

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A
Social Justice Sunday**

SUNDAY September 28 2014

Pastoral Council membership and task

The handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils used in the Archdiocese clearly sets out all matters relating to Pastoral Councils. In the area relating to membership and task, the handbook states:

1. Membership of the Pastoral Council should be open to all parishioners, respecting the reality that each person is unique and has the potential to make a specific contribution. It is the community being served that has the primary task of choosing the members of the Council. This is why your recommendation of people you see as having the gifts for this role is so important to the process of establishing a pastoral council.
2. Ideally, the members of the Pastoral Council are representatives of the whole parish community. Each member aims to take a community view of issues and not an individual or small group perspective.
3. In addition to representatives of the community and the parish priest, the Pastoral Council may include two or three ex-officio members. These may be, depending on the local context, the Parish School Principal (or their representative), a member of the Parish Finance Council, member of the Parish Leadership Team.

The task of the Council is to:

- Enrich the quality of parish life in accordance with the Jesus Communion Mission Vision
- Provide opportunities for parishioners:
 - To grow in holiness
 - To discover and live out their personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

In order to fulfil its role, the Pastoral Council will:

- Search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish
- Encourage and support the good work of existing groups in the parish
- Make decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church
- Set long term and short term goals for the parish
- Provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.
- Develop, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society.

Next week: Frequently asked questions

It's almost time to start considering who you will nominate to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Last week and again today we have indicated the areas of concern and the tasks required of a member. It is a serious business, choose carefully.

<p>St Joseph the Worker Church 44 Imperial Parade, Labrador</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.00 am 8:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Monday -7.00am Wednesday-7.00am</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Each Friday-10.30am Mass at Gold Coast University Hospital</p>	<p>Guardian Angels' Church 99 Scarborough St Southport</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday</u> 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u> 7.00 am 10.00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday 12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Mary Immaculate Church 31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Mass</u> 8:30 am & 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Korean Mass</u> Sunday 3.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Saturday of the Month 6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekday Mass</u> Tuesday - 9.00am Thursday - 5.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Hour. First Thursday of the Month 4.15pm</p>	<p>Fr. Jan Bialasiewicz Parish Priest</p> <p>Fr Teri Nueva (Associate Pastor)</p> <p>Fr Domenico Muscari (Associate Pastor)</p> <p>Leeanne Human (Parish Manager)</p> <p>Sr Helen White RSM Sacramental Coordinator 07 55 102 296 \\ helenw@scp.org.au</p> <p>Sr Elisabeth Keane IBVM (Pastoral Associate) lis@scp.org.au</p> <p>Daloras Howes (Parish Secretary)</p> <p>Donna Stubbins (Admin Assistant)</p> <p>Aquinas College 07 55 102 888 Maryanne Finder (Principal)</p> <p>Guardian Angels' School 07 55 100055 Terry Gimpel (Principal)</p> <p>De Paul Villa 07 55 827 250 Julie Madden (Director of Aged Care)</p> <p>De Paul Manor Estate 07 55 827 999</p> <p>Parish email address info@scp.org.au</p> <p>Parish fax number 07 55 102 244</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Eddie Doherty edju01@optusnet.com.au 0428 761 110</p>
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Aquinas College Staff Pilgrimage

A group of Aquinas College Staff have commenced the 50th Anniversary Aquinas College Staff Pilgrimage. Mrs Maryanne Finder, Mr Joe Alexander, Mr Russell Mort, Mrs Toni Bresnan, Mr Kyle Rodgers, Mrs Cheryl Raggatt and Mrs Bernadette Roach, are undertaking this journey. The Pilgrimage group will first visit the French city of Toulouse to visit the tomb and relics of St Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of the College. The group will then visit the Sacred Grotto of Lourdes. From Lourdes the group will travel the length of the 800km journey known as the Camino de Santiago. This famous path, that has existed since the Middle Ages, begins near the French Border and extends across the North of Spain to the city of Santiago de Compostela. The group will travel the first 600km by coach, stopping at several Spanish cities on the way including Pamplona, Burgos, and Astorga. The group will then walk the final 200km averaging about 25km per day over nine days. The group will then finish their pilgrimage with a retreat at the famous Benedictine Monastery on the Mountain of Monserratt.

Day of Prayer for Synod of Bishops

Today Sunday, September 28 is to be set aside as a Day of Prayer for the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, scheduled to take place from October 5 to 8. Treat the topic: The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.

