

**Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY July 27, 2014

What are your treasures?

Someone's true values can easily be discovered, especially by simply observing what is around the home. If every corner is filled with things, the person values inanimate objects. If the walls shine forth with pictures of family and friends, the person values relationships. If there are healthy green plants about (and perhaps fresh flowers), the person values growth and life. If the space is uncluttered, the person values simplicity and silence. This Sunday's gospel speaks to the value of the kingdom of heaven. How might this be captured in one's home? Perhaps by a crucifix on a wall or a piece of religious art or a statue. But more important, we know the kingdom of heaven is present when God is present, and this is shown by the 'treasures' of God: hospitality and kindness, joy and love, wisdom and understanding. These expressions of divine presence are no less real than the furniture, decorations, and dishes about the house.

All three comparisons in the gospel point to the incomparable value of the 'kingdom of heaven.' But God's kingdom is not fully revealed by images such as earthly treasure, priceless gems, or an abundance of sumptuous seafood. The kingdom of heaven is fully revealed in those people with 'hearts so wise and understanding' (First Reading) that they know what is right and judge justly. Discipleship means searching for this treasure of incomparable value and giving all we have to become part of it.

This 'treasure' does have its cost: we must actively search for it, recognise it when we find it, and sort out all the distractions that keep us from recognising it. In the gospel the seekers go out in obvious places to find the treasure. For us, the discovery of the kingdom of heaven is most often in our everyday circumstances when we experience overwhelmingly the in-breaking of God's presence. This may be something so simple as the smile of a person's grateful thanks or the sense of rightness that comes with fidelity to daily prayer. It may be something more challenging, as admitting that we have hurt another. It may be demanding, such as committing time to help those in need. The issue is to recognise that God chooses to be present to us and wants us to seek that presence with all our hearts.

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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

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, at Mary Immaculate 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.

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. 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.

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 no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday August 5.

Parish Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group meets every second Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre at Mary Immaculate for dinner, discussion and prayer. If you consider yourself a young adult (18-30s) feel free to come along. It is a great way to meet other young Catholics and grow and form your faith. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 30, then August 13 and August 27.

Contact Alice for any questions on 0411 449 895.

Do We need a Parish Pastoral Council ?

Parishioners will be aware that for many years Southport Catholic Parish has had a Stewardship Committee. This committee in many ways has acted as a defacto parish council, supporting the Parish Priest in many ways.

With the emphasis by Pope Francis on New Evangelisation and directives found in Canon Law, suggestions are that all parishes should have a Parish Pastoral Council.

To this end all parishioners of Southport Catholic Parish are invited to attend an information session, facilitated by Sister Mary Franzman pvbm with the view to forming a Parish Pastoral Council. **Thursday, August 14, at 6.00pm immediately following the 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate.**

has been set down for this meeting. Sister Mary will provide information for us to become informed about pastoral councils and what its role in our parish might be.

This is a very important meeting for the future of our Parish and we encourage everyone to attend.

Thanks to all parishioners from Mary Immaculate who supported the Vinnies Cake Stall last Sunday after the 8.30am Mass. The \$746 raised helps them give a compassionate hand up to the people they visit. The Raffle was won by Fernando and Joanne Anzellotti.

Committing is the key to Christian Life

Is it possible in a world like this, even to commit oneself to follow Christ as a baptized Christian? Do we think of this commitment as opening us up to the fulfillment of our lives, or as just another way of limiting our options? People can be surprised at the idea that you might commit yourself once and for all just to being at Mass every Sunday for the rest of your life. It might seem the more obvious thing to make a separate decision whether to go to Mass each Sunday instead, keeping your options open.

So does obsession with choice and keeping options open prevent us from selling everything we have and obtaining the pearl? Does the pearl cost us more in today's world than it did in the past? Though it may be difficult, divine grace means commitment is never impossible, and our human nature still makes us need it. In reality, only Christian commitment can give our lives the unity and stability they need by making them part of God's one story. Only Christian commitment can fully open up for us the fulfillment that truly makes us happy and free, a heavenly happiness and freedom that last forever and can never be lost.

What is an Exorcism?

When the Church asks with its authority in the name of Jesus that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdraws from his dominion, it is called exorcism. This is done in ordinary form in the rite of Baptism. A solemn exorcism, called a major exorcism, can be performed only by a priest authorized by the bishop.

Catholic Catechism Para 352

Altar Servers

In keeping with the tradition of the Catholic Church, Southport Parish has invited children, who have recently been honored with the opportunity of receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, to join the very important ministry of Altar Serving. I am proud to announce more than 10 children have responded to this invitation. Altar serving is not a duty but a great privilege. The prime role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebrating of the liturgy during Mass. During Eucharist our loving Savior becomes present at the Altar, just as he was at the last Supper and Calvary. Therefore it is a great privilege to serve at the Altar and at the same time deepen communications with Jesus. I like to call them not altar servers but altar angels. These Angels are the future of our church. Children will need to attend an initial training session before joining one of the current Altar Server Groups. The initial training session will be at **Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday, August 9 at 11.30am**, afterwards a light lunch. Others are still welcome to join.



