

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year A**

SUNDAY May 25 2014

HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE ME?

A parent or grandparent may ask a small child, 'How much do you love me', and the child will respond with stretched-wide-open arms and an enthusiastic 'This much!' Real love has no bounds. As wide as the child can open his or her arms – this is the whole universe to a small child. This is the unboundedness of responsive love that nurtures, strengthens, helps build strong character and values. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus begins the discourse to the disciples with, '**If you love me...**' Of course we love Jesus! Yet Jesus seems to put a limit on how much we can love him: '**If you love me, you will keep my commandments.**'

Our love for Jesus is shown in the same way as the early disciples showed their love – by practical doing in our everyday living. Like Philip and Peter and John (in the first Reading),

- we are to proclaim the living Christ by the way we heal hurts in others;
- bring a healing touch to those who are ailing in any way;
- strengthen those who are weak or paralysed by fear, doubt, or selfishness;
- encourage those weighed down with too much stress, work, or indecision.

All this is keeping Jesus' commandments by living **his way of life** – a life characterised by deep care for others. The most encouraging aspect of this gospel is that Jesus even sends us the help we need to love and live in this way – he sent his Spirit to dwell within us.

So much of our life seems anything but connected to Jesus and expressive of our love for him. Our sheer busyness hardly leaves us with a moment to catch our breath, let alone be concerned about loving Jesus!

To love Jesus doesn't require that we pray all the time or that we are consciously aware of Jesus' presence. Loving Jesus is a simple matter of keeping his commandments. Most of us are already doing what we need to do to be good Christians; but we also need to recognise that these good actions are the way we keep his commandments.

In other words, his commandments are pretty simple to know:

- **Love as he loved;**
- **Be self-giving as he was;**
- **Receive others as he did;**
- **Do the Father's will as he did.**

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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

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

CALLING ALL GOLFERS

2014 PARISH GOLF DAY

COLONIAL GOLF CLUB—SUNDAY JULY 6 2014

Tee off at 12.noon sharp—Registration from 11.00

It's time to dust off those golf clubs, grab a partner and come along to the 2014 Parish Golf Day! Don't have a handicap? NO PROBLEMS. We can allocate you one on the day, it's all about enjoying the outdoors while playing golf at one of Australia's premier resort golf courses.

Here are the details...

Date:

Sunday July 6 2014.
The Colonial Golf Course
Paradise Springs Avenue
Robina.

Competition:

4 person Ambrose
(single person entrees
will be paired into
Teams of 4)

Cost/inclusions

\$60 per person
18 holes of golf
Electric Cart
Dinner—Presentation

EVERYBODY is welcome, please RSVP and pre-pay your place in the field with: **Alan Waghorn**

email: alandme@optusnet.com.au Phone 0416 145 054

Entries close on Sunday, June 29 2014. The field size is limited, so it will be first in first served.

Prize Sponsorship: If you would like to sponsor a Hole or donate a Prize for a range of competitions on the day, let Alan know what you would like to donate to help make this a special Parish Day.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today Sunday, May 25, is the 48th World Communications Day, throughout the Catholic Church in Australia.

To celebrate the occasion the Australian Bishops Conference Communications Office has created a digital storytelling project entitled 'Stirring Hearts' The twelve digital stories are

five minutes You Tube videos published on the Stirring Hearts website: www.stirringhearts.org.au

Prayer for World Communications Day

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of communication, through which we connect with one another.

Thank you for the gift of the media and the communications technologies at our fingertips.

The Internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. Help us to always use these gifts wisely and for good.

We pray that our Church may be capable of bringing warmth and of stirring hearts. Amen.

INVITATION FROM FATHER JAN

In appreciation of all your work in the Parish, Father Jan would like to invite all parish volunteers to a **THANK YOU BBQ** to be held in the grounds of Mary Immaculate Church on Friday, June 27, from 5.30pm. Did you know: Volunteers are involved in many ways in our Parish. Jobs such as gardening, grounds, office work, letter writing, cleaning, preparing the liturgical space each week. As well as the jobs more visible to us each Sunday such as: greeters, hospitality, sacristans, readers, musicians, ministers of communion Please let the Parish Office know on 55 102 222 by **Friday, June 20, if you are coming**

BIG DREAMS

"For I know the plan I have for you, declares the Lord"
Jeremiah 29:11

Join us on Sunday June 1, 11.30am at
Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Catholic Charismatic Community

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



O Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, Mother of Mercy, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.