Particular churches, parish communities, institutes of consecrated life, associations and movements are invited to pray for this intention during Mass and at other liturgical celebrations, in the days leading to the synod and during the synod itself. In Rome, in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, prayers will be recited each day in the chapel of the icon, Salus Populi Romani. The faithful, individually, but above all in families, are invited to join in these prayers.

The suggested prayers include the Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod, composed by Pope Francis, **can be found on the back page with the Hymns.**

Some Important Liturgical Reminders

Catholic children receive their First Communion when they have reached the age of reason, and after they have received Sacramental Preparation. On two occasions recently parents have received Communion, and broken off part of the host to give to very small children—**this is most definitely not allowed.**

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will resume on Monday, September 29 at Mary Immaculate from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please bring along your Christmas Music and the new music will be waiting for you. New members are always welcome—it would be great to have a big choir for Christmas. You do not have to be a trained singer, just as long as you enjoy singing together. If you would like to join, please contact Sr Elisabeth 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting

The First Sunday Charismatic prayer meeting with Father Vince Hobbs, invites everyone who is seeking more aside from the normal Sunday Mass and who is longing to have a support group or just someone to share life's challenges. Come and join the prayer meeting next Sunday October 5, at Guardian Angels Church, 11.30am to 1.00pm where Father Vince will deliver a talk on the "gift of tongues" and understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. No cost involved, Fellowship is complete over a light lunch. Contact Len for more info: 0438 724 053

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menAlive for men. What are you doing on November 8/9 Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion and space to reflect? Since menAlive commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been inspired at weekends across Australia. A menAlive weekend is being organised in Nerang, conducted by experienced leaders of the menAlive Team. Contact Tom Lyons 55 595 554 or Michael Ware on 55 000 4510 or email Tom at TomLyonsHolidays@gmail.com

Australian Bishops' Social Justice Sunday Statement

"Australians are passionate about their sport, whether as participants or as supporters, whether following the fortunes of their local club or their national team. Sport brings us together, builds communities and lets us celebrate the joy of movement and skill. Good sport makes everyone a winner.

Sport also holds a mirror up to our society. It reflects the best in us as individuals and as a nation – but it can also reflect the worst in us. We are becoming too familiar with violence and abuse of drugs and alcohol, both on the field and off it, on the part of players and of spectators.

"Instances of illegal betting and corruption across different codes pose a real threat to the integrity of sport and its capacity to build community. Discrimination and exclusion undermine a key attribute of sport to build bridges across social divides and show a special concern for people who are marginalised," Bishop Saunders of Broome said.

In the Statement, *A Crown for Australia*, the Catholic Bishops highlight the transformative power of sport and call on all levels of society to treasure and safeguard sport from those forces that undermine its integrity. To read the full Statement go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Are we in Union with God?

It is not for us today to pass judgment on the religious and political leaders of Jesus' own people. Rather, we have to see what this incident is saying to our own Christian lives here and now.

There are two messages coming out loud and clear. On the one hand, we can never be complacent about our relationship with God. It is possible for any of us at any time to find ourselves falling away from our commitment to Jesus and to his Gospel. And God always accepts us where we are. If we are in union with him, things are well; if we have by our own choice become separated from him, he accepts that too. His love and his grace are always available but they can be rejected and spurned. And we can "die in our sin."

On the other hand, no matter how far we have strayed from God and Jesus in the Gospel, no matter how depraved we have become, it is never too late to turn back and we can be absolutely sure that a warm, no-questions-asked welcome is waiting for us.'

The Francis Effect

The message of peace is not about a negotiated settlement but rather the conviction that the unity brought by the Spirit can harmonize every diversity. It overcomes every conflict by creating a new and promising synthesis. Diversity is a beautiful thing when it can constantly enter into a process of reconciliation and seal a sort of cultural covenant resulting in a "reconciled diversity" *Para. 230 Evangelii Gaudium, 2013*

To all Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical Ministers are reminded that they are permitted to do one ministry only at each Mass. If you are a Reader at Mass, you may not also be an Extraordinary Minister of Communion; if you are a Cantor/Singer on a certain Sunday, you cannot also be a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Communion (you may need to arrange your Roster around commitments.) We are most grateful to all those who assist in the many ministries, so there should not be any necessity for doubling up—if we do not have enough ministers, we can always train more.

