

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C
Vocation Awareness Week**

SUNDAY August 4 2013

World Catholic Youth Day Rio 2013

A crowd equalling double the population of central London arrived on Copacabana Beach, with the waves rolling in as usual and the Rio taxi drivers complaining of a drop in business due to the CBD lockdown. It is said, as it was said of WYD Sydney, that the whole city was marked by peace and joy. The youth in each of us, no matter our vintage, is capable of peace and joy, but with so many young Christians in one place at one time, WYD is always a sign of the new heaven and the new earth ushered in by the Lord.

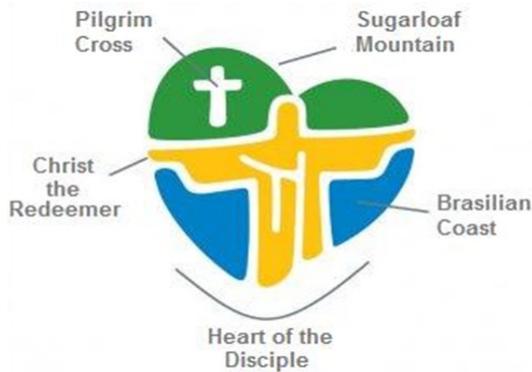
Last Saturday night, after praying with Pope Francis before the Blessed Sacrament, the enormous crowd laid down to sleep on the beach, a three-kilometre-long dormitory of sleeping bags, blankets or cardboard boxes. People who slept there that night speak of the calmness. In a city like Rio, locals are used to many, many people sleeping in the rough, but these pilgrims were waiting to celebrate the final Mass the next day for which four million communion hosts had been prepared.

WYD has a fun element but most of the Youth also go in order to be fed spiritually and encouraged on the journey of faith. There is daily Catechesis (teaching of the Faith) and all forms of prayer as well as the Sacraments of the Church. There are workshops which show the pilgrims how to make their faith practical and how to defend and spread the Faith. Alongside all this are cultural and artistic experiences from all around the world but in particular, South America.

On his return to Rome, Pope Francis went to the Major Basilica of St Mary where he left a football and a t-shirt, given him by some young people, as a gift to Our Lady and no doubt to give thanks for his happy WYD experiences. Below is the logo or symbol of this gathering, the next one of which will be in 2016 in Krakow, Poland, the city where John Paul II was bishop before his papal election in 1978.

Father Robert

World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



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

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
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

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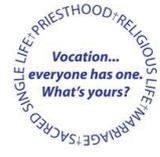


RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone else who is interested? Maybe you were baptised when you were a baby and have done nothing about your faith since and now you would like to learn some more. A 'meet and greet' session will be held on **Thursday, August 22 at 7.00pm** in the Function Room at Mary Immaculate, 31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore. All will be welcome. If you would like to come, please contact Sr Lis, 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au for catering purposes. If any parishioner knows people who might be interested, you may like to bring them to the meeting.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week runs from Saturday August 3 to Sunday August 11. it provides an opportunity for all Australians to focus at the same time on the 'call to holiness' (i.e. The Christian Vocation) that arises from our Baptism, and thus to further foster a vocations culture across Australia.



Let us reflect:

Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, northwest of Lake Galilee. Peter, Andrew and Matthew were from Capernaum. In Luke's Gospel, there is an indication that Jesus had a home there, also. James, John, Philip and Nathaniel were from nearby villages. Although we don't know much about most of the disciples, we know that when Jesus called Peter he was a married man with a family and a fishing business with his brother Andrew. Matthew was the tax collector at a key post on the trade route from Syria to Egypt. All of the disciples left families, homes, social obligations and business commitments when they chose to follow Jesus. Having already "emptied himself of glory," as Paul wrote to the Philippians, Jesus had also emptied himself of his home and possessions. When a lawyer came to Jesus saying, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go," Jesus knew the cost of following. "I have nowhere to put my head," he said.

