

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
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SUNDAY July 14 2013

Decisions, Decisions.

In the light of a rather big decision we all have to make on some yet-to-be-decided date later in the year with respect to the Federal Election, it is worth considering in what way our Christian faith impacts upon the decision we will make and how our vote is influenced. Do we ever let our faith influence such matters as climate change, refugees, care of the marginalised and disempowered members of the community? Do we ever act upon our concerns or just hope that someone else will save us the trouble?

There is a certain school of thought that would contend that religion and politics should never mix, but such a theory would have seriously curtailed the mission and message of Jesus, who addressed much of what he had to say to those who were responsible for both the laws and the leadership of the people. We often hear him addressing those troublesome scribes and Pharisees, who had the dual responsibility of guiding the people in both faith and law, urging them to show great care in the way that they exercised their political power and authority over the people. The politicians of our day should receive the same caution as they prepare to deliver to us the policies and vision that they believe will lead us into a future ripe with opportunities for development and manipulation. Mind you, Jesus was equally cautioning his disciples, not simply to point out the faults in others unless they were prepared to keep their own house in order.

While it would be inappropriate for a leader of any faith community to tell the faithful how to vote, a glance at just a few scripture verses could provide some sound direction for both voter and politician alike.

“Listen to this you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor of the country” (Amos)
“By swindling and tampering . . . we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals.” (Amos)

“First of all there should be prayers offered . . . for kings and others in authority so that we may live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet.” (Timothy)

“I am telling the truth and no lie . . . I want everyone to lift up their hands in prayer with no anger or argument.” (Timothy)

“The person who can be trusted in little things can be trusted with great.” (Luke)

“If then you cannot be trusted with money who will trust you with genuine riches.”

“No person can be a slave of two masters” (Luke)

“You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.” (Luke)

Jesus was rich but became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. (Gospel Acc.)

While as a parish community we will petition God to fill our political leaders with a spirit of compassion, humility, courage and wisdom, we should also pray for ourselves that we will listen with an open mind, challenge with a brave heart and trust that God is never absent when the lives of his children is the end product.

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,
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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



ARTICO ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday, July 21 at 2.00pm
ARTICO Ensemble performs
"M for Mozart"

Shelli Hulcombe, Soprano—Rianne Wilschut, Clarinet
Paul Kopetz, Bass Clarinet—Brieley Cutting, Piano
Tickets on sale at the Parish Office
Adults \$20. Students and Pensioners \$10.
Primary School Children Free

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music ranging from classical to Broadway showstoppers, performed by the professional touring group ARTICO Ensemble (previously The Australian Chamber Musicians). Their aim is to bring good music at an affordable price to audiences that may otherwise not be able to experience it live in mainstream concert halls. After an overseas tour they will perform in our Mary Immaculate Church! Funds raised will support our Gold Coast St Vincent de Paul Youth Programs, "Buddies and Sense" for disadvantaged children referred by our Conferences and lead by trained young adults. Simple warm refreshments will be served after the concert.

V9 Novena for vocations is a nine week novena of prayer across the Archdiocese for vocations. It is being held from Sunday June 16 until Sunday August 11. All parishioners are invited to join in. You will find small cards in the Church with the prayer on it and you will find it each week in the Parish Newsletter. The novena prayer is specifically written to be prayed in groups but it can be prayed by individuals as well.

- A. At the sight of the crowns 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

A VOCATION VIEW: Treating others with compassion is a mark of a follower of Jesus, whether known as The Good Samaritan, Mother, Priest, Sister, Deacon or Brother.

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S GOSPEL

Who is my neighbour? The scribe's question cut to the heart of the matter, for, on the question of 'neighbour' hinged the question of spirituality. Some Pharisees had an exclusive sense. They wanted the phrase 'neighbour' to only include fellow Jews. They believed Jews not only could live separately, they could feel justified in their prejudice against non-Jews. The God of the Jews was only for Jews, not for all. Christians were more inclusive. The term 'neighbour' was universal. The god of Abraham was the God for all people. And all peoples should enjoy a relationship with their Master. In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus implicitly presented the view that the God of all was for all, not for some.

