

**Twentieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY AUGUST 17 2014

The crumbs of Childhood

From the commentaries to today's Gospel we learn that the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to liberate her daughter from the evil spirits was by race a Phoenician from Syria.

In these days Syria has been affected by many demons who destroy human lives and affect thousands of children. The past year has been particularly challenging: Since January 2013, the number of children affected by the crisis has skyrocketed from 1.8 million to more than 5.5 million. The most vulnerable pay the highest price in the civil war that has been in this region for four years. Every night the TV images of the crying and the wounded children (many of them are Christians) disturb and make us upset. The childhood of those children has been destroyed and taken away by those who fight for power and control. Children suffer not only in Syria but in Iraq, Palestine and many African countries. The childhood joys, happiness and security are not going to be their experience.

Today's Gospel shows us a sincere concern for children. Firstly the Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter and then Jesus is worried about having not enough food for his own people. In his response to the request of the Canaanite woman he says: 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' To this concern the woman answered, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith (and determination for the wellbeing of your child). Let your wish be granted.' We can see that both Jesus and the Canaanite women are concerned about the welfare of children. Happiness and security of children is the priority in today's Gospel.

All children whether they live in Australia, Africa, Ukraine, Middle East or any other country have the right to enjoy their childhood. Nowadays in our society there is less and less room for children to enjoy their childhood, we adults take them very quickly into our world marked by competition, control, rivalry, war and aggression.

The other side of the coin; last Sunday on Channel 9 many people watched the grand finale of *The Voice Kids*. Ten-year-old Alexa won this competition. With Fr Dom I voted for Maddison from our St Thomas Aquinas College. But what captured my attention was the way these young children performed on the stage. They acted like adults, it looked like their childhood is already gone, almost non-existent. In the Western world, in many cases, adults impose on children the hectic way of life with so many extra activities that these children don't have a chance to taste what childhood is about.

Childhood should be a feast of adventure, freedom, exploration, discovery with a lot of fun and a sense of security. This is children's right and it is our (adults) responsibility, so let's place on the table of childhood the best "dishes" for all children - they deserve it. In doing this we (adults) benefit as well because Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven".

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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

Sacraments of Initiation in Southport Parish

A child's initiation into the faith community is a journey of conversion for both the child and the family. In the next few weeks, parents are encouraged to discern their children's readiness to celebrate Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion. In our parish children are usually in their 10th year when they receive Confirmation and First Communion. Please have a chat with your children and if you feel they are ready to begin preparation contact Sister Helen at helenw@scp.org.au.

Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7pm. Confirmation and First Communion will be in late May or early June next year. Those dates depend on the availability of a Bishop for Confirmation in 2015.

The first information gathering for parents will be **Tuesday 9th September at 4pm & 7pm** in the Mary Immaculate meeting room.

Please contact Sister Helen before 2nd September to register your child's name.

Catholic Women's League

 Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be holding a Cake Stall next Sunday August 24, following the 8.30 Mass at Mary Immaculate. Your support and donations will be gratefully received.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

 It is that time of year again when we welcome those who are asking about the Catholic Faith.

If you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to contact Sr Elisabeth as soon as possible at the Parish Office 55 102 222 or by email lis@scp.org.au Sister will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' Evening on Thursday August 21, in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate Church from 7.00pm. She needs to know the numbers for catering.

If anyone is interested in being part of the team or being a sponsor, your help would be greatly appreciated, so please let Sister know.

An information evening will be held on Thursday September 4, at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate.

Ministers Rosters

Ministers are advised that the Rosters for the next three months, September, October and November are ready for collection from the table at the church entrance.

Vocation View: It's easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries, race or colour. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.



**Tuesday, August 19, St John Eudes
Wednesday, August 20, St Bernard
Thursday, August 21, St Pius X Pope
Friday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

On this great feast of the Queenship of Mary we can't find enough words to describe the joy we have with all the angels and saints in heaven in crowning the Blessed Virgin as Queen of Heaven and Earth

A Big Parish Thank You



To all the Young People who volunteered to be Altar Servers. Altogether 10 offered and Father Jan has already conducted training classes. Soon we will see these young people taking their place on the Altar at Mass, in all three churches. If you missed out this time and would like to be an Altar Server contact Father Jan.

Aquinas College Anniversary Mass

The 50th Anniversary Mass gives the Aquinas College Community the opportunity to thank our God for the many blessings received over the past 50 years and for our College community to join together in prayer and to ask for God's blessing as Aquinas College moves into the future.

To mark this great occasion, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at the College at next Friday, August 22 at 9.15pm.

Multicultural Mass

Sunday August 31 at 2.30pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane
Celebrant: Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Concelebrants: Priests ministering to ethnic communities.
Multicultural Mass is held in the Archdiocese of Brisbane on the last Sunday of August each year in observance of the National Migrant and Refugee Week.

Parish Pastoral Council

Following the 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate on Thursday last, 30 parishioners attended a meeting with Sister Mary Franzman pvbm to learn more about Pastoral Councils and to discern the need for one in our parish to replace the current Stewardship Committee. Sister Mary explained the need for and the reason why we should have a Pastoral Council. Many questions were asked by those present and it was decided that we should have a Parish Pastoral Council. As to how a pastoral Council is formed. Sister Mary said it was a process which takes about six to eight weeks resulting in parishioners being asked to nominate persons they think would best serve our parish as members of a Pastoral Council.

We need to totally trust Jesus

There are a number of lessons from today's reading. The first is that there is a need for total trust and confidence that Jesus really does care for us, in spite of indications to the contrary. There is also the need for us to persist in prayer. We must realise that this does not always result in getting what we have asked for. It helps us to see more clearly what God wants for us and what really is best for us. What we need most is not the carrying out of our own wishes but having the peace and security that can only come from our being in total harmony with God's will for us, so that his will and ours are identical. We should want what he wants. Thirdly, today's Gospel is an affirmation that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on him in faith and trust, no matter who they are or where they are.