The Parish is Giving Away

Four Boxes of Hanging Files—Coin Sorting Machine and a Video Presenter. Call Donna at the Parish Office



Today we welcome into God's Family

Ryan Nicholas Taylor, son of Matthew and Nicole Taylor
Jai Mark JR Beveridge, son of Mark and Rowela Beveridge
Ashton Noah Scholes, son of Mark and Rhiarne Scholes
Thomas Patrick Curnow, son of
Stuart Curnow and Donna-Marie Corcoran

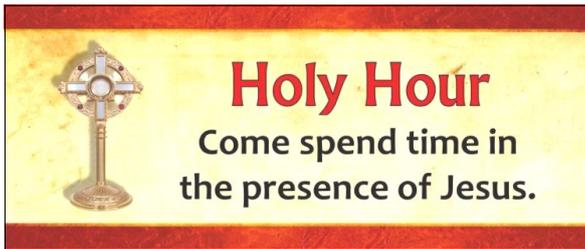
YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kate Payne (baby), Harry Fincham, Laura Francis.

ANNIVERSARY: Pyung Lim Lee, Severina and Luis Badana, Dale Mary Hogetts, Mary Hurst.

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



**Next Thursday, October 2, 4.15pm
Mary Immaculate Church**



Monday, September 29, Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels.

Tuesday, September 30, St Jerome.

Wednesday, October 1, St Therese of the Child Jesus.

Thursday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels.

Saturday, October 4, St Francis of Assisi.

Worth a Smile

Husband takes his wife to her high school reunion. After meeting several of her friends and former school mates, they are sitting at a table where he is yawning and overly bored. The band cranks up and people are beginning to dance. There's a guy on the dance floor living it large, break dancing, moon walking, back flips, buying drinks for people, the works. Wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down." Husband says: "Looks liked he's still celebrating!!!"

For those 65+ frail and wanting to stay independent

Can the HACC program assist you? It is from St Vincent de Paul, supported by government funding. It helps those who are frail and want to stay living at home. It provides a handyman for minor repairs, plumber (for dripping

taps, cistern repairs) Gardening (mowing and yard tidy), electrical (minor repairs and installation), minor and major home modification (referred by a occupational therapist). Clients contribute to the cost of material, plus a minimal service charge. The HACC subsidises most of the contractor fees. Call HACC at the Helpline 55 614 701; email hacc.gc@svdpqld.org.au



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 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, **October 5,** Mass to Celebrate Significant Wedding Anniversaries 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **October 12,** Children's Liturgy re-commences.

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

Thursday, **June 4 2015,** Confirmation.

Sunday, **June 7 2015,** First Eucharist

Can you Help?

An elderly Lady living in Marine Parade, Labrador, would like some assistance with transport to attend 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, on Sunday mornings. If you can help please phone Dot on 55 286 684.

Vocation View: We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

Love one another and bear with one another and let love guide you in all your life.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

HYMNS

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

Refrain:
*Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
 praise God's gracious mercy!
 Sing out your joy to the Lord
 Whose love is enduring!*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth
 Praise the name above all names!
 Say to God, "How wondrous Your works,
 How glorious Your name! **R**

Let the earth worship, singing Your praise
 Praise the glory of Your name!
 Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
 bless God's holy name! **R**

God's right hand made a path through the
 night,
 Split the waters of the sea.
 All creation lift up your voice:
 Our God set us free. **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

Remember your mercies O Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord:
 I know them and they follow me.
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9
 Matthew 21:33-43**

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GIFTS PROCESSION

BREATHE ON ME, O BREATH OF GOD

O breathe on me,
 O breath of God,
 Fill me with life a new,
 that I may love the things you love
 and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
 until my heart is pure;
 Until my will is one with yours,
 to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
 My will to yours incline,
 Until this earthly part of me
 glows with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
 so shall I never die,
 But live with you the perfect life
 of your eternity.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world,
 For by your Cross and Resurrection
 You have set us free.

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

MICAH'S THEME

Refrain:

**Hear then what God asks of you:
 To live justly, to love tenderly,
 And to walk humbly with your
 God.**

I have come that you may have life
 And have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive,
 Knock, and it shall be yours.

Father, your kingdom come,
 May your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow me,
 You shall share my life.

I am with you always,
 Till the end of time.

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.**

RECESSIONAL

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,
 To live in the freedom of the city of God! **R**

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice,
 We are called to love tenderly,
 We are called to serve one another;
 To walk humbly with God!**

Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
 So hatred and blindness will be no more! **R.**

Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we
 contemplate the splendour of true love,
 to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our
 families too may be places of communion
 and prayer, authentic schools of the
 Gospel and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, may families
 never again experience violence, rejection
 and division: may all who have been hurt
 or scandalized find ready comfort and
 healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
 may the approaching Synod of Bishops
 make us once more mindful of the
 sacredness and inviolability of the family,
 and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear
 our prayer. Amen*

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