

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
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SUNDAY July 21 2013

**What is ‘the better part?’**

On a purely human level, today’s gospel reads like an ordinary family with two or more children. How many parents have not heard complaints from siblings about ‘He won’t help me.’ Jesus responds to Martha’s indignant question (‘do you not care....by myself to do the serving?’) with something Martha wasn’t too happy to hear: ‘Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.’ What, exactly, is the ‘better part’?

The first reading sheds a positive light on the actions of Martha, for Abraham and Sarah behave much as she does in receiving their guests. In juxtaposition with the first reading, the gospel is not so much critiquing Martha’s busyness as it is calling her to a deeper level of hospitality. Both Martha and Abraham and Sarah go to great, lavish lengths with their hospitality. Why does Martha receive a rebuke and Abraham a son?

The gospel demonstrates many expressions of hospitality: welcoming, listening, serving. While each expression is valuable, none is complete in itself, nor an end in itself. There is no one way to be hospitable. Neither are all expressions of hospitality equal, which is the point that Jesus makes in the gospel. Hospitality in its deepest meaning makes possible a personal encounter of the kind that Mary is having with Jesus. This is the ‘better part’ to which Jesus refers.

Hospitality – genuine welcome of the other and surrender to the other – sets up the possibility of hearing the visitor’s message and facilitating the encounter; one critical aspect of discipleship is listening. So, ‘the better part’ is listening to Jesus, being attentive to Jesus’ presence, responding appropriately. Abraham is totally attentive to the three strangers; he greets them and bows down in respect; he extends an invitation to remain a while, and then acts after he has listened to the strangers’ reply. In contrast, Martha is ‘anxious and worried’. She loses sight of her guest and gets wrapped up in her task, as well-meaning as that may be.

Note that Jesus does not refuse Martha’s hospitality; he does not ask her to forget about the serving and to come and listen to him. Martha surrendered to anxiety and worry rather than to the presence of her Guest. What is the ‘better part’? As important as certain aspects of hospitality are, the ‘better part’ is to listen and surrender to the presence of the Lord. Faithful discipleship depends upon these surrendering and listening aspects of hospitality.

In the ‘busyness’ of our everyday life, let us take time to listen to others so that we may truly encounter them.

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**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
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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



**Today Today Today**  
**Be sure not to miss it**  
**ARTICO ENSEMBLE CONCERT**  
**Mary Immaculate Church**  
**Today Sunday July 21 at 2.00pm**  
**ARTICO Ensemble performs**  
**"M for Mozart"**

**Shelli Hulcombe, Soprano—Rianne Wilschut, Clarinet**  
**Paul Kopetz, Bass Clarinet—Briley Cutting, Piano**  
**Tickets on sale at the Parish Office**

**Adults \$20. Students and Pensioners \$10.**

**Primary School Children Free Tickets at the Door**

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.

### **DIVORCED OR SEPARATED**

#### **Are you recently separated or divorced?**

Centacare is conducting a gentle non-confrontational and supportive workshop providing a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life's challenges.

Commencing Monday August 5, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and continuing each Monday for 7 weeks.

Centacare CFCS at 50 Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters Refreshments will be provided. Cost \$10 on first night then \$5 per week (total \$40)

To register please phone 55 277 211

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

It's the third Sunday, and its time to gather after Mass! Experience inner prayer and meditation this week and lift up your petitions before the Blessed Sacrament with meditative music. Bring a friend and rekindle your relationship with Jesus through a support group like ours. God's love is overflowing! Allow us to share it with you! Guardian Angels Church, Southport. 11.30am to 1.30pm Lunch to follow. Contact Len 0438 724 053.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Have you ever thought about becoming an Altar Server? We have a need in all three churches for more Altar Servers. Girls and Boys any age as long as you have made your First Communion.

Father Geoffrey will be conducting a practice for both new and existing members at **10.00am on Saturday July 27.**

It is important that existing members attend.

Please ring Father Geoffrey at the Parish Office 55 102 222 for more information and to confirm your attendance.

### **KNOW YOUR PARISH**

If you visit the Parish website you can watch a video of our Confirmation and 1st Eucharist celebrations. Just go to [www.scp.org.au](http://www.scp.org.au) click on Photos then Confirmation. It is well worth a look you will see all the children and you might even see yourself..

### **SPY NIGHT**

**Southport Parish Youth** will be planning their next move in the Parish Meeting room next Friday, July 26, from 6.30pm. If you would like to be a Parish SPY come along you will be most welcome.



**Quote: Service without spirituality is exhausting and hopeless. But...spirituality without service is barren and selfish.**

**Joanna Weaver**



**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:** How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend. How vocational to sit and talk with your friend Jesus. Take time just to BE WITH Jesus

### **UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Martha was a woman of means. In a gender-segregated society, such women were the exception, but they were not unusual. She was busy preparing special dishes for their guests. Martha feels left out. She approaches Jesus so he could shame Mary into helping her. This way Mary would return to her social role of servant, with the approval of the people around her. The actions of Mary were highly unusual. Sitting at the feet of Jesus, Mary assumed the position of disciple learning from a rabbi. Jesus tells Martha not to go to so much trouble; one dish will be plenty. Jesus then goes beyond this homely advice to remind Martha and those present that the 'one thing necessary' in life is finding the truth he is bringing them. Mary does not need to be reminded of this; she shows herself to be a true 'disciple'. In the gospel accounts, 'disciples' are mentioned hundreds of times. For many centuries, however, the idea of 'discipleship' had had little place in our Christian awareness. Today, we are being told that our lives will be enriched, if we see ourselves as disciples of the Lord.

