

**Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY February 8 2015

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & AWARENESS
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The first International Day will be celebrated in all dioceses and parishes throughout the world on 8th February, the feast day of Josephine Bakhita. Saint Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and sold into slavery. When she was finally freed, she became a Canossian sister and devoted her life to comforting the poor and suffering, especially women and children.

In our century, human trafficking is one of the worst examples of slavery.

This phenomenon concerns the whole world. According to the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, **21 million people**, often very poor and vulnerable, are victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labour and begging, illegal organ removal, domestic servitude and forced marriages, illegal adoption and other forms of exploitation.

Pope Francis has strongly denounced many times the trafficking of human beings, defining it as a crime against humanity and calling on all to fight for and to look after the victims. For several years, the Catholic Church, in particular the congregations of women religious, have worked in many parts of the world to raise awareness of this modern scourge and to help and protect the victims.

Each year, of the 2.5 million people who become victims of trafficking and slavery; 60 percent are women and children. Many of these suffer abuse and unspeakable violence. On the other hand, for traffickers and pimps, this is one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world, generating a total of **32 billion dollars** a year! Human trafficking is the third most profitable "business" in the world, after drugs and arms trafficking.

The International Day is intended to raise awareness and to encourage reflection on the violence and injustice that affect the numerous victims of trafficking, people who have no voice, they are simply slaves!

Pope Francis believes that human trafficking affects everyone. "How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother? (Gen 4.9) Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother or sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone!" Pope Francis wrote.

*(Based on information from the International Union of Superiors General)
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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am & 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday—7.00am
Wednesday— 7.00am
Ash Wednesday—7.00am

**Each Friday-10.30am
Mass at Gold Coast
University Hospital**

**Guardian Angels'
Church**

99 Scarborough St Southport

Saturday
6.00pm

Sunday Mass

7.00 am 10.00 am

Weekday Mass

Friday 12.30pm

Ash Wednesday—12.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday - 4.30pm

The Church is open
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10.30am to 1.30pm

A priest will be in attendance

**Mary Immaculate
Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm Last Saturday
of the Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 5.30pm

Ash Wednesday 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday
of the Month 4.15pm

<p>St Joseph the Worker Church</p> <p>44 Imperial Parade, Labrador</p> <p><u>Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>7.00 am & 8:30 am</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass</u></p> <p>Monday—7.00am Wednesday— 7.00am Ash Wednesday—7.00am</p> <p>Each Friday-10.30am Mass at Gold Coast University Hospital</p>

<p>Guardian Angels' Church</p> <p>99 Scarborough St Southport</p> <p><u>Saturday</u> 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>7.00 am 10.00 am</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass</u></p> <p>Friday 12.30pm</p> <p><u>Ash Wednesday—12.30pm</u></p> <p><u>Reconciliation</u></p> <p>Saturday - 4.30pm</p> <p>The Church is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30am to 1.30pm</p> <p>A priest will be in attendance</p>

<p>Mary Immaculate Church</p> <p>31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore</p> <p><u>Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>8:30 am & 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Korean Mass</u></p> <p>Sunday 3.00pm Last Saturday of the Month 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass</u></p> <p>Tuesday - 9.00am</p> <p>Thursday - 5.30pm</p> <p><u>Ash Wednesday 5.30pm</u></p> <p>Holy Hour. First Thursday of the Month 4.15pm</p>



Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Brisbane
CCR BRISBANE
Excelling in Christ

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
Matthew 5:48

Mass Celebrant and Guest Speaker

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Where : CCR Brisbane Centre and St John's Church,
688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

When : Saturday, February 28, 2015

Music Ministry : Hands of Hope

Enquiries : Miriam (3202 6856)

Programme - A collection will be taken up at Mass

9.30 am Welcoming Cuppa

10:00 am Praise and Worship

11:00 am Mass including Homily/Talk by His Grace

12:30 pm Lunch

Please bring a plate of savouries to share for lunch.

