

**Twenty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A
Fathers Day**

SUNDAY September 7 2014

Baptism calls us all to full participation in the Mission of Jesus

An ever deepening awareness of the call of Baptism for the Christian life is essential if we are to build a parish community where all members bring their gifts to the service of the reign of God.

The ministry of parishioners to bring their gifts to the service of God's Reign is one of the major shifts in Church teaching that happened at the Second Vatican Council. In the period after the Council of Trent, ministry became increasingly clericalised. Those in ordained ministry were seen as being a more elevated being than those who were 'only' baptised. As a consequence, the laity was disempowered, Baptism lost its significance and the laity was seen as a recipient of ministry. A big shift in the thinking of the Church was revealed in the *Decree on the Laity* from the Second Vatican Council, where the bishops' state:

The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world.

To commemorate 25 years since the proclamation of the Decree of the Laity (1965), John Paul II wrote the encyclical: "Christifideles Laici – The Vocation and Mission of the Laity" (1989) in which he reaffirmed the ecclesiology of Vatican II and emphasised that:

Lay ministries, tasks and roles are gifts of the Spirit, given for building up the Body of Christ, thus confirming once again that it is through Baptism that one shares in Christ's Mission.

It is Baptism, not ordination, which gives us a share in the mission of Christ. Vatican II marked the beginning of a new period in which all are invited to use their gifts in the service of the reign of God.

This common awareness of being Church of all the baptised in no way diminishes the responsibility of parish priests (*Benedict XVI: Opening of the Pastoral Convention of the diocese of Rome*)

Parishes thrive in such a context where parishioners realise that Baptism calls us all to ministry and to embrace actively our baptismal responsibility. The purpose, then, of the parish, to carry on the Mission of Christ, to be in service of the reign of God and feed and nurture people to be a leaven in society, begins to be appropriated.

The Parish Pastoral Council plays a leadership role in this context. Its function is to keep the parish on the right course and maintains its focus in collaboration with the priest. The Parish Pastoral Council does not become the be all, and end all of parish life, and the solver of all problem. It is a piece in a jigsaw dependant on so many others to participate in the mission and to use their gifts in the service of others. **Next Week:** The Function of the Pastoral Council in the life of the Parish.

In approximately five weeks time 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

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

***God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a
loving way.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Pope's Vision of a Father

Pope John XXIII had a wonderful quote regarding the role of fathers. He once said: "It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a father." They are confronting yet truth-filled words from a man who, though himself would never have children of his own, was indeed a father to many.

Pope John XXIII was a spiritual father to millions of Catholics, and with the advent of the Second Vatican Council, became a Church Father by way of his vision for the faith and life of the church in the modern world. Hence it would seem that one's ability to assist in procreation does not make a man a father. Fatherhood is a role and a life that is at once both challenging and fulfilling. Christ himself has taught us the power and beauty of this relationship between father and child, teaching us to call God our Father.

Social Justice Sunday

This year we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on Sunday September 28. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation.' The Statement celebrates the place of sport in our national life, especially the way in which it brings individuals and communities together and contributes to our health and wellbeing. For further details about the Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Music Workshop

Next Saturday, September 13 at Mary Immaculate, we will be hosting a Music Workshop for the 7 Parishes of the South Coast Deanery. All Organists, Cantors and Choir Members of our Parish are strongly urged to be there. The Morning Sessions beginning at 9.30am will be given by Ralph Morton, who is in charge of Music at St Stephen's Cathedral and his input will be of great assistance to those involved in Music Ministry.

In the afternoon session, our Choir will be presenting some new hymns, so if you would like to sing and learn at the same time, you will be most welcome. This session will begin at 2.00pm. It is essential you register with Sr Elisabeth (5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au) as there will only be music available for those who do so.

Carmelites: Mystics, Prophets and Servants

A retreat day of prayer, reflection and talk lead by

Father Anthony Scerri O.Cam **Sunday September 21**
Loreto College, 415 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo, at 9.30am
Mass at midday. Cost \$20 includes Morning Tea BYO Lunch
RSVP: By Sunday September 14, to Norm Harding
0421 125 575 email ave.olmc@outlook.com
Transport can be arranged

Preparation for Sacraments 2014-2015

Thanks to all parents who registered their children to begin sacramental preparation.
Parents of children who celebrated Confirmation and Eucharist years ago are invited to register their children to prepare for Reconciliation this year. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday November 27 at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church.
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 October 18 or at 8.30am Mass on Sunday October 19.
An information session for parents will be held this coming Tuesday September 9 at 4pm and repeated at 7pm in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate.

What to do when things go wrong

In any community, there are going to be differences and difficulties. Sometimes, these differences are minor and brought about by clashes in personality. Sometimes, though, they are brought about by someone acting against the interests of the group.

Jesus is setting out some of the rules for living in the Kingdom and knows enough about human nature to know that His own people are not going to be immune from this.