### **SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING**

#### **A way of life for all.**

Francis' way of life attracted a great diversity of followers. Among his first twelve were: Bernard Quintavalle, a wealthy merchant of Assisi, Angelo a knight of position and wealth, Sylvester a Priest, Leo a penman, Pacifico a songster and Poet Laureate, Juniper a literalist and Giles a ploughboy. Characteristics of their lifestyle—their simple Gospel living, prayer, joy in all God's creation, fraternity—have throughout the centuries drawn countless men and women to follow this WAY as SECULAR FRANCISCANS. Among these are Popes, Pius X, John XXIII and Cardinal Manning, The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 24, 12.30 to 3.30 in Infant Saviour Church, Park Road< Burleigh Heads

### **WHAT WAS THE FIRST HUMAN SIN?**

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they wished to become "like God" but without God and not in accordance with God. (Genesis 3:5) Thus Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for their descendents the original grace of holiness and justice.



**Today we welcome into our Parish Family**

Jheffrey James Giberson and Khatrina Patricia Diana Giberson  
Barton children of Timothy Barton and Mary Giberson  
Hannah Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of Courtney and Lee Dunn  
Hudson Stevenson Brown and Kurt Stevenson Brown, children  
of Marc Brown and Angelia Marie Stevenson  
Willow Susanne Dyson, daughter of  
Nathan and Candice Dyson

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paul Duffy, Piroska Guslov, Elizabeth Matters, Mrs. Muzazaila (Mozambique) Elisabeth Matter.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Jose and Filomena Jaca, Segundo, Gaudencio, Felipe, and Antonio Ocariza, Edith Sheppard, Margaret Brooks

**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 Ovens, 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**

**A full service vet.**

A client brought a litter of golden retriever puppies to a Veterinary clinic for inoculation and worming. As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, the vet doctor realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. So, he turned on the water tap. Wet his fingers, and moistened each dog's head when he had finished with it. As he sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward, smiled and whispered, "I didn't know they had to be baptised, too".

**OPEN DAY AT THE MANOR**

**Saturday, July 27, 2013.**



At the June Open Day, 25 groups took advantage of seeing the Manor. This was the first Open Day this year without torrential rain.

Another apartment has been sold, with the new resident moving in at the end of

July. Moving into the last phase of selling, parishioners are encouraged to come and visit the Manor on the next

**Open Day, Saturday, July 27 from 10.00am to 1.00pm**

With interest rates at an all time low, the market is on the move. So now is the perfect time to look at the perfect place to retire. The Manor is an award-winning seniors' living in a vibrant community now before they sell completely.

They look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 27, from 10.00am to 1.00pm or by appointment during weekdays from 8.30am to 4.30pm by phoning Sue Benseman, the Sales Coordinator, on 1300 732 306.

**FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, July 22 St Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene is mentioned among the women who accompanied Jesus and ministered to him. She is named as standing at the foot of the cross, She saw Christ laid in the tomb, and was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection when she went to the empty tomb.

**Thursday, July 25 St James Apostle**

James and his brother, John the beloved disciple, were sons of Salome and the fisherman, Zebedee, They left everything when Christ called them to be 'fishers of men.' Named 'Sons of Thunder' by Jesus, the two brothers were present during most of the recorded miracles of Christ.

**Friday, July 26 Sts Joachim and Ann Parents of Mary**

While they are not mentioned in the Gospels, tradition holds, on the grounds of very old testimonies, that Saints Joachim and Ann were father and mother of Mary the Mother of God.

**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, **July 14**, Parish Golf Day.

Sunday, **July 21, TODAY** ARTICO Ensemble will present a Concert in Mary Immaculate Church. 'M' for Mozart

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

Family Trivia Night (**POSTPONED**)

Sunday, **September 1**, Fathers Day

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

**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 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.**

**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.

**Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her"**



The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to be good **Stewards** and serve Him, just as Mather so graciously served. However, we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting at God's feet and listening to His word.



## HYMNS

### **ALL ARE WELCOME** (Marty Haugen)

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how  
hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

#### **Refrain:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all  
are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets  
speak, and words are strong and true.  
Where all God's children dare to seek to  
dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and  
as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **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**

He who does justice will live in the  
presence of the Lord.

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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**

**COME TO ME, ALL WHO**

#### **LABOUR**

#### **Refrain**

**Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy burdened  
And I shall give you rest.  
Take up my yoke and learn from  
me,  
For I am meek and humble  
of heart.  
And you'll find rest for your souls,  
Yes, my yoke is easy and my  
burden is light.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall  
never be in need.

Fresh and green are the meadows  
where he gives me rest **R**

### **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**

#### **PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS**

(S. Temple)

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring  
your love;  
Where there is injury,  
your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt,  
true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope,

Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### **THE BODY OF CHRIST** (Brian Boniwell)

#### **Refrain:**

**This is the body of Christ,  
Blessed and broken for us,  
blessed and given for us.  
This is the body of Christ**

This is the bread of my love.  
How I long to fill you with my life. **R**

Drink from the cup of my blood.  
Let my Spirit heal you deep within. **R**

If you would live in my love,  
Hold my word, my promise in your heart. **R**

Gathered as one in my name,  
Take my joy, my freedom to the world **R**

### **RECESSIONAL**

#### **THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL**

#### **Refrain:**

**Though the mountains may fall  
and the hills turn to dust,  
Yet the love of the Lord will stand  
As a shelter for all who will call on  
his name.  
Sing the praise and the glory of god.**

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forget her child,  
He will not abandon you. **R**

Should you turn and forsake him,  
He will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from him?  
He will always take you back. **R**

#### **THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13**

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