

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

SUNDAY May 17, 2015

"Ascension Mission"

The feast of Ascension is not only about Jesus' departure to his Father but also about us who have been called to continue his mission today. A good starting point for this task is to put aside any judgments and recognise God's image in every person. We all end up forgetting Jesus' words from John's Gospel, "Let anyone who is without sin, cast the first stone at her." In this day and age we all seem to have become too busy to care about other people, young and old. How many times we have heard, "Times have changed so much, nobody ever talks to others like in the old days; I never see anybody from week to week."

Perhaps we each need to take a little time out of our busy schedules to reach out to someone who needs our help, to give encouragement to someone who has lost their way. Let's all take time to share a problem that isn't our own. A problem shared is a problem halved, so they say. Just a little kindness could go a long way. Take the time to listen and take the time to understand. Sometimes we are too quick to judge without taking the time to have compassion and to just be that shoulder to lean on in tough times. As we continue Jesus' mission let's always remember that there is more than one side to a story.

Father Jan



Welcome to Southport Parish: "Who is Father Nev?"

My name is Nev Yun. I was born in PNG but did all my education in Brisbane, attending Nudgee Junior and Gregory Terrace schools. I did an IT degree and worked in the industry for 8 years. I was working in the UK and Ireland in 2000 where, due to Y2K I made a switch to social services work. I continued to work in similar areas with kids and youth at risk as well as being a carer for people with physical and intellectual disabilities. During this time I was slowly discerning a call to priesthood. While I had been through a relationship, I was quite involved with the Church.



I had attended WYD in Cologne in 2005. Over the next couple of years God continued to prepare me in more ways than you can imagine. A significant moment occurred after attending WYD 2008 in Sydney where I had an irresistible sense to explore priesthood! After several months of discernment I decided to join the seminary. From the day I joined I just knew this was where God had been leading me.

Since being ordained I have served at the Cathedral as a deacon and as a priest at Ipswich for 18 months. I was a bit sad to leave prematurely but I sense I have been sent to Southport for a reason. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Blessings, Father Nev

St. Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Masses

Sunday 7:00am
Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday 7:00am
Wednesday 7:00am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Weekday Mass

Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Masses

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm

(The Church is open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10.30am to 1.30pm.

A priest will be in attendance for private prayer and pastoral needs.)

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30am, 6:00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3:00pm
6:00pm

(Last Saturday of the month)

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 9:00am

Thursday 5:30pm

Holy Hour

First Thursday of the month
at 4:15pm

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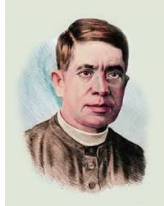
Quote of the Week - Mercy

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.
Pope Francis

SAINT OF THE WEEK

THURSDAY MAY 21: ST. CHRISTOPHER Magallanes (and Companions)

St. Christopher Magallanes, along with 21 other priests and three lay companions, were martyred between 1915 and 1937, by shooting or hanging, throughout eight Mexican states, for their membership in the Cristero movement. Magallanes erected a seminary in Totatiche and he and his companions secretly preached and ministered to the faithful.

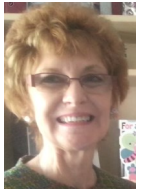


The last words heard spoken by Magallanes were from his cell, when he shouted, "I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico". Pope John Paul II beatified the Cristero martyrs in 1992 and canonised them in 2000.

Parish Pastoral Council Profile

Christine Wintour is known to our parish in a number of capacities. She loves cooking and organising social events where both her skills come to the fore. She is a member of the Social Committee, Secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council and a helper for Vinnies. Here is what she has to share about her background.

Hello, everyone. I am 63 years young who has a very supportive husband, two wonderful daughters, nine beautiful grandchildren and a very cute dog. I am blessed at my time of life with enjoying the best of both worlds, that is, minding my grandchildren and contributing to helping people and animals who are less fortunate. I am also involved with Gold Coast Little Theatre on their Publicity Committee.