To you we consecrate our country, our families, our hearts, our souls and all that we have. And in order that this consecration may be truly effective and lasting, we renew today the promise of our Baptism and Confirmation;

we undertake to live as good Christians - faithful to God, the Church and the Holy Father. We desire to pray the Rosary and partake in the Holy Eucharist. Also we promise, O most Holy Virgin, that we will zealously spread devotion to you, so that through our consecration to your Immaculate Heart and through your own intercession, the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in the world may be hastened. Amen.

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

One of the hardest things to do is part from those we love. Even harder is to let someone go upon whom you have come to rely. The disciples knew where they were with Jesus—in as much as anyone can know where they are with Jesus! They have seen the great things He has done—and found that they share some of His gift for healing and proclaiming the Kingdom. He has conquered death—and they assume He would be with them forever. They must have wondered what would become of them once Jesus was gone. Jesus gives them a promise. He is not going to leave them as orphans with no one to protect them. He will be with them—but not in the way that the world can see or recognise. Instead, He will be with them in His Spirit.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelises, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptively, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few." Pope Francis, 2013

SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

On Thursday, June 12, Bishop Brian Finnigan will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 70 children in Mary Immaculate church Ashmore. There will be two ceremonies that evening. The first ceremony will be at 5.30pm and the second ceremony at 7.30pm. Consequently there will not be any 5.30pm Mass on Thursday June 12. Parishioners are very welcome to join the children and their families at either Confirmation ceremony. Sister Helen

FIRST COMMUNION

On Sunday, June 15, at 10.30 Mass 70 children will receive their First Communion in Mary Immaculate church. There are only three more Sundays till that special day. Families with children preparing for First Communion are encouraged to sit near the front of the church when they bring their children to Mass on the three remaining Sundays. Parishioners are reminded to pray for all the children and their families.

Sister Helen



Today we welcome into God's Family

Sophia James Arenas daughter of
Edwin Arenas and Chahaya Abundo

Payton Oldham son of Drew and Renee Oldham

Aaron John Milton Selby son of Dean Selby (dec'd) and Clair Selby

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Henry Gorny, Kathleen Clare, Patricia Shanahan (mother of Deacon Tim Shanahan) Brian Hockings, Michael Casey, Margaret Cook, Marcia Hanrahan, Rowan Hick, Desmond Tulley, Mark Galton.

ANNIVERSARY: Anthony McDonald, Mary and Stella Zammit, Mary-Rose Giuliano, Fred Cross.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: John Stowers, Ernest Casey, Leah Joy Layosa (baby) Jack Keniry, Michael Murray, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Don Shipman, Alex McKinnon, Colleen Blanch, Tony Sheehan, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Doss O'Niell, Yvonne See, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Sheila Galvin, Dean Lewis.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community. Amen.

THIS WEEKS FEAST DAYS

Monday, May 26, St Phillip Neri

Tuesday, May 27, St Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday, May 31,

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast commemorates the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel had revealed to Mary her role in God's plan. The visit was the occasion of Mary's hymn of joy. The Magnificat, is described in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel.

WORTH A SMILE

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she has a near death experience. During the experience she sees God and asks if this is it. God says no and explains that she has another 30 years to live. Upon her recovery she decides to stay in hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, breast augmentation, tummy tuck, etc. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour. She figured since she's got another 30 years she might as well make the most of it. She walked out of the hospital after her last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrived in front of God and complains. "I thought you said I had another 30 years." God replies, "Sorry I didn't recognize you."

Are you a Minister of Communion?

Would you like to volunteer one hour of your time each Thursday between 10 and 11.00am to take communion to residents at De Paul Villa Aged Care.

Please call Anne on 55 827 250 if you can help.

CARE AND CONCERN

Members remember tomorrow Monday, May 26, your regular monthly meeting, 10.30am in the Mary Immaculate meeting room. It's the best cuppa in town, don't miss it.

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

Invites all those interested, to attend a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word

Facilitated by Carole Danby— Evangelisation Brisbane

Monday, June 16, from 9.00am to 3.00pm

Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 50 Fairways Drive,
Clear Island Waters.

