

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C**

SUNDAY July 28 2013

Have we all developed compassion fatigue?

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the selfish man who refused to give his desperate friend some bread to feed hungry travellers. Granted the friend came unexpectedly in the middle of the night! It was not the timing of the request for food which shocked me but the selfish man's response, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you."

When I read that story and especially the response, I thought of recent announcements in the Australian political scene! There are many parallels between Luke's account of the persistent friend who arrived at midnight to ask for food and the people who arrive uninvited on our shores. Unfortunately the Australian Prime Minister seems to be stressing a response similar to that of the selfish man, "Do not bother me. The borders are bolted now"!

Is this really the response we want our Prime Minister to be "selling" to other countries in the Region? Is this really the response we want our Government to be advertising in Australian papers? Is this the response we expect from a compassionate Christian country?

In *The Weekend Australian Magazine* last weekend, Phillip Adams stated, "The fight to the death between altruism and selfishness, tribalism and tolerance will define the 21st Century." How would we like our country to be regarded? Are Australians regarded as being tolerant and altruistic or are we becoming more selfish?

Proposed tough laws to send all asylum seekers immediately to Papua New Guinea and to make sure they never gain residency in Australia have been described by the Jesuit Refugee Service as a 'cruel and inhumane policy'. Perhaps this shocking policy is today's version of the selfish man's response, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now."

Surely, finding a just solution for the movements of people seeking asylum requires long term international cooperation and persistence prayer. Recently Pope Francis visited Lampedusa, a tiny island off Sicily that is one of the main points of entry into Europe for poor and desperate migrants. "The 'other' is no longer a brother or sister to be loved, but simply someone who disturbs my life and my comfort", said Pope Francis. "In this globalized world, we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't concern me; it is none of my business". Have we too developed compassion fatigue?

Perhaps today we could join in the prayer of Pope Francis, "We beg forgiveness for our indifference to so many of our brothers and sisters. Father, we ask your pardon for those who are complacent and closed amid comforts which have deadened their hearts: we beg your forgiveness for those who by their decisions on the global level have created situations that lead to these tragedies. Forgive us, Lord!"

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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

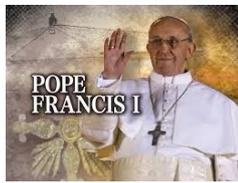
8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm



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 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 just like each of you. We are all equal. We are all brothers and sisters. No one is anonymous: all form and build the Church
Pope Francis, June 26, 2013



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 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*

A VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

WHAT A WAY TO SPEND A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Ask anyone of the 200 (give or take) parishioners who attended the ARTICO Ensemble Concert in Mary Immaculate Church last Sunday. ARTICO had just returned from a very successful overseas concert tour and this was their first performance on returning. ARTICO was established in 2000 as a professional touring group, performing well known classical repertoire in venues such as churches and art centres in cities and regional Australia. Their aim is to bring good music at an affordable price to audiences that would otherwise not be able to experience it live in mainstream concert halls. And they certainly did that! Presenting music by composers such as Mozart, Schubert, Bach, some great showstoppers by Gershwin and true tango music by Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla. It was impossible to choose a favourite performer from the magnificent voice of Soprano Shelli Hulcombe the unbelievable sound produced by the leader of the group Rianne Wilschut on Clarinet and the man who could make the Bass Clarinet talk Paul Kopetz, and not forgetting the hard working master of the Piano Brieley Cutting who accompanied every one of the eleven items on the program. Every one left on a high, describing the afternoon as, Fantastic, Great, Lovely, Marvellous, there should be more like this. All the members of the Ensemble were ecstatic about Mary Immaculate Church as a venue as the acoustic value was first class, probably one of the best churches they had ever performed in, said Paul Kopetz. The proceeds of the concert went towards raising funds for St Vincent de Paul Gold Coast “Buddies” and “Sense” Youth Program that help children and teenagers from disadvantaged families in our local community. Everyone was able to find out anything they wanted to know about the Ensemble and their music as they joined with us at afternoon tea after the performance. Members of the Aquinas and Mary Immaculate Conferences of St Vincent de Paul, have to be congratulated for both the tea, coffee and goodies at interval and the mouth-watering soup after the performance as well as all the organising that happened to make the afternoon possible.

SCHOOL MASS

Next Sunday at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate we will be joined by students from Year Three at Guardian Angels School together with their parents and friends.

MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

All Maltese people, friends and parishioners are cordially invited to come and join us in celebrating the **Feast of the Redeemer** at Marian Valley on Saturday August 17. The bus will leave from Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. Cost \$18 for bus fare. Lunch will be available for purchase from the venue, or BYO. For more information and bookings please call Madeline on 55 291 573 or Paula on 0402 930 918 Book early as tickets are limited.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

- That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life
- That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE NAME ‘JESUS’ ?