Ethnic Community Events - Brisbane Archdiocese

The Archdiocese is blessed to have richness of faith of so many culturally diverse Catholic traditions. Please find below invitations to the Filipino and Latin American Catholic Masses, Liturgies and celebrations in the Brisbane Archdiocese this month:

Filipino Community

Flores de Mayo Masses - 10, 13, and 31 May at Regents Park, Caboolture, Zillmere, Pialba and Acacia Ridge

Latin American Community

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge - Friday 22 May, 5:15pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen
Screening of movie, **"Monsenor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero"** - Saturday, 22 May, 5:00pm
Beatification of Monsenor Oscar Romero by Pope Francis - **23 May**

You will find more updated information on the **Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care Facebook** page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Centre-for-Multicultural-Pastoral-Care/1724556437768764?ref=hl>



Rosary will be recited every Sunday at 9:25am this May at Guardian Angels Church.

Is This Your New Ministry?

Communion Ministers are required for Allamanda Hospital and local Southport nursing homes. Training will be given to these special ministers. Contact the Office on 5510 2222 if you feel this is your calling.

Queensland Churches Together

Flyers are available for our Ecumenical Service on 19 May and a Refugee Conference on 3 June. The **2015 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Ecumenical Worship Service** will be held on **Tuesday 19 May, at 7:00pm** at the Pilgrim Congregational Church Bardon, Cnr. Simpsons and Boundary Roads, followed by a light supper. Everyone is welcome. RSVP for catering purposes to Jela Virzi by phone on 07 3369 6792 or admin@qct.org.au



Lay Carmelite Community Formation

'Come-See-Taste' the spirituality of the Carmelites, an 800 year old Catholic religious family from Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land. Invitations are extended to all to attend the first meeting on the Gold Coast at the **Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters** on Sunday June 7. We will gather at 10.00am for a 10.15am start. If you can attend or would like to know more about the Lay Carmelites please contact: Norm Harding, National Formator, Lay Carmelites of Australia and Timor Leste on 0421 125575 or ave.olmc@outlook.com

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Archbishop has approved the new Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. Training in this policy **is mandatory** and part of our strategy for educating and reducing risk for all people, our volunteers as well as those whom we serve.



All parishioners who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults **are expected to attend** training in this policy and the associated procedures. Priests, religious and parish staff will also attend training. Training will be offered at two times on **Tuesday 26 May** at **9:30 - 12:30pm** and **6:30 - 9:30pm** at Mary Immaculate.



Please RSVP to Daloras at the office which session you will be attending.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Come and experience the spiritual wisdom and dynamic words of Fr. Ken who shares Jesus' mission to bring the fire of God's Love to the earth.

Where: St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon

When: 7:30pm, 24th May, Pentecost Sunday Evening

Enquiries: Salvina 3843 5884

Everyone is welcome



Catholic Newsletters and Events

The following are some of items that have been added to our website at <http://scp.org.au> under Catholic Links:

1. Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care's St. Dymphna's Day Celebrations
2. Upcoming Christian Youth Festival 30th May 2015
3. Australian Catholics: Faith and Life e-news
4. Cherish Life Website: Choose Life

Today we welcome into God's Family



Nicholas Della Rovere-Beek, son of Daniel Beek and Mariana Della Rovere
Oliver Peter, Archie Winston, **Louis** Harvey, triple sons of Peter and
Amanda Cassar

Your Prayers are Requested for Those Who have Journeyed to the Father

Recently Deceased: Sr. Mathilde Shoukry Ayoub

Anniversaries: Brian John Nolan, Martin Stas

All Parishioners and Friends who are Sick and in Need: Gary O'Connell, Marion Phillips



Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.

Next Social Event

Enjoy sipping champagne whilst being entertained outdoors by **Man Child and the Funky Bunch Band** with a fusion of Jazz, Blues and Rock.



Autumn Melodies

**Sunday 31 May
2:00pm - 5:00pm**

at **Mary Immaculate**

\$25 per entry includes: champagne, nibbles, dessert and entertainment.



Purchase your tickets **NOW** from all Church Piety Stalls.

Parish Young Adult Group

The Southport Catholic Parish Young Adult Group meets every second Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Parish Resource Centre beside Mary Immaculate Church. If you consider yourself a young adult (18-30) feel free to come along for dinner, discussion and prayer. It is a great way to meet other young Catholics, to learn about Catholicism and grow in faith. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 May.