NAME BADGES

Have you ordered a Name Badge? We have several in the Parish Office that need to be paid for and picked up. If you would like your Badge delivered to one of the Churches, let the Parish Office know.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



This Sunday is recognised by the Catholic Church in Australia as Apostleship of the Sea Sunday. Known to seafarers around the world as **Stella Maris**, the Apostleship of the sea cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour or creed.

A Prayer for Seafarers:

O God in your kindness, lead all seafarers through the perils of the ocean and bring them back in safety to their homes and friends. Guide them through the many temptations their way of life occasions. Inspire them to make fruitful use of the clubs and chapels your Church has established for them, and grant that the may learn to love and follow you with strength and loyalty through Christ Our lord. Amen

CARE AND CONCERN

The July meeting of Care and Concern will be held tomorrow Monday, July 15, in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate.

Their number of active volunteers has depleted of late, while their requests for assistance has dramatically increased. They would be delighted to welcome any prospective new members to this heart-warming and rewarding ministry. A few hours once a fortnight would make an incredible difference to the needy and isolated in our community. Care and Concern is for both Women and Men. It is a happy and social ministry that offers great satisfaction helping your fellow parishioners. Everyone interested in this ministry would be very welcome to attend the meeting tomorrow, or if you would like more information call Dee on 0421 507 554 or Rhondda on 0400 145 514.

VIVID 2013: Go Make Disciples

Vivid 2013 will be our local archdiocese World Youth Day event, linking with the theme of WYD Rio 2013: **Go Make a Difference** and featuring guest speaker Br Damien Price. An Archdiocesan Mass with Bishop Joseph Oudeman will also be celebrated as part of the event. This will be an opportunity to be immersed in WYD experience as "pilgrims" with music testimonies, prayer, great food, fun and inspirational messages of hope. Sunday July 28, 4.00 to 8.00pm at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Donation at Door

MEDITATION RETREAT DAY

The Burning Newness of Wisdom: Christ Mystery with Fr Michael Misfud, Benedictine Oblate based in hermitage outside Melbourne.

Saturday, July 20, 9.15am till 3.00pm. BYO Lunch. Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters. \$10 Donation. (concession)
Contact: Paul Gilroy 55 933 794 Great opportunity to both "refresh" and deepen your path, and connect with others.

THE RELATIONSHIP GOD ESTABLISHED

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal co-existence insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one for the other, to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony. "one flesh" (Genesis 2:24)

WINTER COLD ANF FLU

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: If you have a cold or flu symptoms (or any other communicable disease, cold sores etc.) you **MUST NOT** receive communion from the Chalice and it would be advisable to receive the host in the hand and not on the tongue, while your symptoms persist.

God is all powerful and can do all things.

Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Kody Anthony Robinson, Jett Laine Robinson children of Laine Robinson and Sarah McCormack
Memphis Michael Shannon son of Colby Shannon and Kate McCormack
Charlotte Creaney daughter of Clint Creaney and Bridget Davis
Cooper James Graham, son Adam Graham and Carla Hayes

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Matthew Skerry, Noel Townsend, Brother Denis Hernon.

ANNIVERSARY: Dudley Stanfield, Bill Witheriff, Paul and Anthony Richardson, Kevin O’Connell, Genelia Abiera, Ramas Dilbeks

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: 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 Owens, Iris Rogers and family. Bernadette Gaspard, Matthew Byrne, Queenie Powers, Arthur Hocking, Glenda Donovan, Helga Gaspar, Angela Taylor, Tracy Howard,

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

WORTH A SMILE

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, “My Dad scribbled a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.” The second boy says, “That’s nothing. My Dad scribbled a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they gave him \$100. The third boy says, “I got you all beat. My dad scribbled a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money.

