use small groups to nurture and support people in their faith journey e.g. Continue to promote and support parish groups that exist and also encourage the development of new groups that respond to expressed needs by parishioners - RCIA, friendship groups, prayer groups, family groups, women's/men's groups, etc.

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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

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Engage in Jesus' Mission in our world

Daily Life – Catholics recognise and value the impact of their everyday Christian living on building a better world e.g. Affirm contributions, share stories of parishioners bringing their Christian values to their homes, and workplaces. Encourage daily, prayerful reflection on everyday life. Promote marriage/family/parenting programmes.

Communication – The person and message of Jesus and the work of the Church are effectively communicated in wider society e.g. Emphasise value of personal example, use Parish website, local newspapers, organise Catholic outreach events i.e. Alpha programmes.

Justice & Welfare – A deep awareness of, and commitment to, social justice and social welfare are characteristic of all Catholics e.g. Implement an annual social justice project in parish, support parish social justice group, join in ecumenical social justice activities.

As stated in previous articles in your newsletter, the Pastoral Council does not do all the work. It:

- Investigates and listens to the community
- Weighs up the most pressing pastoral needs, issues and concerns
- Formulates a practical response – identifies and gathers the particular gifts in the community to respond to the need

Next week: Pastoral Council membership and task

Parables pose puzzles for God's people

"The last will be first and the first last". These words of Jesus, with which today's reading from Matthew concludes, occur in different contexts in all three synoptic gospels – God's ways constantly overturn our human expectations. And that is the lesson of the parable in today's gospel. Of all the parables of Jesus, the story of the labourers in the vineyard is probably the most puzzling for Christians of successive generations. That means that it is a great success, that it achieves what Jesus intended. A plausible story, reflecting the common experience of his hearers begins to unfold. It was normal for day labourers seeking employment to gather in public places. One denarius would have been a normal day's wage. We are given a hint where the story is leading however; Israel, the Lord's vineyard, was a familiar theme of the scriptures. An element of suspense holds the attention of the listeners – what is the unusual behaviour of the landowner leading to? Then the conclusion of the story comes as a shock, leaving us unsettled, as our reasonable expectations are not fulfilled."

The Francis Effect

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith. Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.

Pars 175 Evangelii Gardium, November 2013

Art Show

At Casey Hall, Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, 50 Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters. Come and enjoy the opening night Cocktail Party on Friday October 17, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and /or include your artwork for purchase. Proceeds to Rosies, Caritas and Stella Maris Church Building Fund.

Contact Parish Office 55 725 433.

Thank you for the many individuals who made a gift to the Annual Catholic Campaign last weekend. Each and every contribution is important and makes a difference. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a gift, please join us in supporting vital ministries throughout the Archdiocese. You can find a giving envelope in the back of the Church, fill it out and place it on the collection plate, or if you would rather go on line to make your gift the website is: www.catholiccampaign.com.au On behalf of all those who rely on these ministries, thank you for your support.

Secular Franciscan Meeting



"THE LORD GIVE YOU PEACR"

As we celebrate St Francis on October 4 we invoke his intercession for our troubled world.

Born into a period of political and social unrest, Francis promoted a new way of living our Christian life.

Acting out of his conviction of the 'brotherhood of all mankind', in his

freedom and joy of spirit, his greeting to all was always his salutation of **PEACE**.

Thus he was able to reconcile parties in conflict conferring the peace of Christ's presence, offering a challenge to his contemporaries as to us today.

As with Francis, **PEACE** begins with me.

The next Fraternity Meeting is Wednesday September 24, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. Everyone is welcome.

Stewardship in Action:

At a funeral held recently in our parish Stewardship in Action was very evident. A number of people attending the funeral had travelled a lot of miles to attend and had arrived a little early. A parishioner observing the early arrival discreetly asked where the people had come from. "Roma and further out west" came the reply. The parishioner asked if the travellers would like a "cuppa", a very grateful "Yes" was the reply. The parishioner rallied a couple of others from their group to help and got together a hot drink and biscuits for which the travellers were most appreciative. Truly the Welcoming Face of the Southport Catholic Parish.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

At the end of another school term, a big thanks to all the parents who prepare for Children's Liturgy each Sunday in Mary Immaculate Church during term. This is a very important ministry in our parish and their commitment is certainly appreciated. New helpers are always welcome.

Children beginning preparation for Sacraments are reminded to join Children's Liturgy at 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church next term.