WHAT are YOU willing to give up to follow Jesus? "Let the dead bury their own dead," Jesus told another would-be-disciple. Maybe Jesus isn't calling us away from things so much as he is calling us away from deadening attitudes and life-robbing assumptions. "I'm too young, or old, or poor." Or maybe it's "women can't..., or men must." always..." When we stop long enough to listen to God, to hear his voice in our darkness, we know deep down it is our own "death grip" that holds us back. Let us open our hearts. Let go and let God!

Prayer for Vocations

*Father, help all people to know their vocation in life, and assist them to prepare for it.
For your glory, and for the service of your people, call many to be Priests and Religious.
Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and persevere faithfully.*



SPY'S Southport Parish Youth will be planning their next mission, on Friday, August 9, in the Spy Cave at Mary Immaculate 6.30 to 9.30 pm.

FAITH

born of an encounter with the living God

There is an urgent need to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source; in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can learn for security and for building our lives.

Pope Francis, June 29, 2013

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday, August 9 at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church Southport followed by Mass and lunch. New members and visitors would be most welcome. Phone 55 392 707

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Sunday is the time we offer to God and celebrate the Eucharist as one body in the church. It should also be an opportunity to be an active member of the parish even in a simple way. You can just be a listener, become a friend, a kitchen hand or simply be part of a small group where you can enrich your spiritual life through prayers, teaching and testimonies. You should not feel alone, you should not feel lonely nor hopeless... God is with you, support group like ours is there for you to accompany you in your journey—**Just come as you are.** 11.30am to 1.30pm at Guardian Angels Church, Southport. Lunch will follow. Contact Len

WHY IS JESUS CALLED CHRIST

Christ in Greek, messiah in Hebrew, means the "anointed one". Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of messiah but made the meaning of the word clear. "come down from heaven" (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the "Suffering Servant". From the name "Christ" comes our name of "Christian."

CARE AND CONCERN NEED YOUR HELP

Medical science enables us to live longer than the biblical three score and ten years. Many of us have very elderly, much loved parents. We take them to medical appointments, stay with them, bring them safely home. We are happy to do this for our parents and would never consider leaving them to their own devices. **TODAY'S QUESTION:** How many elderly and infirm live in our community without any family support? The answer is surprising. These are the people that Care and Concern are helping. We take our "clients" to their appointments, usually stay with them, and take them safely home. Eighty per cent of them are humbly grateful to us, as our parents would be, and that is our reward: that we are needed and able to help. For this reason, and because we feel that we provide a very useful and compassionate service, we are appealing for volunteers who feel they would find this ministry rewarding. One or two hours each month to visit or transport these precious people would mean so much. We attempt to contain the number of transports that each volunteer provides. To achieve this we need to double our numbers. We are able to reimburse our volunteers for the petrol that they use, but not for their valuable time. The texts of the last few weeks readings have encouraged us to see God's face in the hurt and needy. Could this be your ministry. Please contact Dee on the Care and Concern number **0421 507 554** to get started.





Today we welcome into God's Family

Gracie Elle Cullum, daughter of Warren and Paraskevi Cullum
Bronte Patricia Tait, daughter of Luke and Natasha Tait
Reece Patrick Stewart, son of Mathew and Vanessa Stewart
Cameron Ryan Chatfield and Emma Jade Chatfield,
children of Raymond and Joanne Chatfield

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Johnson, Margaret Horne, Elsie McCormack, Timothy Doyle, Barry Lysaght.

ANNIVERSARY: Vincent Azzopardi, Pat Crotty, Mary Barney, John Pile, Dorothy Slater, Evelyn Sellick, Des Barney, Bill Vaughan.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Maureen Bengtson, Janice Keating, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin, Francis Guillon, Janet Porteous, Cindy Fenner-Smith, Sam D'Abreo, Robert Perren, Fay James, Eddie Walters, Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, Yvonne See, Gary O'Connell, Ross McAlpine, Jim Cliffe, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Vickey Smith, Babes Valenzuela, George Ovens.

