

**Thirtieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY October 26 2014

What is your most important priority.

Our priorities indicate how things are of relative importance to us.

- If we have only so much time in the evening, we prepare dinner, supervise the children with their homework, and make some phone calls we have been putting off before we kick off our shoes and sit back and relax.
- Studying for an important exam takes priority over going out with friends.
- Taking time to exercise daily indicates we care about our health.

The things that are important to us generally have impact on our well-being and that of others. This Sunday's gospel is about priorities – and indicates what is to be the top priority for all of us.

The 'scholar of the law' tests Jesus by asking him to prioritise – to identify the **greatest** law. Jesus does not state a clear priority with his answer – there is one commandment above all others: **to love God with our entire being.** This is the most important thing in our lives and everything else we do is measured against our love for God. He also teaches that the second (loving neighbour as self) is a rephrasing of the first in terms of the people with whom we live and relate. By loving our neighbour we are loving God and keeping the greatest commandment.

The first reading details what love of neighbour requires: we are not to oppress strangers, widows, or orphans. This phrase (strangers, widows or orphans) identifying three categories of needy people in Israel became a metaphor referring to anyone in need. In other words, love of neighbour takes in everyone, but especially those who cannot help themselves. God's love for us sets the standard for our love of neighbour – no one is excluded, no demand is too great!

Here is the surprise of the Gospel: love of God and love of neighbour cannot really be separated; in loving our neighbour we love God! We cannot separate love of God and love of neighbour because our neighbour was created in God's image and bears within him or her the presence of God. Our love for God cannot be something only **thought** or even only **said**. Our love for God must be carried out by loving **actions** toward our neighbours. This is how God has already loved us and acted towards us!

This is our most important priority: to love God in the neighbour we meet every day.

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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

All Saints Day

**Saturday November 1,
Mass 7.00am**

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**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

**All Saints Day
Saturday November 1,
Mass 9.00am**

All Saints Day

Next Saturday, November 1, is a Holy Day. Parishioners are reminded that Mass will be celebrated at: **St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at 7.00am and at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore at 9.00am.** Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day, Mass as per normal Sunday schedule.

All Souls Day

Together with St Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang, we will hold prayers for deceased loved ones on All Souls Day, Sunday November 2, at 2.00pm at the Crypt of the Sacred Heart in Allambe Memorial Park Nerang. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Envelopes for November Masses

As practicing Catholics we are encouraged to remember our loved ones in our prayers especially through the November Masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Mass of Remembrance

The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Thursday, November 20 at 5.30pm, Mass at Mary Immaculate The families of those we have buried over the past 12 months (over 70 families) have been invited and all parishioners are welcome. If any of you have had relatives die in the past 12 months, and they have been buried from another church, you are invited to give their names to Sister Elisabeth and they will be added to the Roll of Honour. You are also asked to bring a photo and a single flower.



**I WANT TO GROW
UP I WANT TO BE
ALIVE**



THANK YOU for helping Jamaicans turn away from violence and crime through your kind gifts and prayers.

Your generosity is making it possible for local priests and sisters, to continue to offer life-saving practical, spiritual and emotional support to the people of Jamaica. Please consider becoming a **'Friend in Faith'** partner with a regular monthly gift to continue your support of our vital work.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 or email: catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica

Jamaica- A country troubled by violence and crime

Melbourne Cup It's that Time Again



The Catholic Women's League are once again running their Melbourne Cup sweep and tickets will be on sale at all Masses today and again next Sunday, November 2.

Tickets \$2

First \$125 Second \$75 Third \$50

Make sure your first name and phone number is on the ticket. The draw will take place in the Parish Office on Monday November 3. Those who have drawn a horse will be notified.

Break Open the Word and Daily Mass Book— 2015

It is time to order liturgical books for next year. If you are a Reader it is strongly urged you to have a copy of this valuable book. Preparation for Sunday ministry is vital, particularly for Readers (reading through the lectionary before Mass is not really enough preparation!) 'Break Open the Word' gives you the background to the Reading, suggestions for how to interpret the reading, and great helps for pronunciation. The price is \$20, but if we can order 25, the cost will be \$17.

There is also a Daily Mass Book for 2015 that contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass.—Price \$20. These books run from Advent 2014 to Advent 2015. The 1st Sunday of Advent is November 30. Closing date for orders will be **Monday November 10.**

New 'Anglican Style' Mass at St Joseph the Worker Labrador.



Several years ago, some Traditional Anglicans around the world who considered that the Anglican Church was adopting new developments in its beliefs and morals that they found unacceptable, approached the Vatican and asked to enter into full Catholic unity while still retaining much of their own Tradition and style of worship.

Pope Benedict XVI responded positively in 2009 and in Australia, a new Catholic entity called the Personal Ordinariate of our Lady of the Southern Cross was established in 2012. This is organised like a Catholic diocese, but is Australia wide.

The Ordinariate currently has eleven congregations in Australia that are Catholic but worship in the traditional style of the English (Anglican) Church. These include groups in Coomera and Central Brisbane.

A new group will meet to hold their first Mass (a Vigil) at 5:30 pm on Saturday November 15th at Saint Joseph the Worker church at Labrador. They will then hold Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at the same time.

For any enquiries please phone Father Stephen (formerly Traditional Anglican Communion but now Roman Catholic priest) on 0412 117 635 who would like to hear from anyone interested in sharing in this vision of Church Unity and participating in this Catholic Mass in the Anglican Tradition.

