

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
Year A**

SUNDAY October 12 2014

***What are the essential things for which you long?***

In recent months, many people have been disturbed by news of wars accompanied by shocking images. A few weeks ago, I found a copy of Max Erhmann's poem *Desiderata*. The advice contained in this century old poem is certainly relevant today and prompts the question: what are the essential things for which I long?

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story, Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly to the counsel of the years, gracefully surrender the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imagining. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy."

Sister Helen

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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

## He is Warning Us!

“Don’t touch the stove; it will burn your fingers!” “Don’t cross the road until you look both ways.” Just as our parents gave us a warning to keep us safe, Jesus is giving us a warning in today’s Gospel. He is warning us about the sad consequences people will face if they arrive at heaven’s gate without the mysterious “wedding garment”. What is this wedding garment? The Book of revelations gives us a clue. It tells us those who have been baptized into Christ—those who have immersed themselves in the gospel message of Jesus’ death and resurrection will know the privilege of joining the Lord at the final glorious banquet. Now it is one thing to receive the wedding garment at baptism, but it’s another thing to keep the garment clean and pure throughout our lives. Each and every day, God wants us to put on our wedding garment—the holy character of Christ—and let it shape the way we think and act. It is so tempting to be consumed with the demands of life in this world, as the people in today’s parable were, and lose sight of the magnificent feast that awaits us in heaven. Jesus tells us.”Many are invited but few are chosen” (verse 14) God is inviting you today. Accept his invitation! Heed his warning! A glorious life awaits all who keep their wedding garment clean!

## Enrolment for Sacraments 2014/2015

Thanks to parents who have returned enrolment forms for their children. Please return forms as soon as possible as we need to order books and Bibles for the children.

**All enrolment forms should have been lodged in the parish by last Friday, October 10.**

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 on Saturday, October 18 at 6.00pm in Guardian Angels Church or on Sunday, October 19 at 8.30am Mass in Mary Immaculate Church.

### **Important dates for our parish:**

**Reconciliation Thursday, November 27, 2014.**

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

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

## Back and ready to go!

Last Monday I came back from the pilgrimage to the Holy Land and my holiday. Coming back to the usual routine of the parish life I would like to say thank you for all your prayers and good thoughts. Everything went well and after the pilgrimage I had an opportunity to spend some time with my family and friends.

Participating in the Harvest Pilgrimage with our pilgrims I visited the Black Madonna Shrine in Czestochowa (Poland) and then the Holy Land where I prayed for all parishioners entrusting into Our Lady’s hands my ministry and the life of our Parish.

I would like to express many thanks to Fr Teri for his pastoral work during my absence. Fr Teri has done an outstanding job responding to the pastoral needs of St Joseph’s Labrador, Guardian Angels Southport and Mary Immaculate Ashmore Communities and the patients of the University Hospital. When Fr Dom went for his holiday Fr Teri on his own looked after the Parish and that was an enormous job for one person.

On weekends and occasionally during week Fr Vince, Fr Frank and Fr John helped Fr Teri with Sunday and weekday Masses. I am very grateful to Frs Vince, Frank and John for giving us a hand whenever we need it.

Thank you also to all parishioners who have helped Fr Teri in his pastoral work during last few weeks. For any priest this experience of being supported by so many parishioners and the Office Staff is always uplifting in his ministry in any parish of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Finally saying thank you I would like to ask you to keep in your prayers our young parishioners who are about to begin their preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the middle of October this year.

Father Jan

## October: The Month of the Holy Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope Pius V (1504-1572) to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the “arms” of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St Dominic by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflict with the Albigensians. The Dominican Pope, St Pope Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom.

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed towards the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. Many other Popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. Pope John Paul II called the Rosary his favourite prayer, in which he meditated with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

### Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is Prayed daily in our Parish at the following times:

**Monday:** At St Joseph the Worker, Labrador from 6.15am.

**Tuesday:** At Mary Immaculate, Ashmore from 7.15am.

**Wednesday:** At St Joseph the Worker, Labrador from 6.15am. plus Rosary and Novena each Wednesday at 6.00pm, followed by Mass on the First Wednesday of the month.

**Thursday:** At Mary Immaculate, Ashmore from 4.15pm.

The Rosary is also prayed daily together with Divine Mercy Devotion at the home of Laura and Ernie Ashbrook, Unit 1/49 Imperial Parade, Labrador, (opposite St Joseph the Worker Church) Daily from 4.30 to 5.30pm.

**Real men don’t do church? WRONG! menAlive retreat at St Brigid’s Parish, Nerang, Saturday and Sunday November 8 and 9. Contact Tom Lyons 55 595 554 or Michael Ware 55 004 510 or email Tom at [TomLyonsHolidays@gmail.com](mailto:TomLyonsHolidays@gmail.com)**

### When I grow up I want to be ALIVE

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.



**This year we are invited to reach out and support the crucial work of the Jamaican Catholic Church**

**in helping the people turn away from violence and crime to seek a new future through the power of education and the spirit of Jesus Christ. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.**



## Today we welcome into God's Family

Lukas Adam Marko Laney, son of Mark and Anita Laney

Attached to your Newsletter today are the Nomination Forms for you to recommend who you would like to represent you on our Parish Pastoral Council. Please carefully consider your nomination and return the forms by October 26

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colin Pullen, John Ford.

**ANNIVERSARY:** David and Agnes Manickum, Glenn Pili, Carmen and Phillip Zammit, Edna Mulligan.

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Margaret McGiness, Stella Ponting, Tony Bauer, 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, 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.