Given by the angels at the time of the Annunciation, the name “Jesus” means “God saves”. The name expresses his identity and his mission “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that “there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved” (Acts 4:12)

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 challengers. 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

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Over the past 13 years Noela and Ray Donovan have served over 624 morning teas to the parishioners at Guardian Angels Church after the 10.00am Mass. The passion and dedication they have imparted is a great inspiration to all. A legacy hard to match without the love for God and neighbour.

Time has come to retire, and all parishioners are invited to join Nola and Ray after Mass today, as we thank this loyal couple for the labour of love they have shared with us. We wish them the best of health in retirement and may God continue to pour out his blessings on them.





Today we welcome into God's Family

Charlotte Ivy Hudson, daughter of
Andrew Hudson and Jade Axford

Leo Archer Wotherspoon, son of Paul and Jayne Wotherspoon

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Anderson.

ANNIVERSARY: Fr Bill Taylor, Jim McMahon, Val Gilders, Eric Hodge, Noreen Newman, Archbishop Francis Rush.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: 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, Iris Rogers and family. Bernadette Gaspard, Matthew Byrne.

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

WORTH A SMILE

I took my mother on a fishing trip yesterday. Nobody was having any luck. After drifting for hours without so much as a nibble, who should hook one but my Mum. Everybody on the boat was excited, cheering her on, telling her to take her time. Finally she lifted the fish into the boat, picked it up, removed the hook, looked at it up and down, and tossed it back into the water. I was stunned. I said, "Mum, why did you throw that fish back into the water?" "I don't know. To me it just didn't look fresh."

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 29 St Martha

Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus. This unique statement in John's Gospel tell us the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Jesus was apparently a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. One of three siblings Martha is the only one acknowledged with a Feast Day.

Wednesday, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). One of his closest associates wrote: 'Ignatius seemed all love, and because to that he was universally loved by all.' His holiness consisted in the great love that directed his life to do everything for the greater glory of God. (Ad maiorem Dei gloriam or AMDG) He once wrote "We must strive to have a universal love, loving everybody and everything in God, and loving God in all of them according to God's most divine will."

Thursday, August 1 St Alphonsus Liguori

Alphonsus was born in Naples, Italy. While visiting the local hospital for incurable in 1723, Alphonsus had a vision and felt called to consecrate his life solely to God. He founded the Redemptorists in 1732 and became Bishop of St Agatha of the Goths near Naples in 1762. For 13 years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote works that have survived throughout the years. Canonized in 1839, he was made a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

CATHOLIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pope Francis calls Catholics to serve the poor.

For 52 years Palms Australia has been sending Catholic Volunteers to mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Volunteers are needed in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas. Preparation for 2014 placements runs from September 27 to October 5, so you need to apply now. Or are you interested in volunteering overseas, but are not sure if it is right for you? Consider joining a 12 day Encounter journey to Timor-Leste or Kiribati. Contact 02 9518 9551 or email sarah@palms.org.au for more information.

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 31.

ANGELS KITCHEN 20TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Angels Kitchen Co-ordinator and all other volunteers send **GRATEFUL THANKS** to every Parishioner who contributed to the retiring collection after the 20th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, July 7, and blue envelopes from other Masses. Total donations amounted to \$1197. If costs could stay the same as last year's weekly average of \$352, this amount will pay for 3.5 weeks. THANK YOU. Some blue envelopes for use are still available at our 3 Churches and Parish Office. We ask you to either place these on a collection plate at any Mass or leave them at the Parish Office or mail to ANGELS KITCHEN, P.O. BOX 3225, AUSTRALIA FAIR Qld 4215. Also available at our Churches and Parish Office is an information leaflet, which we ask you to take home so you can better understand the work of this Parish Ministry.

Bridge Classes for Beginners. Start any time. Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Mary Immaculate meeting room . \$10 per lesson. After 6 to 8 lessons a beginner should be able to join a club. or we can start our own "Mary Immaculate Bridge Club"

HYMNS

ALL GLORY PRAISE AND HONOUR

Refrain:

**All glory, praise, and honour to you,
Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made
sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. **R.**

The company of angels are praising you on high;
And mortals, joined with all things
Created, make reply. **R.**

To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **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

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and
God's righteousness,
And all these things shall be added
unto you;

Allelu alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened
unto you;

Allelu alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

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

Amen, Amen. **(DO NOT REPEAT)**

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

WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice and cry
"My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke

OH LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

Oh Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

RECESSIONAL

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
Ecclesiastes 1:1-2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

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