The Francis Effect

We may not always be able to reflect adequately the beauty of the Gospel, but there is one sign which we should never lack: the option for those who are last, those whom society discards

Pope Francis 2013

Jesus a Man of Action and Reflection

Mark tells us that Jesus is not only someone who does things 'at once' and 'straight-away' but is also someone who takes time out of the busyness. He knows the needs of those who are sick and disturbed - but He also knows the absolute necessity of silence and communion with God.

It is following this time of prayer that Jesus discerns that His mission is not to be confined in one place - but that the Good News is to be proclaimed throughout Galilee. They leave the village - and Jesus spreads the news of the Kingdom - by preaching and by healing - particularly healing those who are held bound by evil.

"This balance in Jesus' life was to be an example to His first disciples - and may be even more important in our day where so much emphasis is placed on what people do - what people achieve. Often, this means that people lose sight of the importance of 'being' - of spending time with the God who created them.

"Jesus offers an example of what it means to be a whole person - who gives His time and energy generously and lovingly to those around Him - but who also gives time and space generously and lovingly to God."

Ash Wednesday

Fast and Abstinence.

Parishioners are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST and ABSTINENCE. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.

Mass times for Ash Wednesday

St Joseph the worker, Labrador: 7.00am

Guardian Angels, Southport: 12.30pm

Mary Immaculate, Ashmore: 5.30pm

The Law of Fasting requires Catholics to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one main meal a day.

The Law of Abstinence requires Catholics 14 years and over to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Catholics are encouraged to impose personal penance on themselves at other times during Lent.

Parish Social Function—Bare Foot Bowls



The first Parish Social Function of the year will be Bare Foot Bowls at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club on Sunday, March 8.

This will be a great opportunity for those who don't usually attend parish social functions to meet lots of new friends.

The day will commence at 12 noon with lunch, available for \$13.50, including sweets.

At 1.30pm its onto the greens for an afternoon of fun. It will only cost you \$2 for the hire of bowls.

For every drink purchased from the bar you will receive a free ticket in a meat tray raffle to be drawn at 4.00pm. A Courtesy Bus available to take you home, leaves the club at 4.30pm.

We need to know who is coming so ring the Parish Office 55 102 222 before Friday February 27, to let us know.

Labrador Crochet and Craft Classes

Classes will commence again for 2015, in the "Annex" at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador on **Tuesday, February 17**, from 9.30am to 11.30am, for eight weeks. For those Parishioners interested in attending these Classes, please contact the teacher, Susannah Bishop, on 55 775 917, who will advise you of the necessary requirements needed to begin the Classes.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will begin tomorrow, Monday, February 9, at Mary Immaculate Church, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.—please bring your Easter Triduum Music from last year. If anyone else would like to join us for the Easter Ceremonies you will be most welcome—please let Sister Elisabeth know at the Parish Office, 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au as soon as possible so the music will be ready for you.

Catholic Women's League

The first meeting for 2015 of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday, February 13, at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, followed by Mass and lunch. A reminder to all members that subscriptions are now due. Have you ever thought about this ministry, come along and see what we do. Phone Anne 55 392 707.

There will be a Lenten Program at De Paul Villa Aged Care on Tuesdays during Lent commencing February 24 at 10.30am in D Wing Lounge of Vincentian House Families welcome. Contact Carol on 55 827 250.



Sister Elisabeth's Lenten Study group will meet on Tuesday, February 17 in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate after the 9.00am Mass and will meet for one hour. Books have arrived for those who contacted Sister Elisabeth. Price \$7.

The Pope's Intention for February

Universal: Prisoners. That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: Separated spouse. That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

A Vocation View: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind: his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up their wounds? How do you choose to respond.

With Guardian Angels Church now being open daily, it has been suggested that we put flowers in the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Chapel. Anyone who would like to bring flowers for the Prayer Chapel would be most appreciated. Vases are supplied.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Lucy Patricia Gibbs, daughter of Benjamin and Claire Gibbs

Oscar Oak Scerri, son of Christopher and Esther Scerri

Noah Knight, son of Damien and Nehal Knight,

Your Prayers are Requested for those who have journeyed to the Father.

Recently Deceased: Daphne Mellor, (mother of Fr Anthony Mellor).