**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.**

### **This Week's Saints**

**Tuesday, October 14,**

**Wednesday, October 15,**

**Thursday, October 16**

**Friday, October 17**

**Saturday, October 18**

### **Worth a Smile**

Dorothy and Edna, two "senior" widows are talking. Dorothy: "That nice George Johnson asked me out to dinner. I know you went out with him last week, and I wanted to talk with you about him before I give him my answer". Edna: "Well, I'll tell you. He showed up at my apartment punctually at 7pm, dressed like such a gentleman in a fine suit, and he brings me such beautiful flowers! Then he takes me downstairs. And what's there: a limousine, uniformed chauffeur and all. He take me out to dinner; a marvellous dinner, lobster, champagne, dessert, and after-dinner drinks. Then we go to see a show. Let me tell you Dorothy, I enjoyed it so much I could have just died from pleasure! So then we are coming back to my apartment and he turns into an Animal. Completely crazy, he tears off my expensive new dress and kisses me all over!!!" Dorothy: "Goodness gracious!...so you are telling me I shouldn't Go??" Edna: "No, no, no... Course not... I'm just saying, wear an old dress."

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distraction of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset. . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again.

Weekend: Friday October 31 to Sunday November 2.

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

For bookings and details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith on 4634 3559, or [stimen@aapt.net.au](mailto:stimen@aapt.net.au)

### **All Hallows' Past Pupils Association**

The Past Pupils Association, extends an invitation to the Annual Mass for deceased Past Pupils and staff to be held in the Chapel at 10.30am. Saturday November 1, 2014, followed by morning tea in Loretto Hall. Cost \$15 per head. Registration and payment can be made by visiting the AHS website [www.ahs.old.edu.au](http://www.ahs.old.edu.au) under events. For more information contact Lenore Thompson on 3831 5632.

**Vocation View:** Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised rewards we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

### **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 every Wednesday, followed by Mass at 7.00pm on the First Wednesday of the month 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 12,** Children's Liturgy re-commences.

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

Saturday, **December 20,** Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 2.00pm at De Paul Manor.

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

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

### **The Parish has For Sale**

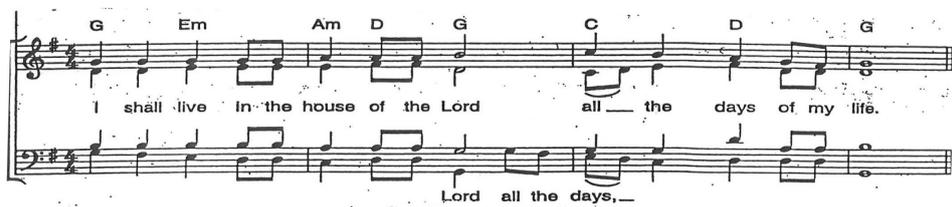
Brand new Coin Counting Machine, Auto Coin Counter Dimensions: 355mm X 330mm x 266mm. Weight: 4.5kg Capacity: 300 to 500 Units each slot Counting Speed 216 units per minute. Cheap at \$595 o.n.o.

Contact Donna at the Parish Office 55 102 222.

### **Theatre Evening Fundraised for Ethiopia**

The Gold Coast Little Theatre presents "PYJAMA GAME"

A special performance event to raise funds for Dr Catherine Hamlin's Fistula Hospital and the Franciscan Nuns in Ethiopia. Tickets \$30, includes supper with cast. RSVP with payment by November 12. Bookings phone Trish 55 265 644.



## **HYMNS**

### **THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME**

This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
Sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
Flashing of lightning wind in its swiftness  
Depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide  
Your eyes are watchful, Your ears are list'ning,  
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
All that would harm me, stand by me still.

### **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**

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we  
might see how great is the hope to which  
we are called.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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### **GIFTS PROCESSION** **GATHER YOUR PEOPLE**

(Bob Hurd) GA 530

#### **Refrain:**

***Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit  
of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.***

Draw us forth to the table of life:  
Brothers and sisters, each of us  
called to walk in your light. **R**

We are parts of the body of Christ,  
Needing each other, each of the  
gifts the Spirit provides. **R**

No more harm on the mountain of  
God: swords into plow-shares.  
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of  
heart. **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 ACCLAMATION**

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**

**TO BE YOUR BREAD** by David Haas;

#### **Refrain**

***To be your bread now,  
be your wine now,  
Lord, come and change us,  
to be a sign of your love.  
Blest and broken,  
poured and flowing,  
Gift that you gave us,  
to be your body once again.***

We come to your table with  
our lives as they are.  
Heal us, Lord, for we are broken,  
Make us one again. **R**

Lord, we stumble through  
the darkness of night,  
Lead us now, O Lord, we follow,  
Bring us home to you. **R**

### **TABLE OF PLENTY (D Schutte)**

#### **Refrain**

***Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
Here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table,  
Where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money;  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you  
Through Days of sorrow and woe,  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
To flood the depths of your soul. **R**

### **RECESSIONAL**

### **SING TO THE MOUNTAINS**

#### **Refrain**

***Sing to the mountains  
sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.***

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. **R**

### **Prayer to for the Synod on the Family.**

*In answer to the call from our*

*Holy Father, Pope Francis, we pray for all  
those meeting in Rome for the Synod on  
the Family.*

*May it be a precious treasure to enrich the  
Church.*

*May the Church undertake a true journey  
of discernment and adopt the necessary  
pastoral means to help families face their  
present challengers with the light and  
strength that comes from the Gospel.*

*Jesus Mary and Joseph, graciously hear  
our prayer Amen.*

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Isaiah 45:1,4-61 Thessalonians 1:1-5**  
**Matthew 22:15-21**