Lord Grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen

WORTH A SMILE

Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a Monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chef. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael and this is Brother Francis." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I have ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" "Well I'm the fish friar" said Brother Michael. Father turned to the other brother and said "Then you must be..." "Yes, I'm the chip monk".

FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

This unique event in the Gospel occurred when Jesus took his three closest companions, Peter, James and John, up a mountain and transfigured: "His face shone like the sun and his cloths became as dazzling as light" It is recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Thursday, August 8 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children. Mary faced many challenges, not least of which was her excommunication by Bishop Shiel in September 1871. An ordinary Australian woman, yet a women of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8 1909. On October 17, 2010 Mary MacKillop, Saint Mary of the Cross, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI.

Saturday, August 10 St Lawrence

Saint Lawrence was one of seven deacons in charge of giving help to the poor and needy in Rome. When persecution broke out, Pope St Sixtus was condemned to death. As he was lead to execution, the Pope said to Lawrence: "I am not leaving you, my son. In three days you will follow me. The Prefect of Rome, a greedy pagan, thought the Church had great fortunes hidden away. So he ordered Lawrence to bring , the Church's treasurers to him. The Saint said he would do so in three days. He then went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people. When he showed them to the Prefect, he said: "This is the Church's treasure!" Whereupon, Lawrence was put to death

ROSARY AND NOVENA

There will be Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker, Church Labrador next Wednesday, August 7.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Cenacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

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. Sunday, **August 25**, CWL Cake Stall, after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **September 1**, Fathers Day

Thursday, **September 19**, Parish Bus trip to Toowoomba for Carnival of Flowers. Cost \$50.

PARISH BUS TRIP

Mark your Diary. Remember the Date.

Thursday September 19,

to Toowoomba for the Carnival of Flowers

Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 7.30am.

Pick up points: Queen St. opposite Convenience Store— Railway St.— and

St Joseph the Worker. Church.

Morning Tea will be at Picnic Point and Lunch at the Sports Club. Tickets will be available from Mary Immaculate Piety Stall from next Sunday. Cost \$50 all inclusive.

Ring Pat on 55 395 849 for bookings and to notify which Mass you will be attending for Ticket collection on Sunday, August 3

FLOURISH ART FESTIVAL 2013

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you creative? Are you musical? Or an artist? Do you prefer to work with clay, paint, glass, words, movement, or another medium?

Whatever your passion, whatever your interest—there's a place for you at the "Flourish Art Festival" to be held on:

Saturday, September 28, 8.00am to 4.00pm at "The Great Lawn" Broadwater Parklands, Marine Parade, Southport.

Many spaces are available for you or your group to display your work

The festival will consist of: * Art and Craft market * Group displays

Art growth and healing workshop * Art demonstrations

* Live performances * Children's activities * Food stalls * Chapel

Register your interest on line at:

www.flourishartfestival.weebly.com or collect a registration form from the table at the back of the church, and post to Southport Uniting Church, 23 Short Street, Southport 4215. Registrations close August 30, 2013.



HYMNS

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 who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God! **R**

GLORIA

Refrain:

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis. (DO NOT REPEAT)***

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. **R**

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. **R**

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.

Refrain:

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age O Lord you have been our
refuge.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of the Lord lasts forever,
What is the Word that is living? It is
brought to us through his Son Jesus
Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS 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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
until you come again. **(DO NOT
REPEAT)**

AMEN (DO NOT REPEAT)

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

TABLE OF PLENTY (D Schutte)

Refrain

***Come to the feast of heaven and
earth!***

***Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we
need,
Here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table,
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil. **R**

TAKE AND EAT (Maggie Russell)

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

BLEST BE THE LORD (D. Schutte)

REFRAIN:

***Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me from the nets
of all my foes.

He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

I need not shrink before the terrors
of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul. **R**

Although a thousand strong have fallen
at my side,
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour that I need
To wage my battle with the foe. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19
Luke 12:32-48

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