

**Fifteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
Year A**

SUNDAY July 13 2014

**The Sower Teaches us the way to build a Better World**

Jesus' parables are taken from ordinary life. The image of the sower is one of these. He used the common actions of the people to announce the Good News.

I have a few memories of my childhood. Sometimes I went with my father to the country and I have some images of when one day he sowed. However, I remember what my grandmother said to me when I was a teenager. She lived with us for fourteen years. She told me many episodes of her big family: nine children. They grew up in very tough times during the Second World War. It was very hard for my grandparents to find a piece of bread for their children. They had a piece of land and it was their resource. In Calabria: my region, the sowing time is during winter. This season is colder than the Gold Coast. During winter it often rains and occasionally snows. I think it wasn't easy for my grandfather to sow. He used the best seeds from the previous harvest. They were taken from the family. It was hard for a father who was sacrificing everything to help his children grow. He gave to the ground what he had obtained with sacrifice from the previous harvest. The good sower is a generous person because **he doesn't take the best product for himself but he sows it**. Despite the severe winter he is patient. He thinks for the future because he knows spring and summer will come. He is always thinking ahead and he has the hope of a better harvest. Psalm 126 says: *May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy*. It was my nonno's experience; the same happened for many other people maybe, your grandparents as well.

My grandad didn't collect from his last sowing. He died before the end of winter. His family collected what he sowed. Today, his children and grandchildren are living for what he sowed with his life and sacrifice. This is the parable of our life. Very often **we store what others sowed**.

In the Bible and in the Church's history we find many experiences like this. Moses leading Israel towards the Promised Land but he died before he arrived there. Peter and Paul sacrificed their lives to announce the Gospel but they didn't see the fruits of their witness. The church during her first centuries suffered many persecutions. Tertulliano, a famous philosopher, said: *the martyrs' blood is a seed of new Christians*. Despite their tough time they haven't stopped sowing with their life. They were very generous, patient and with strong faith they hoped in a better future.

Today, our harvest is what they have sowed. Jesus is the sower who is continuing to spread the seeds of love. He tells us the reason of our life. The purpose of the sower is the same purpose of the seed which he has sowed: *unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest* (John 12,24).

Baden Powell, the founder of the Scouts, wrote a farewell message to his kids. He left them this advice: "**try and leave this world a little better than you found it**". Jesus the good sower with other words repeats the same to us: **what are you sowing with your life for a better world?** Ciao!!!

Fr Dom

Fr. Jan Bialasiewicz  
Parish Priest

Fr Teri Nueva  
(Associate Pastor)

Fr Domenico Muscari  
(Associate Pastor)

Leeanne Human  
(Parish Manager)

Sr Helen White RSM  
Sacramental  
Coordinator  
07 55 102 296 \\  
helenw@scp.org.au

Sr Elisabeth  
Keane IBVM  
(Pastoral Associate)  
lis@scp.org.au

Daloras Howes  
(Parish Secretary)

Donna Stubbins  
(Admin Assistant)

Aquinas College  
07 55 102 888  
Maryanne Finder  
(Principal)

Guardian Angels'  
School  
07 55 100055  
Terry Gimpel  
(Principal)

De Paul Villa  
07 55 827 250  
Julie Madden  
(Director of Aged Care)

De Paul Manor Estate  
07 55 827 999

Parish email address  
info@scp.org.au

Parish fax number  
07 55 102 244

Newsletter Editor  
Eddie Doherty  
edju01@optusnet.com.au  
0428 761 110

**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

## APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



Ave Stella Maris

This Sunday is recognised by the Catholic Church in Australia as Apostleship of the Sea Sunday. Known to seafarers around the world as **Stella Maris**, the Apostleship of the sea cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour or creed.

### **A Prayer for Seafarers:**

*O God in your kindness, lead all seafarers through the perils of the ocean and bring them back in safety to their homes and friends. Guide them through the many temptations their way of life occasions. Inspire them to make fruitful use of the clubs and chapels your Church has established for them, and grant that they may learn to love and follow you with strength and loyalty through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

## **SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH**

### **Catholic Youth Adults Group**

**For Catholics 18 to 30s to get together and Socialize—Share a Meal—Discuss Faith Topics—Grow in Faith together.**

**Meeting every second Wednesdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Resource Centre at Mary Immaculate**

**Next meeting is this coming Wednesday, July 16.**

**For more information call Alice on 0411 449 895**

## **Altar Servers Wanted**



We are asking for children of families who regularly attend the Parish for Mass, and have made their First Holy Communion, to become Altar Servers **at each of our three churches**. You will be required to attend at least two training sessions. If you are interested please leave your name and details with the Parish Office 55 102 222 and Father Jan will contact you about training sessions., to commence

towards the end of July.

## **Archbishop's Pentecost Message to Young People**

**Young people of our parish the Archbishop wants to hear from you.**

Open the web site [cymbrisbane.org.au](http://cymbrisbane.org.au) and listen to a video of the Archbishop delivering his message together with an opportunity for young people to respond to questions he asks. Questions and answers can all be done online on this web site. Archbishop Mark hopes to receive feedback from as wide a variety of young people as possible.