The Francis Effect

"Dialogue is much more than the communication of a truth. It arises from the enjoyment of Speaking and it enriches those who express their love for one another through the medium of words"

Pope Francis, Nov. 2013

Parish Pastoral Council

Remember today is your last chance to lodge your nomination for who you wish to represent you on the Parish Pastoral Council.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have submitted nominations All persons nominated will be invited to attend a meeting at 6.00pm on Thursday November 6, immediately following Mass. We have invited Lorraine Wynne from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Care Evangelization Group to attend the meeting and to assist us with the formation of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Sacramental Preparation in our parish

Last weekend, 48 families presented their children to our faith community. These children are beginning their preparation for Reconciliation in November 2014 and Confirmation and First Eucharist in June 2015. At 6pm Mass at Guardian Angels and 8.30am Mass in Mary Immaculate church parishioners were asked; "Are you willing to pray for these children, to support them in their efforts to follow Jesus and to demonstrate how members of our faith community live as followers of Jesus?" All parishioners are encouraged to remember the children and their families in prayer during their months of preparation. Thank you.

Sister Helen

Preparation for Reconciliation

Parents with children preparing to celebrate Reconciliation next Month are reminded of our gathering next **Tuesday October 28.** The session for parents and children will be in the parish meeting room at 4.00pm and repeated at 6.30pm.

Families will receive their Reconciliation booklets next Tuesday. Please email Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au which session your family will join on Tuesday October 28.





Today we welcome into God's Family

Hunter Macedo Curtis, son of Benjamin and Jacqueline Curtis

Chanelle Mhangami, daughter of Adrian and Eva Nyagwira

Ernaarj Ambrosia Labrado, daughter of
Jason James and Amapola Pamaong

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ernie Tomlins, Clare Smith (mother of Fr Kevin Smith), Clive Hughes.

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Jensen, Dorothy Dillon, Ruben Galarza.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Angela Taylor, Michael Skinner, David Reynolds, Mavis Boland, Noelene Owen, Margaret McGiness, 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.

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 Saint

Tuesday, October 28 Sts Simon and Jude Apostles

The name Simon occurs in all passages of the Gospel and Acts where a list of Apostles is given. To distinguish him from St Peter he is called the Zealot, meaning that he had Zeal for the Jewish law which he practised before his call. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was a brother of James, son of Alphaeus. Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why he would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. He is the author of a short letter which forms part of the New Testament. Tradition has it that Simon and Jude preached in Persia where they were martyred.

Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day

The feast day was instituted to honour all the Saints, known and unknown, and, according to Pope Urban IV to make up for any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feast days during the year. In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of Martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. Pope Gregory IV extended the celebration on November 1, to the entire Church.

Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day

'All Souls Day' commemorates the faithful departed, those baptized Christians believed to be in purgatory. Purgatory still exists in Church teaching—it is "the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven."

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

This week is also the anniversary of the dedication of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne. As such, we draw your attention to a link that tells the story of the Cathedral.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Patrick% 27s Cathedral Melbourne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Patrick%27s_Cathedral_Melbourne)

Worth a Smile

Jackie was sitting on a step in an inner-suburban street. It was garbage day, and the council garbage truck stopped right by him. 'Where's ya bin?' demanded the garbo. 'I bin away,' answered Jackie. 'No—where's ya wheely bin?' asked the garbo impatiently. 'Oh,' said Jackie, 'I weely bin in prison, but I tell me friends I've bin on holidays in Mullumbimby!'

Minister's Rosters

We are about to start to prepare the Minister's Rosters for the next three months, December, January and February. If you are unable to take your place on the roster during this period, or you were not on the last roster, please contact the Parish Office no later than Friday, November 14.

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, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, 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.

Thursday, **November 20,** Annual Mass of Remembrance at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore 5.30pm.

Sunday, **November 23,** Catholic Women's League, Trade Table after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

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

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

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. **Saturday, November 29.** Tickets \$30, includes supper with cast. RSVP with payment by November 12. Bookings phone Trish 55 285 644, Katherine on 55 321 939.

menAlive Weekend Retreat for men is SOON. Weekend of November 8/9 at St Brigid's Parish, Nerang. Contact Tom Lyons 55 595 554 or Michael Ware 55 004 510.

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 plough-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.

Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you Lord my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-9

Romans 5:5-11

Matthew 11:25-30

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GIFTS PROCESSION

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU

A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another as I have loved you, That you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another. By this shall all know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.

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, 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

LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is his word, Love is his way, Feasting with all,

Fasting alone

Living and dying, rising again,

Love only love is his way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold

is the love of my Lord:

Better than splendor and wealth.

Love is his way, Love is his mark, Sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at his table host to the twelve Love only love is his mark. **R**

Love is his mark, Love is his sign, Bread for our strength, Wine for our joy.

'This is my body, this is my blood.'

Love only love is his sign. **R**

Love is his sign, Love is his news, 'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'

Love only love is his news. **R**

Love is his news, Love is his name We are his own, chosen and called, Family, brethren, cousins and kin. Love only love is his name **R**

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, And feel for the weary who find no rest. **R**

Feel for the lives by life confused, Riddled with doubt, in loving abused; Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin, Which longs to be pure but fears to begin. **R**

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**

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed. **R**

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