RSVP by Wednesday June 11 to June 55 725 433

Morning tea provided. Please bring a plate to share for lunch

DON'T FORGET

AUSTRALIA'S

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

TODAY AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS AT

GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH



PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014

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.

Southport Parish Book Club, meets First Monday of the month 10.00am. Mary Immaculate meeting room.

Bridge, every Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm on the First Wednesday followed by Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, Guardian Angels Meeting Room, followed by Mass

Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm

Sunday, **June 1,** High Tea, 2.00pm.

Thursday, **June 12, 2014.** Confirmation

Sunday, **June 15, 2014.** First Eucharist

Friday, **June 27,** Parish Thank You Social

Sunday, **July 6,** Parish Golf Day at Colonial

Sunday, **July 20,** ARTICO Concert. *'The Art of Song'* Mary Immaculate Church.

Sunday, **August 10,** Parish Observation Car Rally

Saturday, **September 13,** Music Workshop at

Mary Immaculate 9.30am to 4.00pm

.THE FIRST PARISH SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

"Lavender and Lace"

HIGH TEA

At just \$10 per person you will be in for a treat of an afternoon.

Next Sunday June 1. 2.00pm to 5.00pm
2/13 Burwood Court, Labrador.

If you are coming please let the Parish Office know ASAP. Also if you need transport we can arrange to pick you up and take you home. Let us know when you book.

VOCATION VIEW: That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can rebound in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our love. Follow God's Call



HYMNS

WE GATHER HERE, O LORD

Refrain:

***We gather here, O Lord,
to hear Your saving word.
To feast upon this finest bread,
this richest wine out-poured.
Come, set our hearts ablaze! Come,
fill our nights and days with purpose
strong and vision clear and songs
of thankful praise.***

Your word is breath to us, our life,
Our truth, our way,
A blessing far beyond our dreams
The sun that lights our day.

PENITENTIAL RITE

WATER OF LIFE

***Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us,
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.***

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain:

***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. **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. **R**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

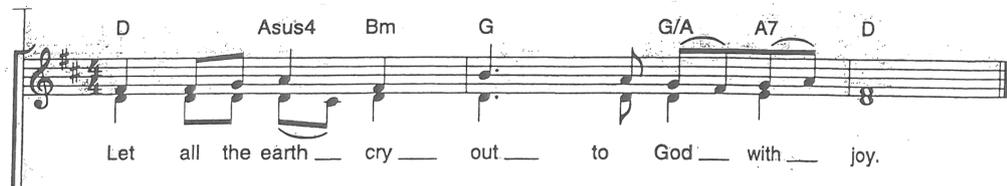
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:19,20 John 20:1-9**



GIFTS PROCESSION

WE COME TODAY

Refrain:

***We come today to break this bread
and share this cup of wine.
We gather at your table now
to hear your words of life.
And though there are so many here
today, we all are one:-
one family, one body,
and one Church;
We are your own.***

We thank you, God, for Jesus,
who calls us to this feast
to share in one communion
in your name. **R**

We thank you for our parents,
who care for us each day,
The family gathered round us
here in love. **R**

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.

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

COME AND EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

***Come and eat this bread,
come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast
our God has spread.
You have promised us
You are here with us
In the breaking of the bread.***

This is the bread of life, for all to
share, bread of hope and redemption,
Bread to feed a world of hungers. **R**

This is the cup of Christ's
own sacrifice,
Blood of love and compassion,
Blood to heal the world's divisions. **R**

Just as the scatter'd grains
become one bread,
Make us one in your Spirit,
all one Body in Christ Jesus. **R**

And as we share one cup of covenant
make us one in communion
At the table of Christ Jesus. **R**

Each time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
We remember your death, Lord
and we celebrate your rising. **R**

Now from this table to the ends of earth,
Gather all of your people in this feast
of all creation. **R**

Refrain:

***Praise the living God,
praise to Christ, the Son,
Praise the mighty Spirit, Holy Breath.
For our whole life thru
We shall sing to you
God of life beyond all death.***

THE BODY OF CHRIST (Brian Boniwell)

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**

RECESSIONAL

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain:

***All the ends of the earth,
all your creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders
of the Lord.***

***For the Lord of the earth,
the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.***

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders God has done in every age. **R**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice
in your might;
every heart, every nation call you Lord. **R**

The Lord has made salvation known,
faithful to the promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all
It holds make music before our God! **R**

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