Francis Effect

Popular piety enables us to see how the faith, once received, becomes embodied in a culture and is constantly passed on. Popular piety "makes people capable of generosity and sacrifice even to the point of heroism" *Pope Francis*

Christian Morals Faith and Sacraments

What the symbol of faith professes, the sacraments communicate. Indeed through them the faithful receive the grace of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit which give them the capacity of living a new life as children of God in Christ whom they have received in faith.

Catholic Catechism Para. 357

Marian Valley Shrine Invites You Our Lady's Birthday Celebrations A Spiritual Weekend



This year in addition to the day adoration, holy Mass and the procession we have extended Our Lady's birthday celebrations to include an

overnight program. Come and spend one night in the presence of Jesus and Mary,

**Saturday, 6th September
Starts Saturday 10am - Holy Hour
11am Holy Mass - Main Celebrant
Bishop Columba Macbeth- Green
6:30pm - Evening Program, includes
Midnight Mass**

**R.S.V.P: By the 29th August to
Maggie Moodley - 0466325401
maggiemoodley@gmail.com** If you wish to camp overnight. Cost to camp: \$10 per adults. \$5 per student.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Theodore Noel Isaacs son of
Stephen and Jessica Isaacs

Gabriel Emmanuel Basco son of
Emanuel and Rona Basco

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Ted Collins (Bishop of Darwin) Kath Sheehy, Walter Seymour, Jack Howell.

ANNIVERSARY: Benjamin Gilbert, Laurie Degen, Eileen Degen, Florian Banas, Barbara Burke, Toni McFadden

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: 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, Don Dinneen, 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.

Second Parish Bus Trip this Year

This time we are going to Ipswich to visit the

Ipswich Heritage Buildings

Thursday, September 4.

Morning Tea in Queens Park, Ipswich

Lunch at Brothers Leagues Club

All inclusive price \$50

Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.30am. Pick up at Southport RSL and Railway Street.

Departs St Joseph the Worker Church at 9.00am

This trip is sure to be popular, so call Pat now on

55 395 849 to secure your seat on the bus.

Tickets will be available for collection next Sunday August 24 from all three churches.

Anxiety and Depression Support Group

Offers a warm, comfortable environment for people living with anxiety and depression and seeking to improve their quality of life. The objectives of the group are to provide self-help support, education and point people in directions that will help them. Meets 1st Thursday of each month at

Australian College of Community Services

Unit 30, Southport Trade Centre, Jackman Street, Southport

Phone: 1300 729 686 Email: info@mentalhealth.org.au

Don't suffer in silence, connect with others!

FLOURISH ARTS FESTIVAL 2014

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you creative? Are you musical? Or an artist? Do you prefer to work with clay, paint, glass, words, movement, or another medium? Whatever your passion, whatever your interest—there's a place for you at the "Flourish Arts Festival" to be held on:

Saturday, September 6, 8.00am to 4.00pm at

"The Great Lawn" Broadwater Parklands,

Marine Parade, Southport.

Many spaces are available for you or your group to display your work

The festival will consist of: * Art and Craft market * Group displays Art growth and healing workshop * Art demonstrations * Live performances * Children's activities * Food stalls * Chapel

Register your interest on line at:

www.flourishartsfestival.com or Phone: 0405 319 404

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

Sunday, **August 24**, Catholic Women's League Cake Stall Mary Immaculate Church after 8.30am Mass

Tuesday, **September 2**, 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

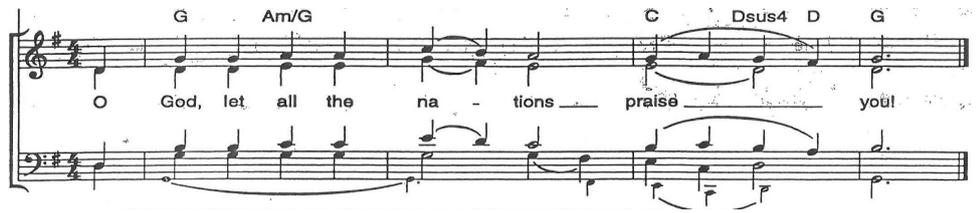
Thursday, **November 27**, Reconciliation for Children joining the Sacramental Program in 2015 7.00pm Mary Immaculate

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

Worth a Smile

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up! After a few minutes, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Larry?" "No, miss, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

HYMNS



IN FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE

Refrain:

*In faith and hope and love with joyful trust
we move towards our Father's home above.*

Christ, our star, our map, our road
To the Father's high a bode. **R**

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray. **R**

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend
Our beginning and our end. **R**

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord. **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

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

GIFTS PROCESSION OH LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

Oh Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

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 A TOUCHING PLACE

Christ's is the world in which we
move.

Christ's are the folk we're summoned
to love,

Christ's is the voice which calls us to
care,

And Christ is the one who meets us
here.

Refrain:

To the lost Christ shows his face;
To the unloved he gives his embrace;
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a
touching place.

Feel for the people we most avoid,
Strange or bereaved or never
employed;

Feel for the women, and feel for the
men

Who fear that their living is all in
vain. **R.**

Feel for the parents who've lost their
child,

Feel for the women whom men have
defiled.

Feel for the baby for whom there's no
breast,

OUR SUPPER INVITATION (Kevin Bates)

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new
wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while
there's time.

Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will
lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new
wine.

Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of
mine.

Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new
wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

RECESSIONAL

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT (Bernadette Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. **R**

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11: 13-1, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28**