PARISH BUS TRIP

Mark your Diary. Remember the Date. Thursday September 19, to Toowoomba for the Carnival of Flowers
Booking will open in early August. It will be a 7.30am start from the first pick up point at Ashmore Plaza Cost \$50.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 15 St Bonaventure

Born in Italy around 1217, St Bonaventure entered the religious order founded by St Francis of Assisi around 1243, About 20 years after the death of St Francis. Bonaventure became a professor of theology at the University of Paris where he taught alongside St Thomas Aquinas. St Bonaventure’s theology is always written with holy passion, in the tradition of St Augustine, and always directed towards increasing the depth and intensity of the spiritual life. St Bonaventure was elected head of the Franciscan order in 1257 and his *Life of St Francis* was approved as the official biography of their founder. He was created Cardinal Archbishop of Albano in 1273, attended the Ecumenical Council of Lyon. He died in the same year that St Thomas Aquinas, 1274.

PRIEST JUBILARIANS

If you missed last Sunday’s Catholic Leader you would not have read about the life of the priests in the Archdiocese celebrating their Jubilees in 2013.

Diamond (60 years) Martin Doyle, Bill McKeon, Frank Shortis (O.Cam)

Golden (50 years) Wally Dethlefs, John Begg (SM) Joe McGreehan. Leo Skelly, Brian Taylor, Greg Jordan (SJ)

40 years. John Dwyer, Adrian Farrelly, Dave O’Connor, Matthew McPhee (O.Cam) James Foley, John Chalmers, Jim Smith, Kevin Carey.

Silver (25) Peter Brannelly, Peter Meneely, Paul Taubman, Rogasian Msami (CSSP)

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Canacles 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, **July 14**, Parish Golf Day.
Sunday, **July 21**, ARTICO Ensemble will present a Concert in Mary Immaculate Church. ‘M’ for Mozart
Thursday, **August 29**, Family Trivia Night

SETTING UP FOR SUNDAY MASS

We are in need of more Sacristans

Have you ever wondered what the people who set up the church for Sunday Mass are called? Do you know what preparation goes into having the church ready for Sunday Mass? These and other questions will be discussed at an information session at 9.30am on Wednesday, July 24 at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. Parishioners & current sacristans from all Mass centres are welcome. Join us for Cheese and Chocolate after the session. To book phone the Parish Office

This could be the Ministry you have been looking for.



Expressions of Interest—Have you ever thought about taking up Bridge? We have had an offer from a qualified bridge teacher to give lessons or start a club.

“The Mary Immaculate Bridge Club”

Lessons are \$10 per person per lesson, and after six to eight lessons a beginner should be able to join a club. Phone the Parish Office to let us know of your interest

“Go and do likewise”



This was Jesus’ simple command to all of us at the end of the Good Samaritan story. How do we do “*likewise*” By being good **Stewards** By sharing our skills. By reaching into our pockets when financial help is needed. By taking the time to help when we are needed, not when it is convenient for us.

HYMNS

WE ARE CALLED

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

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.

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.**R.**

GLORIA

Refrain:

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis.***

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

Turn to the Lord in your need and you will
live

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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

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

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.

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

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.***

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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**

WILL YOU LOVE ME

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways. **R**

Refrain:

***Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me
the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars
will be gone like
the, night and the sun will be shining
on you.***

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the
shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world? **R**

Can you walk in the footprints of silence?
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire? **R**

RECESSIONAL

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Refrain:

***We are called to serve,
we are called by grace
to cherish Christ in every face.
We are called to serve,
we are called by name and in all we are
God's love proclaim.***

Called beyond our human understanding,
Called before the world came in to view.
Within your mother's womb,
your name was known to me,
For you did not choose me, no, I chose you **R**

Called to be a light a mid the darkness,
Called to help a doubting world believe.
"Empowered by my Spirit,
anointed with my love,
You are called to give and
share what you believe." **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42**