

**Sixteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
Year A**

**In this place new light is shining**

SUNDAY July 20 2014

**Singing is linked to the Human Spirit**

In recent weeks, many of us followed the World Cup. Many times our TV set in the presbytery was on early in the morning as Fr Dom, Teri and I watched different teams trying to win matches on their way towards the finals. There were expressions of passion and emotion on the pitch and even among the fans - ovations, tears, cheering up and even praying with the rosary beads to help the particular team to win. We witnessed it all as the cameraman would, from time to time, move his focus across the crowds. As we saw each game commence with the singing of the national anthem, we witnessed how the players and their fans sang together their country's national anthem with passion and enormous energy. It was during this moment that I thought about our congregation and asked myself, "What do we need to make our liturgical singing similar to the Brazilian stadiums?"

Singing has always been an integral part of the human existence, and it's not isolated in the Christian tradition or culture. As children, many of us probably heard our mothers singing lullabies to us, sending us to a good night's sleep. People who are in love often express their happiness in singing.

Soldiers also sing at battlefields to lift their spirits up. The sports fans cheer their teams up by singing the club tunes or "chants". Singing is in our genes and in our human nature. Sadly, when it comes to the singing in church, these genes seem to be 'switched off'.

Why should we get involved in singing during the Church ceremonies or worship? Maria von Trapp (her story served as the inspiration for "The Sound of Music") once said, "**Music and singing act like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens.**" No one doubts that singing is strongly linked with the emotions of the human spirit.

We all know that participation in the liturgical celebration requires both an involvement of mind and heart. These "two" should find their expression in singing which becomes an integral part of our liturgy. St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians wrote about this "double" involvement. "Teach and instruct one another with wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts." The old motto of St. Augustine says, "Those who sing, pray twice."

It is interesting to read the historical record made in the year 112, by Pliny, a Roman historian and governor of Betinia. In his report he described the first gatherings of Christians - "There are some people in my province who early in the morning gather together and sing hymns to Christ whom they acknowledge as their God." Also our ancestors sang many songs in honour of Jesus and Our Lady. Interestingly, singing accompanied the life of the first settlers in Australia.

So again, what do we need to make our liturgical singing similar to those moments at the Brazilian stadiums? The answer to this question is very simple; one thing is needed, your voice and mine... singing together "to God with thanksgiving."

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**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
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**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

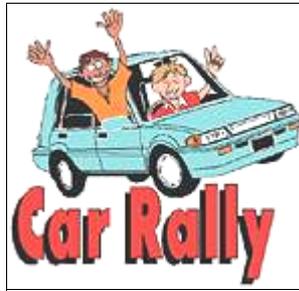
**Korean Mass**  
Sunday 3.00pm  
Last Saturday of the Month  
6.00pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Tuesday - 9.00am  
Thursday - 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday  
of the Month 4.15pm

## Parish Observation Car Rally

Your mission on Sunday, August 10, is to drive and



discover your Gold Coast. For little over an hour, you and members of your car are to use their skills to determine and ultimately arrive at the unknown location for lunch and social activities.

You will leave Mary Immaculate at 11.00am, with an Instruction/Question Sheet, which by working as a team will help you arrive at the destination in the shortest

time covering the shortest distance.

To make the event even more fun and demanding, you will need to use your observation skills to answer as many questions as you can to get the maximum number of points. Teams with the best points will win prizes in different categories.

At the venue there will be lunch- car trivia- raffles- and fun presentations.

At just \$10 per car, you will be in for a lot of fun with an exciting parish social challenge.

The idea is to fill your car with friends. If you would like to come and enjoy the day, but don't have a car, don't worry we will fit you in with someone.

**To Register: Collect a "Car Rally, Registration Form" from the table at the church entrance and return it or email it to the Parish Office [dalorash@scp.org.au](mailto:dalorash@scp.org.au) no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday August 5.**

### **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

Thank you so much for your generosity in sponsoring and supporting me for the Vinnies Gold Coast Sleepout. I was able to donate \$3626.00, a far cry from the \$1000 I was hoping for! Overall we have made at least \$50 000 which will be used for projects for the homeless. Over 100 people slept out for the night - a piece of cardboard and a sleeping bag on concrete is certainly not comfortable, and a few brave souls even slept on the grass in the open. The temperature went down to just a few degrees and at least I was able to luxuriate in a warm shower. Some men from Rotary went off to their meeting in the orange beanies and what they had slept in for the night (there were some great ones!) to encourage others to join us next year. I was impressed with the number of young adults who were involved, and the girls outnumbered the boys by at least 6 to 1. We will be doing it again next year so please join us, and I will be counting on your generosity again. As I was lying on my piece of cardboard, still wide awake, all I could think of was 'Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me' - and each one of you were included in my prayer. *Sister Lis*

**Father Vince Creed, a resident of De Paul Villa, is going to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of his Priesthood next Wednesday, July 23. You may remember that a few months ago Fr Creed celebrated his 100th Birthday. The Parish wishes you heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes Fr Vince.**

## **Are we the wheat or the weed? A Choice from God**

If we ask "why is there evil in the world?" we must also ask "why is there good in the world?" While we may not be able to answer the question of evil on a physical level, certainly we can answer it on a moral level. The moral and the immoral live in the same world, because God created the world as the means to exercise moral freedom. Evil may induce despair, but good inspires hope. Only hope based upon the choice of love can ultimately answer the scandal of evil in the world.

God gives us a choice. Are we the wheat or the weed? What sort of fruit do we produce? If the answer to those questions are less than clear, never fear. God gives us the chance and the means to change and walk closer to him. But the chance requires action. Inaction is not an option.