## **Vinnies Cake Stall**



The Mary Immaculate St Vincent de Paul Conference will hold a Cake Stall next Sunday, July 20, after the 8.30 Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. Great home baking and preserves for sale! All proceeds go to the Conference Winter Appeal to help those in need in our community.

Thank you for your support!

## **St Joseph the Worker Craft Classes**

These Classes will recommence at the Annex on Tuesday, July 22, from 9.30am to 11.30am. For a term of eight weeks ending on September 9. Should you have any unfinished Craft hidden in your cupboard, get it out and come along to our Craft Tuesdays. Parishioners who may be interested in attending these Classes, please contact the teacher, Susanah Bishop 55 775 917, who will be able to advise you of the necessary requirements you will need to bring to the Classes.

## **Gossag Art Exhibition**

The Cathedral of St Stephens Art Group (COSSAG) will present a free art exhibition from Friday, July 25, to Monday, July 28. At the Francis Rush Centre. This year's theme "Interconnection" has inspired beautiful original pieces of excellent quality that are also affordable. Open Daily until 4.00pm.

## **Which is Your Group?**

Like any good story, the parables of Jesus had many levels of meaning. Jesus interpreted this parable for the missionary ministry of the apostles. Today Jesus viewed the sower as the missionary preaching to the crowd. Some in the crowd rejected the message outright (like seeds on the hardened path). Others received the message but are immature and quickly lose interest in the face of opposition (like the seed on rocky soil which the sun burnt). A third group became Christians but never enjoy spiritual growth, since worries of the world get in the way (like the seed sown with thorn weeds). The last group grows abundantly in Christ, since they willingly place themselves at risk (like seeds in a deep, rich soil that is turned over and over)

## **The Francis Effect**

The salvation which God offers us is the work of his mercy. No human efforts, however good they may be, can enable us to merit so great a gift. God, by his sheer grace, draws us to himself and makes us one with him. *Pope Francis Nov. 2013*

## **What is Gods Plan for Men and Women?**

God who is love and who created man and woman for love has called them to love. By creating man and woman he called them to an intimate communion of life and love of marriage. "So that no longer two, but one flesh" (Matt 19:6). God said to them in blessing "Be fruitful and Multiply" (Gen 1:28).

*Catholic Catechism Para: 337*

## **Memorial Mass for Father Peter HcHugh OSA**

Father Peter McHugh passed away early this month and Catholic Charismatic Renewal are organising a memorial Mass for him to be held on

Saturday July 19 at 12noon, at

St John's Church, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate.

To celebrate Father Peter's Life and in Thanksgiving for his commitment to and support of Catholic Charismatic Renewal

## **Father Paul Turner to visit Gold Coast**

Father Paul Turner is a well known author and liturgist. He is currently the pastor of St Anthony Parish in Kansas City Missouri USA. A prolific author who has written many hundreds of bulletin inserts on liturgy for ministry and liturgy journals. His numerous publications include: *Celebrating Initiation: A Guide for Priests and At the Supper of the Lamb*.

**There are two opportunities hear Father Paul.**

**Monday, August 11, 4.00pm to 5.30pm.,** Topic: "Theology of Sacraments of Initiation". "Journeying with young adults, teenagers and children who seek to become Catholic".

**7.00pm to 9.00pm** "Issues in Initiation"

Meeting Room, Sacred Heart Church,  
50 Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters

"Issues in Initiation" addresses common challenges faced by parishes and schools including: Who is welcome and how do we welcome them? Initiation of children, young people, whole families, from non-Catholic families, Orthodox and Eastern Rite Christians.

## **ARTICO ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

**Performing "The Art of Song"**

**next Sunday, July 20, in Mary Immaculate Church**

**Tickets on sale at the Parish Office**

**Adults \$20. Students and Pensioners \$15.**

**Primary School Children Free. ( bring the whole family)**

**Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music ranging from classical to Broadway showstoppers. Tickets for this concert performed in a main stream concert hall would be in excess of \$100. Don't miss your chance to enjoy this performance at these ridiculous prices.**



**Today we welcome into God's Family**

Nixon John Stewart son of Clinton and Luanne Stewart

Harry Philippe Buchmueller son of Shawn and Jessica Buchmueller

Sarah Ann Brennan daughter of David Hardgraves and Jodie Brennan

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ellen Matthews, Gerard Berger, Troy Baldin

**ANNIVERSARY:** Geneila Abiera, Rasma Dilbeks, Jackie Balkin, Kevin O'Connell, Paul Richardson, Anthony Richardson

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** 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, Colleen Blanch, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Yvonne See, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Mary Porrill.

