

**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY August 3 2014

MUSINGS ON THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES, GAZA AND FR VINCE ...

Glasgow 2014 has been an entertaining spectacle of skill and agility, strength and endurance, honed by years of training and preparation. It is a refreshing display of competitiveness and a reinvigorating dose of sportsmanship, painting a different planet from the gloomy world of violence and terrorism, accentuated by the downing of the civilian airliner MH17.

The "Friendly Games" convey the message that makes sports an attraction to many, and perhaps point to the religion-like commitment to sports as a challenge to all churches and faiths to be genuinely sincere in building a better world and be authentic in witnessing to the ideals and principles that they profess.

Yet, the pendulum can swing to the other side where sports can also be a distraction or an escape, especially when it takes over as the most central of our concerns and blocks off from our consciences the social and global issues that threaten the very core of our humanity.

Hopefully it does not spoil the party nor diminish our enjoyment of the games, but we must find a soft spot in our hearts for the people, especially the children, of Gaza, and the whole Middle East, and all places racked by wars and conflict.

Oftentimes it is easy to dismiss such concerns with thoughts that people ought to face the problems of their own making. Of such kind is the dismissive attitude of the disciples in this Sunday's gospel when they suggested to the Lord to send the people away so that they can look after themselves rather than be a burden to Jesus and his close disciples. But the Lord's response is telling: "Give them something to eat yourselves!" That lies at the core of the Christian mission - to feed the hungry, care for the needy.

And that challenge was central to our thoughts last Wednesday, when Jan, Dom and I concelebrated mass with Fr Vince Creed, the 100-year-old retired priest residing at De Paul Villa, who was celebrating 75 years of priesthood. As we greeted him "ad multos annos" he wittily replied, "Not too long, I hope!"

Pray that the priesthood and the Christian faith be lived in the Eucharistic spirit - sharing food with the hungry and becoming "food for the needy" ourselves as we share time, talent and treasure with those who need our help.

Father Teri

With Father Vince in
Father Teri, Father Jan



his room after Mass are
and Father Domenico

Picture courtesy of

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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

No One is Secondary in the Church The Church is not a weave of things and interest, it is rather the temple of the Holy Spirit, the temple in which God works, the temple in which each of us with the gift of baptism is a living stone. This tells us that no one is useless in the Church! And should anyone chance to say, some one of you “get home with you you’re useless in the Church”. We are all needed in order to build this temple. No one is secondary, “Ah, I am the most important one in the church!” No, we are all equal in the eyes of God. But one of you might say, “Mr Pope, sir, you are not equal to us.” But I am like each of you. We are all equal. *Pope Francis 2013*

Give them Something Yourselves



The miracle of feeding the multitude must have been remembered as of great significance by the first Christians, it is recounted in all four gospels. This incident, it seems gave rise to different traditions of presentation, both of which are included in Matthew’s gospel. Today’s presentation is for a Palestinian community—the 12 baskets symbolise the feeding of the tribes of Israel. The other narrative is telling the story in a gentile context—with seven baskets symbolising the seven gentile nations referred to in the biblical traditions. As the only miracle in which the disciples are called by Jesus to play a part, it is an excellent introduction to this narrative of the formation of the disciples by Jesus. When they suggest that the people leave Jesus to find food, he replies, “Give them something yourselves”. Then when they produce the loaves and fishes, he broke the loaves and handed them to his disciples, who gave them to the crowd. As we listen to this reading, it is not difficult to recognise that the early Christian communities looked back on this incident as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist.

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.

The Sacraments and the death of a Christian

The Christian who dies in Christ reaches at the end of his earthly existence the fulfilment of that new life which was begun at Baptism, strengthened by Confirmation, and nourished in the Eucharist, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The meaning of the death of a Christian becomes clear in the light of the death and Resurrection of Christ our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus goes away from the body to be at home with the Lord. (2cor 5:8)

Catholic Catechism Para 354

HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION

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, 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.

If you have been to an earlier Mass, please come along and join in the feast. We will need to know how many barrels of wine we will need. So if you are coming let the Parish Office know.

Pope Francis Intentions for August

Universal: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

For Evangelization: That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all people of their area.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, October 5, there will be a SPECIAL BLESSING for those celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. If you are celebrating an anniversary for 1 year, 25 years, or any number ending in Zero and you would like to be part of this celebration, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office 55 102 222 or by email: lis@scp.org.au

What is a Parish Pastoral Council?

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.

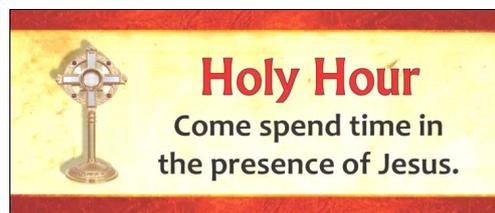
Thursday, August 14, at 6.00pm immediately following the 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate. has been set down for this meeting. Sister Mary will provide information for us to become informed about pastoral councils and what its role in our parish might be.

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

Make sure you check the Parish web site www.scp.org.au under Photos to see the video and photos of our June BBQ. It’s worth a look.



Monday, August 4. St John Vianney
Tuesday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major.
Wednesday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord.
Thursday, August 7, St Dominic.
Friday August 8, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.
Saturday, August 9, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.



Next Thursday August 7, 4.15pm
Mary Immaculate Church

Altar Servers

All New Altar Servers are reminded that your first training session will be with Father Jan, **next Saturday, August 9** at 11.30am at Mary Immaculate Church. You will need to attend these training sessions before you can take your place in one of the Altar Server Groups. A light lunch will be served. Others are still welcome to join.