### **The Francis Effect**

Being Church means being God's people. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing God's salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. *Pope Francis Nov. 2013*

### **HOLY DAY—Friday August 15**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mass Times:**

**Mary Immaculate, Ashmore 9.00am**

**Guardian Angels, Southport 12.30pm**

**St Joseph the Worker, Labrador 5.30pm**

**Mass at 5.30pm Thursday August 14, will be a Vigil Mass**

**Let us Pray and Feast**

**At the conclusion of the 5.30pm Mass at Labrador on Friday August 15, Father Jan wishes to Invite all parishioners to join him for Supper with Mulled Wine (no charge) in the grounds of St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. We will need to know how many barrels of wine we will need. So if you are coming let the Parish Office know.**

### **Aquinas Mothers High Tea**

As part of Aquinas College 50th Anniversary Celebrations, Aquinas Mothers of Past Students are celebrating with a High Tea on Tuesday October 21, at 10.00am, to be held in the College Hospitality Complex.

Please RSVP by Friday August 22 to either one of these very fine ladies.

Mary Guinea 0409 895 643.—Lucele Marsh 0411 693 461 or Regina Tucker 0434 171 921.



### **Feast of Saint Christopher—Blessing of the Cars Ceremony**

Although the Feast of St Christopher no longer appears in the church calendar, never the less many

people still buy St Christopher Medals and have devotion to him. His original feast day was July 15. He is still considered the patron saint of motorists. So next **Sunday July 27**, the nearest Sunday to the original Feast of Saint Christopher, our parish will celebrate the age old ceremony of **Blessing our Vehicles**. The ceremony will take place after each morning Mass at Mary Immaculate and St Joseph the Worker. If you wish to have your vehicle blessed just stand beside it where you are parked and the priest will come to you.

On July 25, Christians in many parts of the world pray for the intercession of Saint Christopher, as the patron saint of motorists and travellers. Formerly he was worshiped as a holy patron of bridges, cities located on rivers, carriers, rafters and boaters, and pilgrims, as well as the patron of a good death.

Remember, Blessing of the vehicle, of course, does not ensure safety of the driver, if the driver does not follow the traffic rules. However, it is a practice that we ask the Lord to support with his grace, drivers, so they can drive safely on our busy roads.

According to tradition Saint Christopher came from Asia Minor and was martyred during the Trajan Decius in the year 251. The popular image of Saint Christopher is of him carrying Jesus portrayed as a child on his shoulders.





### Today we welcome into God's Family

Ava Marie Rae Fox, daughter of Jason and Kylie Fox  
 William Glen Edwards, son of Brenton and Moira Edwards  
 Milla Alice Hope, daughter of Adam and Amy Hope  
 Rocky Balo, son of Roland and Cassandra Balo  
 Isaac Michael Christiansen, son of  
 Luke Christiansen and Kylie Despard

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tom Schamburg, Charles Eliot, Australians and others killed in the Air Disaster during the week.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Noreen Newman

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

### Worth a Smile

Did you hear about the fellow whose left arm was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone: it is two tired.

When a clock is hungry it goes back for seconds.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

### Secular Franciscan Meeting

Francis' biographer writes, "*Towards the Mother of Jesus, Francis was filled with an inexplicable love*" He chose Mary as the advocate of his Order.

When the number of his Friars had increased Francis received from the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery a poor abandoned Chapel for their use, known as the *Portiuncula* (little portion) - also known as Our Lady of the Angels.

Francis refused ownership and paid an annual rent of a basket of fish. This Chapel became the foundation of his Order. Franciscans celebrate this feast of Mary on August 2.

Next Fraternity Meeting, of the Secular Order, will be next Wednesday, July 23 at Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads, 12.30pm to 3.30pm

All are welcome.

Sister Clara Condon

### St Joseph the Worker Craft Classes

These Classes will recommence at the Annex next 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, Susannah Bishop 55 775 917, who will be able to advise you of the necessary requirements you will need to bring to the Classes.

**Business and work seminars are important, they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.**

### 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, **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

### Our Lady's College Annerley

Saturday, August 9 is a big day for Our Lady's College, as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, with a Memorial Mass at Mary Immaculate Church at 10.00am followed by morning tea at the college. Their 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane, starting at 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Please email [olcappa@gmail.com](mailto:olcappa@gmail.com) if you are attending either of these functions. Tickets for the Dinner can be purchased from [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) and search for OLCAPPA.

**Vocation View:** There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth preventing us from hearing clearly God's voice.

# HYMNS

## GATHER US IN

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to You in the light of this day.

### **Chorus 1**

**Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

### **Verse 2**

We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.

### **Chorus 2**

**Gather us in the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in the proud and the strong,  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

## 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

Lord you are good and forgiving

### THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1 Kings 3:5,7-12- Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13: 44-52-**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### A TRUSTING PSALM

#### **Refrain**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is  
faithfulness and love.  
His love can never be measured.  
His beauty is like nothing we have  
ever seen,  
So let us place our trust in him. **R**

The word of the Lord means a  
patient, gentle God.  
His love can never grow weary.  
His mercy is as though our sins  
have never been,  
If we can place our trust in him. **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

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

### THE SUMMONS

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you  
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you  
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call  
your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you  
and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

## LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

(Michael Herry)

### **Refrain:**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You are our bread, broken and shared.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.  
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,  
Our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

The bread you give is the living bread,  
Your flesh for the life of the world. **R.**

## RECESSIONAL

### BLEST BE THE LORD (D. Schutte)

#### **REFRAIN:**

**Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets  
of all my foes.

He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

I need not shrink before the terrors of the  
night, Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow  
strike me down, no evil settle in my soul. **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