Father Jan

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

To celebrate the feast of Saint Mary of the Cross which is a National Patronal Feast in Australia there will be Mass at **5.30pm on Friday, August 8**, in Mary Immaculate Church. All parishioners are invited to that Mass. Families with children who celebrated Confirmation and First Communion last month are invited to celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation before the 5.30pm Mass on Friday, August 8.

Vocation View: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Josef Eric Beck, son of Adam and Jessica Beck
Rose Patricia Kair, daughter of Andrew and Megan Kair
Zavianah Rose Dent, daughter of
Trevor Dent and Danielle Anne Barr

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alfred Shaw, Colleen Blanch, Gregoria Bactol, Juanita Serioza Cabading, Shirley Serioza Ople
ANNIVERSARY: Father Bill Taylor CM, Jim McMahan, Patricia-Anne Euld, Raymond Peterson, Win Peterson, Val Gilders. Alwyn Leslie Beer, Primativo Compos Serioza.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao Serioza, Fran Spiric, Doff O'Niel, 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, 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 29 St Martha

Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus. This unique statement in John's Gospel tells us the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister and her brother. Jesus was apparently a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. One of three siblings Martha is the only one acknowledged with a Feast Day.

Thursday, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). One of his closest associates wrote: 'Ignatius seemed all love, and because of that he was universally loved by all' His holiness consisted in the great love that directed his life to do everything for the glory of God. (Ad maiorem Dei gloriam or AMDG) He once wrote "We must strive to have a universal love, loving everybody and everything in God, and loving God in all of them according to God's most divine will"

Friday, August 1 St Alphonsus Liguori

Alphonsus was born in Naples, Italy. While visiting the local hospital for the incurable in 1723, Alphonsus had a vision and felt called to consecrate his life solely to God. He founded the Redemptorists in 1732 and became Bishop of St Agatha of the Goths near Naples in 1762. For 13 years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganised the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote works that have survived throughout the years. Canonised in 1839, he was made a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

Recently Separated or Divorced

Centacare is conducting a Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop commencing on Monday Evening August 11. The workshop will run for seven weeks from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Centacare, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, at a cost of \$10 registration plus \$5 each week. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided. Call Centacare 55 277 211 to register. Registrations close Thursday, August 8.

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 10,** Parish Car Observation Rally.

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

Thursday, **September 4,** Parish Bus Trip.

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

Sunday, **October 5,** Mass to celebrate significant Wedding Anniversaries.

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

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

ARTICO Thank You

Thank you to all the people who supported and helped organise the Artico concert that took place last Sunday at Mary Immaculate church. Special thanks to Leeanne, Eddie, Father Dom and Father Jan and the ladies of the parish who put an enormous amount of effort to make and serve soup for supper after the concert. Money raised will go towards assisting young people of our parish attend World Youth Day, 2016 in Poland. *Alice Mabbutt, Young Adults Group*

HYMNS

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.
Father.

GLORY TO GOD

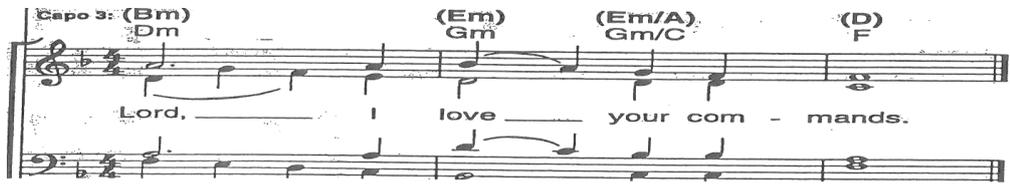
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.

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, I love your commands.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Kings:3, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13: 44-52
John 20:1-9



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth:
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom..
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION **OPEN MY EYES**

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

I live within you
Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you
Rest now in 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

BLEST ARE THEY (David Haas)

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they
shall be consoled.

Refrain:

***Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are
you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the
kingdom of God!***

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they
shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and
thirst, they shall have their fill. **R.**

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit
the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall
have their fill. **R.**

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be
theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see
God! **R.**

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of
God is theirs. **R.**

EAT THIS BREAD

***Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.***

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from
the Father. **R**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert but this
is the bread come down from heaven. **R**
Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise
you up on the last day. **R**

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. **R**

RECESSIONAL

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM (M Haugen)

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the
Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people: Life in the
Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy. Bring
forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice. Bring
forth the City of God!***

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the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall
have their fill. **R.**

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God! **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*
*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*

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