Interested in Working Overseas?



Communities in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific seek people with qualifications and experience in education, health, administration, agriculture, Palms Australia tourism, and other professions, technical, and trades willing to volunteer to share their knowledge and skills for a minimum of 12 months from January 2015.

Palms Information Session will be held on Thursday, August 7, 5.30 to 7.00pm at Lavalla Centre, Presentation Room, 58 Fernberg Road, Paddington.
 Enquiries: roger@palms.org.au or (02) 9518 9551, visit www.palms.org.au

Second Parish Bus Trip this Year

This time we are going to Ipswich to visit the **Ipswich Heritage Buildings** Thursday, September 4.
 Morning Tea in Queens Park, Ipswich
 Lunch at Brothers Leagues Club
 All inclusive price \$50
 Pick-up places and times and later.
 This trip is sure to be popular, so call Pat now on **55 395 849** to secure your seat on the bus.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Ayla Jayne Hill, daughter of Robert Hill and Gina Watts
Wynter Gaitau, daughter of Kane Gaitou and Natasha Fuiava
Charles Albert Cunial, son of Grant and Rebecca Cunial

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fulvio (Fred) Costa, Alfred Shaw, Michael Callahan, Jacqueline Murtagh, Jack Kennedy, Maud Holland, Angelo De Celis.

ANNIVERSARY: Vincent Azzopardi, Johnson and Frawley Family, Ocariza and Jaca Family, Pat Crotty

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Baby Jasmine Krause, Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao4 Serioza, Fran Spiric, Dss 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,
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

The children were lined up in the tuckshop of a Catholic primary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher made a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only one, God is watching" Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip biscuits. A child had written a note, "Take all you want God is watching the apples."

Catholic Women's League

The next monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday, August 8, at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angel's Church. followed by Mass and lunch. New members and any visitors would be most welcome. Phone Anne 55 392 707.

Marian Valley Canungra

Celebrate Fatima Day at Marian Valley Canungra. on **Wednesday August 13.** Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. For bookings please call Viviane on 55 359 623.

Father Paul Turner to visit Gold Coast

Father Paul Turner is a well known author and liturgist. He is currently the pastor of St Anthony Parish in Kansas City Missouri USA. A prolific author who has written many hundreds of bulletin inserts on liturgy for ministry and liturgy journals. His numerous publications include: *Celebrating Initiation: A Guide for Priests and At the Supper of the Lamb.*

There are two opportunities hear Father Paul.

Monday, August 11, 4.00pm to 5.30pm., Topic: "Theology of Sacraments of Initiation". "Journeying with young adults, teenagers and children who seek to become Catholic".

7.00pm to 9.00pm "Issues in Initiation"

Meeting Room, Sacred Heart Church,
50 Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters

"Issues in Initiation" addresses common challenges faced by parishes and schools including: Who is welcome and how do we welcome them? Initiation of children, young people, whole families, from non-Catholic families, Orthodox and Eastern Rite Christians.

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.

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

Sunday, **October 5,** Mass to celebrate Significant Wedding Anniversaries, Mary Immaculate.

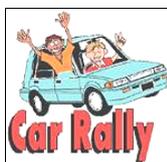
Tuesday, **October 21,** Aquinas Mothers of Past Students 50th Anniversary High Tea.

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

Parish Observation Car Rally

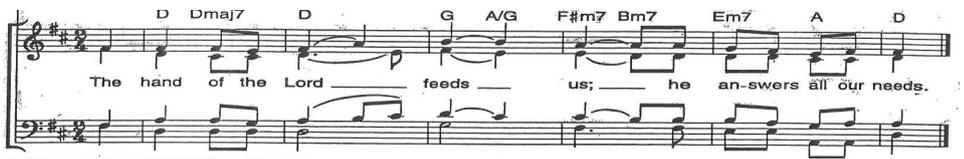
ITS ON NEXT SUNDAY

You will leave from Mary Immaculate Church at 11.00am At just \$10 per car, you will be in for a lot of fun. The idea is to fill your car with friends. The more people in your car the better chance of winning. 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 by Tuesday August 5.



HYMNS

COME TO THE WATER

Refrain

***Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come***

***And be filled with the goodness
I have to offer! Come listen! Live!***

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread,
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled! **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

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

1Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 22-33

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, 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, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.

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

COME AND EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

***Come and eat this bread,
come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast
our God has spread.
You have promised us
You are here with us
In the breaking of the bread.***

This is the bread of life, for all to
share, bread of hope and
redemption,
Bread to feed a world of hungry. **R**

This is the cup of Christ's own sacrifice,
Blood of love and compassion,
Blood to heal the world's divisions. **R**

Just as the scatter'd grains become one
bread,
Make us one in your Spirit,
all one Body in Christ Jesus. **R**

And as we share one cup of covenant
make us one in communion
At the table of Christ Jesus. **R**

Last Refrain:

***Praise the living God, praise to Christ,
the Son,
Praise the mighty Spirit, Holy Breath.
For our whole life thru
We shall sing to you
God of life beyond all death.***

TAKE AND EAT

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
Do so in memory of me.

RECESSIONAL

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain:

***We are companions on the journey,
Breaking Bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we
share
for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.***

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's House;
We are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care. **R**

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord:
To act with justice, to love tenderly
And to walk humbly with our God,
To walk humbly with our 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"*
- 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*