So, today, Matthew lays out some of Jesus' teaching about relationships and what to do when things go wrong.

It is straightforward wisdom - start by trying to work things out on your own - then invite people you can trust to listen and advise - and finally ask the community to make the final judgement.

Jesus then hands on to the other disciples the power to bind and to loose that He gave to Peter earlier in the Gospel. The community also has the gift to discern what is forgiven - and what still needs a further change of heart.

He closes with words that offer comfort and strength - where two or three meet in My name, I shall be there with them. This is not a random meeting of a few Christians coming together - but a gathering of people who have come together in a unity of heart and of purpose.

The Kingdom is to be a place of openness, trust and honesty where differences can be aired and forgiveness given and received. This is possible only because the single thing that underpins all the rest is love - a love which, at its best, resembles that of Jesus Himself - complete and unconditional.'

Why do we have a right to exercise freedom?

The right to the exercise of freedom belongs to everyone because it is inseparable from his or her dignity as a human person. Therefore this right must always be respected, especially in moral and religious matters, and it must be recognised and protected by civil authority within the limits of common good and a just public order. *Catholic Catechism 365*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2014

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN



ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE

Traditionally, the Archdiocese has conducted four in-parish appeals to raise funds for the Holy Spirit Seminary, the Priests Foundation and Centacare. In addition, parishes conducted other appeals for Caritas, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul and various other ministries and programs throughout the year. The Annual Catholic Campaign is a single fundraising program, held over a number of weeks.

It seeks support for five principal beneficiary areas of: Centacare—Priests Foundation—Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund—Holy Spirit Seminary—Religious Works.

Parishioners are reminded that the Annual Catholic Campaign last year raised in excess of \$1,200,00 with over \$8,000 coming from our parish.

This year's commitment day is next Sunday September 14. Come prepared to give generously.

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



Today we welcome into God's Family

Indiana Joy Tarabene daughter of
Anthony Tarabene and Katrina Kiss

Athena Zamire Aurora Lewis-Heart daughter of
Manuel Cortaza and Samantha Lewis-Heart

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY: John and Anthony Webb, Bob Sullivan, Shirley and Jim Donohue

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, Barbara McLachlan, 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.

Worth a Smile

Fathers then and now.

In 1900, If a Father had breakfast in bed, it was eggs and bacon. Today, it's Special K, soy milk, dry toast and a lecture on cholesterol.

In 1900, Fathers would have a heart-to-heart conversation while fishing. Today, Fathers pluck the headphones off their son's ears and shout, "When you have a minute".

In 1900, Fathers said, "A man's home is his castle".

Today, they say, "Welcome to the money pit".

In 1900, a happy meal was when Father shared funny stories around the table. Today, a happy meal is what Dad buys at McDonald's.

In 1900, Fathers passed on clothes to their sons. Today, kids wouldn't touch Dad's clothes if they were sliding naked down an icicle.

In 1900, a Father came home from work to find his family at the dinner table. Today, a Father comes home to a note, "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult Ed, Pizza in the fridge."



Monday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tuesday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver.

Friday, September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

Catholic Women's League

The next monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday, September 12, in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, followed by Mass and lunch. New members and any visitors would be most welcome. Phone Anne 55 392 707.

Make sure you visit the Piety Stall for all your Father's Day gifts.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 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.

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 Tuesday, **September 9,** Information gathering for parents of children joining the Sacramental Program for 2015. Mary Immaculate Church 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

Saturday, **September 13,** Music Workshop at Mary Immaculate 9.30am to 4.00pm

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

Tuesday, **October 21,** Aquinas Mothers of Past Students 50th Anniversary High Tea.

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

Holy Father's Intentions for September

Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

For Evangelization: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

Vocation View: How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

HYMNS

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Refrain

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings. **R**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. **R**

Every moment of every day,
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray. **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

If today you hear his voice harden
not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself; and the Good News of reconcili-
ation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



GIFTS PROCESSION

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU

A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another

as I have loved you,

That you love one another

as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are

My disciples,

if you have love one for another.

By this shall all know that you are

My disciples,

if you have love one for another.

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

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

(S. Temple)

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring
your love;

Where there is injury,

your pardon, Lord,

And where there's doubt,

true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life,

let me bring hope,

Where there is darkness, only light,

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may

never seek

So much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love with all my
soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we

are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

EAT THIS BREAD (Taize)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Trust in me and you will not thirst.

RECESSIONAL

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O Great and bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next .

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reigns in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY**
Numbers 21:4-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

This News Sheet is proudly
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Australia Fair.

Queensland Child Protection Week

September 7 to 13.

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane supports
this year's theme:**

***"Protecting Children is everybody's
business"***

**Please collect a prayer Card from the
table at the Church entrance and pray
the prayer each day this coming week.**