Our first Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday October 12. Thank you. Sister Helen

Swimming Gear needed

The St Vincent de Paul Buddies Day program offers a monthly group day out with Buddies Leaders for disadvantaged children referred from Conference home visits. The children do not often get to go swimming. The Buddies seek donations of Boogie Boards-Kick Boards- and Floaties for the Summer Season starting in November. Used items are fine as long as they are in good condition and can be inflated. Please leave donations in the Church Food Bins at Labrador and Ashmore, the Parish Office or contact Nerida to collect them on 0417 606 639. nerida.smith@bigpond.com

Vocation View

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Viviyne Lee Kapur, daughter of Nihad Kapur and Lauren Gibson

Sophie Jade Laws, daughter of Christopher and Dominique Laws

Angel Caitlin Reid, daughter of Tammie Reid

Sophia Noelle Grace Hall, daughter of Joshua Cope and Jessica Hall

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

DECEASED: Michael Murray, Shirley Casey, Val Malone, Hilary Ralfe.

ANNIVERSARY: Bernadette Mahoney, Kevin Green, Paolo Di Leo, Clement Atkinson, Ella Hanly, Lorain Wynne, Glenn Pili, Mark O'Neill, Walter Buhagiar.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Ben Howard, Laurin Bliss, Beverley Wilson, Valerie Atkins, Paula Greco, Mary Weerasinghe, Anne Volp, Bong, Dannie, and Gie Ubald, 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, 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.



Tuesday, September 23, St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Friday, September 26, Sts Cosmas and Damian

Saturday September 27, St Vincent de Paul.

As a priest, St Vincent de Paul developed a special concern for the poor after giving the Sacraments to a dying peasant. He cared for slaves, prostitutes, war victims, and the destitute, becoming known as the great Apostle of Charity. He was canonised in 1737. On this feast day, let us all pray for all the Saint Vincent de Paul Societies, the churches that sponsor them, all other charitable ministries, and the people who help. May the Lord multiply the provisions they distribute to the needy, give new strength to the workers, and bring in more volunteers who serve the poor with genuine love.

What to do on Saturday Afternoon

Would you like to learn a new game of cards? A group from Labrador play on Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and would welcome five or six new members. It is an exciting game called **7/11**. and no cost, just have fun.

Phone Patricia on 55 323 984 for more information.

Worth a Smile

- If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.
- Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.
- It isn't the jeans that makes your butt look fat.
- It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

The Parish is Giving Away

Four Boxes of Hanging Files—Coin Sorting Machine

3M Overhead Projector and a Video Presenter.

Call Donna at the Parish Office if you want any of the lot.

TV for a Lady in need

Mary Immaculate St Vincent de Paul Conference are helping a lady who has fled domestic violence. They have had whitegoods and some household items donated, she has very little and a TV (second hand is fine) would be much appreciated. Please contact Nerida if you can help on 0417 606 639 or email nerida.smith@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.

Lutwyche Catholic Parish

invites applications for part-time position of

Parish Secretary

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm, 12 hours per week

To apply please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability havertc@bne.catholic.net.au Application should include the names of two referees one of which should be a Parish Priest. For more information contact Cindy Hayer on 3367 6332.

menAlive Men's Weekend

Saturday November 8 and Sunday November 9

St Brigid's Parish Nerang

Enquiries: Tom Lyons 55 595 554 or 0417 004 733

HYMNS

ALL ARE WELCOME (Marty Haugen)
Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Where the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain:
**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and
as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **R**

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast
that frees us: **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

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY**
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to
the words of your Son.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

SPIRIT COME TRANSFORM US

(Gregory Norbet)

Refrain:
Spirit, come, transform us.
Come, be our breath, be our hope.
Spirit, come, transform us.
Come, be our breath, be our hope.

Deep in the womb of our heart
reveal your presence, O God. **R**

Draw us to share others' burdens,
healing and loving with truth. **R**

You are the one who unites us
in striving for justice, for peace. **R**

Sing in our heart, be the dancer,
birthing our love as we grow. **R**

Teach us to live with compassion,
unfolding creator's love. **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 ACCLAMATIO

Save us Saviour of the World
For by your Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free,

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

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Refrain:
One bread, one body,
One Lord of all,
One cup of blessing
which we bless.
And we, though many,
Throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts,
Many the works,
One in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. **R**

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (Boniwell)

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

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

Refrain:

Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross lowly and poor,
Calls us on.

Lord it is you promising hope,
Promising truth. **R**

Restless the hearts
who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream:
Justice brings life,
Justice redeems. **R**

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