Lost and Found

Many items including money have been found at Mary Immaculate Church. The items have been stored in the sacristy for some time and now need to go. They have been put on the table next to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. So if you find something that is yours, please take it. **After this Sunday any remnants will be given to Vinnies.** If you wish to claim money that has been found, please discuss this with Daloras in the Parish Office asap.

Bernie's Breakfast - Thank You

A very special thank you to all who attended or otherwise supported "Bernie's Breakfast" at the Community Hall last Saturday. It was a great success, both financially and socially, and we hope everybody enjoyed the morning. Many thanks, and best regards from Judy and Katherine.



De Paul Manor Social Club

The Social Club invites all to listen to a guest speaker from the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, Berghoffer, who will provide an update about research into Cancer, Infectious Diseases, Mental Health and Complex Disorders on Thursday 4 June at 10:00am at De Paul Manor Retreat. There is no charge but donations will be accepted as Morning Tea is provided.



Parish Date Claimers For 2015

Morning Tea. On the first Sunday of each month, at the "Annex" after 8:30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker.

3C - The Catholic Connect Group. Our group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am in Guardian Angels Church for prayer, bible sharing and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Allan and Eleanor Amores by phone on: 0438 724053.

Bridge. Every Wednesday 9:30am to 12noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena. At 6:00pm every Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker and on the first Wednesday of the month, they are followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Catholic Women's League. Meeting second Friday of each Month, 11:00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass and lunch.

Care and Concern. Meet fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10:00am.

Young Adults Group. Meet in the Parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7:00pm

Confirmation. Thursday, June 4 2015

First Eucharist. Sunday, June 7 2015



St. Vincent de Paul Date Claimer

Winter Appeal. 30/31 May at all Masses at all three churches. Guardian Angels and Mary Immaculate SVdP Conference.



Parish Golf Challenge - Coming Event

Our Golf Day for 2015 will be an even more interesting event becoming a friendly challenge between our Parish and the Anglican Robina Church. The Golf day is not until **Sunday 5 July**, but you will need to get your team ready using the 4xperson Ambrose format. We hope to see you at the Colonial Golf Club, Paradise Springs Avenue, Robina at 10:30am for registration with a 11:30am Shot Gun start. Cost is \$60/person including cart and dinner.



Worth a Smile

- A successful man makes more money than his woman can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
- A politician is the one who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence after.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Glory Be To God In Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well:
On the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring!

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away.
Now with God in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!

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

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am
with you always, until the end of the
world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and Resurrection you have
set us free.

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

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the
sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation Has
redeemed; us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in
sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes,
nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received
him,
When the forty days were o'er, shall
our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you ever more"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on
earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you
from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's
redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

(Bernadette Farrell)

Refrain:

**Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
Feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.**

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
We remember your promise to return
again. **R.**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of
all who live. **R.**

You are the bread of peace, you are the
wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in
endless love. **R.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail Redeemer

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of ever lasting peace.

Refrain:

**Angels saints and nations, sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."**

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With your praises King of kings. **R**

King most holy, King of truth,
Guide the way-ward, guide the youth;
Christ our King of glory bright,
Be to us eternal light. **R**

Shepherd King, from mountains steep,
Home ward bring the wand'ring sheep;
Shelter in one royal fold
States and nations, new and old. **R**

Parish Social Committee 2015 Coming Events

May

31st Autumn Melodies

June

19^h Volunteers Thank You BBQ

July

5th Golf Day
12th Artico

August

15th Feast of Assumption (Mulled Wine Evening)

October

4th Low Tea (NRL Grand Final on the big screen)

December

4th Parish Christmas Party

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Editorial Request

Some time ago, a notice was inserted into the
newsletter for all leaders of ministries to update
their information for our website. As it is important
that this media outlet be always up-to-date, I again
request your input.

Please refer to the website, check what is presently
available and send me an email with your changes.
**If there is no change, I would also appreciate an
email to that effect.** My email address is listed on
the front page under 'Parish Contacts'. Thank you
in anticipation of your help.