

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 24 2014

Who Do you say that I am?

In answer to Jesus' question about his identity, the disciples tell Jesus what *others* are saying about him. Their answer is based on hearsay, but Jesus is leading the disciples to personal understanding and profession of who he is.

Among my treasures I have a eulogy written by a grandson for his Grandmother...

- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and immediately wanted to paint another one.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me, and I learned that little things can be the special things in life.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust God.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those that don't.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night and I felt loved and safe.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of the house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be, and I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good person when I grow up.*
- > *When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say 'Thanks for all the things I saw, when you thought I wasn't looking.'*

When it comes time for someone to write the eulogy for each of us, I wonder what they will say in answer to the question, 'Who do you say that I am?'

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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 Public Holiday

Mass 9.00am

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

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

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.

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.

Show Day Public Holiday

Parishioners are reminded that next Friday, August 29, is a Public Holiday for Gold Coast Show. Mass at Guardian Angels will be at 9.00am not at 12.30pm.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

Clare of Assisi.

Chief among the keepers and shapers of Franciscan tradition is Clare of Assisi.



Born into the noble and wealthy family of Favorone Di Offreduccio, the newborn was named CHIARA, signifying "light" or "to illuminate". As a beautiful young woman, inspired by the teaching and life of Francis, Clare fled from her home defying the tradition and culture of her noble status wishing to embrace the poverty and humility of Francis, in total surrender to Christ.

She, too, determined to live the Gospel life.

She continues to inspire to this day. If you wish to know more, be our guest at our next Fraternity Meeting. Wednesday next August 27, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, Infant Saviour Meeting Room, Park Road, Burleigh Heads

Franciscan Missionaries in Ethiopia

A raffle to assist the Franciscan Missionaries in Ethiopia, with two alternate prizes, will be on sale over the next two weeks, after Masses at St Joseph the Worker and Mary Immaculate.

Prize includes at Week's holiday at Bribie Island in a family home that sleeps up to eight, fully equipped. To be taken in October or November.

or
A sensational, quilt by Jennifer Bainbridge in modern colours suitable for a Queen size bed, valued at over \$500. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday September 3, at a fundraising lunch at Made in Africa Restaurant, Moorooka. More details call Judy on 56 795 37

**menAlive men's weekend
St Brigid's Parish Nerang**

Saturday, November 8—Sunday, November 9

Do you trust in Him?

Conversation with God.

Man: God, can I ask you a question? **God:** Sure. **Man:** Promise you won't get mad? **God:** I promise. **Man:** Why did you let so much stuff happen to me today? **God:** What do you mean? **Man:** Well, I woke up late. My car took forever to start.. At lunch they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait. On my way home, my phone went dead, just as I picked up a call. And to top it all, when I got home I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot bath. But it wouldn't work!! Nothing went right today! Why did You do that?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of My Angels to battle him for your life. **Man:** (Humbly) OH. **God:** I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you went on the road. **Man:** (ashamed) **God:** The first person who made your sandwich today was sick and I didn't want you to catch what they have, I know you couldn't afford to miss work. **Man:** (embarrassed) Okay. **God:** Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give you false witness about someone. I didn't let you talk to them so you would be covered. Oh and that foot bath, it had a shortage that was going to throw out all of the power in your house, I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark. **Man:** I'm Sorry God. **God:** Don't be sorry, just learn to Trust Me..in all things, the good and the bad. And don't doubt that My plan for your day is Always Better than your plan. **Man:** Thank you God, I will trust You. **God:** You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and looking after My Children.

What is eternal happiness?

It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully "partakers of the divine nature: (2 Peter 1:14) of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the Trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and gratuitous gift of God just as in the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things." *Catholic Catechism Para. 362.*

Our Parish must be Blessed

On Friday, August 15, the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our parish, despite some low key objections, celebrated four parish Masses. Our Blessed Mother was certainly behind Father Jan decision to have a Vigil Mass on Thursday evening, three parish Masses on Friday, as well as Mass at the University Hospital, because all Masses had outstanding attendances.

The celebrations continued into the evening after the 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph the Worker when following a European tradition where we Pray and Feast, approximately 150 parishioners enjoy the cooking of Father Dom washed down with over 20 litres of Mulled Wine.

Father Jan, Father Teri and Father Dom wish to thank all parishioners for their support and to those who worked behind the scenes to make the evening such a success.

Father Jan away on Pilgrimage

Father Jan left last Friday accompanied by 22 others on their pilgrimage to Poland and the Holy Land.

Father Teri and Father Dom will be looking after our needs while Father Jan is away. They will be assisted on Sundays by Father Vince, Father John Maher and Father Frank Devoy. Father Jan will be back with us on Monday, October 6.

On September 10, Father Dom will commence his annual leave. So Father Teri will have a few weeks on his own. We should pray for their safe return given the unrest in that part of the world.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Lyla Rose Lucas daughter of
Lance and Marley Lucas
Jessica Maree Grant daughter of
Dwayne and Suzanne Grant

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Malcolm Williscroft, Lillian King, Gino Knezic.

ANNIVERSARY: Andrew Joseph Kerwin, William Kerwin, Paul Guillaumier, Joseph Zammit, McKewan, Lancaster, Dye and Hockey family.

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



Monday, August 25, St Louis and St Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday, August 27, St Monica.

Thursday, August 28, St Augustine.

Friday, August 29, The Passion of St John the Baptist.

Worth a Smile

A priest was waiting in line to fill his car with petrol just before a long weekend holiday. The attendant was working quickly but there were so many cars ahead of him. Finally the attendant motioned him towards a vacant pump. "Father", said the young man, "I so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The priest chuckled, "I know what you mean. it's the same in my business."

Second Parish Bus Trip this Year

This time we are going to Ipswich to visit

Ipswich Heritage Buildings

Thursday, September 4.

If you are thinking about going be quick only a few seats left and we will be have a special guest join us for lunch, so don't miss it.

Phone Pat now **55 395 849**

Music Workshop

On 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.

VOCATION VIEW: Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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

Bipolar Affective Disorder Support Group

Designed to provide support for people suffering from Bipolar Affective Disorder. New members are always welcome and no referral is necessary. Relatives and carers are welcome as a support unit until members are comfortable with the group. Meets Second Monday of each Month 5.30pm to 7.30pm

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.

HYMNS



ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with love, his praise forth tell,
Come we before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he does us feed,
And for his sheep he does us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

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 your love is eternal, do not forsake
the work of your hands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church: the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

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

WILL YOU LOVE ME

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my
presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways.

Refrain:

*Will you love me
as I have loved you?
Will you live with me
the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars
will be gone like the night
and the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the
shadows?

Does it shine in the night
for the world? **R**

Can you walk in the footprints
of silence?
Through the wilderness sands
in the sun,
from the desert of doubt
and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire? **R**

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.**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
A light for my path of life. **R**

RECESSIONAL

GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now, you are sent forth
To live what you proclaim;
To show the world you follow Christ
in fact not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk this troubled earth,
To share your faith with all you meet,
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
As God's ambassador;
By serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12: 1-2
Matthew 21: 27

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