**Lord grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen**

**Novena for Vocations**



V9 Novena for vocations is a nine week novena of prayer across the Archdiocese for vocations. It began on Sunday, June 15 and concludes at the end of National Vocation Awareness Weeks on Sunday, August 10. The campaign encourages a prayerful culture across the Archdiocese

by praying a nine week novena for vocations. **You will find the Prayer for Vocations on the back page of this newsletter. Keep a copy and pray this prayer daily for nine weeks.**

**Feast Days of the Week**

**Tuesday, July 15, St Bonaventure**

Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, the religious name of Giovanni di Fidanza, was a Franciscan friar, Master of Theology at the University of Paris, Minister General of the Franciscan Order, and Cardinal of the Catholic Church. During his lifetime he rose to become one of the most prominent men in Latin Christianity. His academic career as a theologian was cut short when in 1257 he was put in charge of the Order of Friars Minor OFM. He steered the Franciscans on a moderate and intellectual course that made them the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits.

**Worth a Smile**

The local Publican was so sure his barman was the strongest man around that he offered a standing \$1000 bet, that the barman could squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass. Many people tried over time: weightlifters, boxers, etc. But nobody could do it. One day, this scrawny little fellow came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a small voice, "I'd like to try the bet." After the laughter had died down, the barman said, "Ok"; grabbed the lemon; and squeezed away. Then handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little fellow. But the crowd's laughter turned to silence... as the man clinched his little fist around the lemon... and six drops fell into the glass. The crowd cheered and the barman paid the \$1000 and asked the little man: "What do you do for a living? You're too small to be a weight-lifter or an athlete, so what? The little fellow quickly replied; "I work for the Tax Department."

**Vocation View:** The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

**Try to at least excuse what you cannot understand.**

**Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

**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



**SPY.** Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm

Sunday, **July 20,** ARTICO Concert. 'The Art of Song' Mary Immaculate Church.

Sunday, **August 10,** Parish Car Observation Rally

Friday, **August 15, Holy Day,** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Special Celebrations at Guardian Angels Church Commencing at 5.30pm

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

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

Saturday, **November 29,** Fundraising Event for Ethiopia Mission, Gold Coast Little Theatre



**Women of The Way Annual Retreat**

Friday, August 22 to Sunday, August 24

Watson Park Convention Centre,

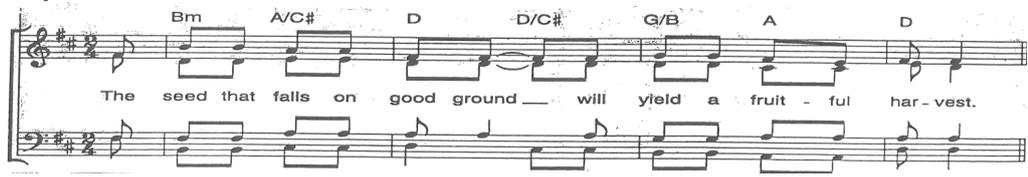
Old Gympie Road, Dakabin

Theme: You are truly God's handiwork (Eph 2:10)

Presenter: Karen Atkins

Contact: Julie Smith 0402 316 288 or 3482 3250

**Stewardship Reflection:** May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred-fold.



# HYMNS

## **GATHER YOUR PEOPLE** (Bob Hurd)

### **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**

## **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 seed that falls on good ground will  
yield a fruitful harvest.

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

**Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**  
**Romans 8:26-27**  
**Matthew 13: 24-43**

This News Sheet is proudly  
sponsored by  
**MAX'S MITRE 10**  
Australia Fair.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God, Christ is  
the sower; all who come to him will  
live forever.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **GIFTS PROCESSION**

### **UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT**

#### **Refrain**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall  
upon the ground and die,  
It remains but a single grain with  
no life.**

If we have died with Him,  
then we shall live with Him.  
If we hold firm,  
we shall reign with Him. **R**

Any one serves me,  
then they must follow me.  
wherever I am,  
my servants will be.

## **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**

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**

### **BREAD OF LIFE CUP OF HOPE**

(Bobby Fisher)

Bread of life and cup of hope we come  
as gift to you  
Change our hearts fill us with peace,  
Transform our lives anew  
Open our eyes so that we might see  
Your presence in one another  
Your life, poured out in love today  
Unites us all in you

Loving Lord, Creator God open our  
eyes to see  
The good that lives in each of us that  
called to world to be  
And when we fail to see the good  
When friendships falter and crumble  
give us the courage to forgive  
That we may live in peace

Living Word, O Son of God,  
Your love show us the way  
That we may live in harmony  
and from you never stray  
Wipe all oppression from our midst,  
give us a love for all people  
Your song of justice sing in us,  
to live for peace today

## **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**

### **TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU**

Take the word of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's word and make  
them grow

#### **Refrain:**

**Go in peace to serve the world,  
in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God, the love of God  
with you as you go.**

Take the peace of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's peace and make  
them grow. **R**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's joy  
and make them grow. **R**

## **Prayer for Vocations**

- A.** *At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart  
was moved*
- B.** *For they were like sheep without a  
shepherd*
- A.** *Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"*
- B.** *"But the labourers are few"*
- A.** *Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the  
harvest*
- B.** *O Lord we pray that young men will  
answer the call to become priests in Your  
harvest*
- A.** *And the shepherds for your people.  
Amen*