Anniversary:

All Parishioners and Friends who are sick and in Need: Lawrence Grieve, Pat Wehmeier, Rita Tessari, Trudi de Vries, Tim Howard, Gary O'Connell, Merv Piffner, Juilio Ribeiro Angela Taylor, Sophia Nueva (Fr Teri's Mother).

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.

This Week's Saints

Tuesday, February 10, St Scholastica

St Scholastica, twin sister of St Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and the nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening sat down to take their reflection. St Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St Benedict refused to spend the night away from his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunder storm burst and neither Benedict or his companions could return home. They spent the night in prayer. Three days later St Scholastica died and her brother beheld her soul in a vision ascending into heaven. Benedict sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid her in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543 and Benedict followed her soon after.

Tuesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes is the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary invoked in honour of the Marian apparitions which occurred on numerous occasions in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes, France. The first apparition was on February 11, 1858, when a 14 year old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous admitted to her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle. Bernadette was later canonized a Saint. In 1862 Pope Pius IX authorised the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. This Marian title, *Our Lady of Lourdes*, has been widely copied and reproduced, often in shrines or homes, mostly in garden landscapes.

Worth a Smile

An Eastern European fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It was no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.

Thought for the week:

Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms.

Choose Life

On Saturday, February 21, at 2.00pm, the annual Rally for Life will be held in Queens Park, Brisbane. Guest speakers include Kat Ablanac, mother of baby Parker who has Downs Syndrome and Catherine Toomey, Managing Director of Priceless Life Centre Inc. If you would like to car pool, please leave a message on the numbers below. Cherish Life—Gold Coast—contact Fiona Hunter 55 781 513 or 0457 781 513.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2015

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.

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

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

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass

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

Young Adults Group, Meet in the Parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7.00pm

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm. Wednesday, **February 18,** Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent Sunday **March 8, Bare Foot Bowls.** 1st Parish Social event of the year.

Sunday, **March 22,** Archbishops Pastoral Visit to the Parish Sunday, **April 5,** Easter Sunday.

Thursday, **June 4 2015,** Confirmation.

Sunday, **June 7 2015,** First Eucharist

Year for Consecrated life

In November 2013 Pope Francis announced that 2015 would be dedicated to consecrated life. Over the next few weeks we will share some prayers from those who have helped shape communities of people living a consecrated life.

This week it is a prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

"Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,

All things are passing away;

God never changes. Patience obtains all things,

Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

Parish Pastoral Council

The first meeting of the newly formed Parish Pastoral Council was held last Thursday, February 5, as a break-fast meeting in the presbytery. The main item on the agenda for this first meeting was to elect an executive.

Jim Donaldson, was elected Chairman.

Eddie Doherty, Deputy Chairman.

Christine Wintour, Secretary.

The meeting also discussed the forth coming pastoral visit to the parish by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

HYMNS

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Refrain

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings. **R**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. **R**

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 Amen**

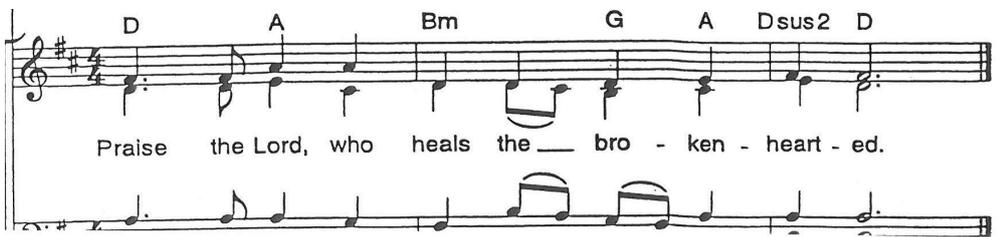
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken
hearted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

Alleluia, Alleluia,
He bore our sickness and endured our
suffering.
Alleluia.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY**
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45



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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O
Lord, until you come again

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Shalom)
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

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign
lands,
and all will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

*Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you, through it
all. **R**

Blessed are your poor,
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you,
all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you! **R**

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**

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

(Marty Haugen)

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for
the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy.
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice.
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **R**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God! **R**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! **R**