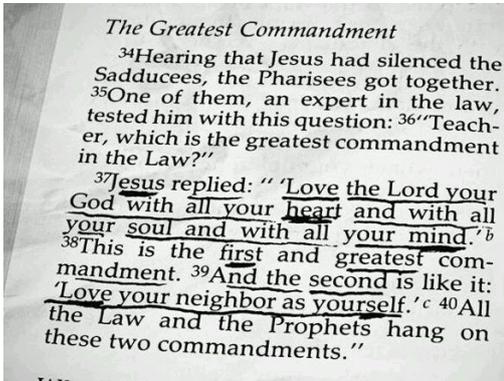


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29th October, 2017



In Jesus' time the Pharisees and Sadducees loved to debate religious matters. Debating religious matters was probably a significant part of their "ministry" to the people. St Matthew's Gospel that we read this Sunday is a reflection of these debates in regard to the Jewish Law that contained 613 commandments and regulations. Having so many rules, the Pharisees wondered which commandment was the greatest. **"Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?"** Today we may presume that Jesus was not the only one who was asked

that question. But, for sure, Jesus was the only one who gave the shortest and clearest answer to this question. We can see that he joins the two commandments — the love of God and the love of neighbour — into one. Our love for God must flow into love for neighbour; our love for neighbour must flow back into the love of God. This interdependence of the two loves means that we cannot truly love God unless we love our neighbour and vice versa.

Pope Benedict XVI in his first encyclical letter, which he signed on Christmas Day in 2005, wrote: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, or a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. St John's Gospel describes that event in these words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should have eternal life". In acknowledging the centrality of love, Christian faith has retained the core of Israel's faith, while at the same time giving it new depth and breadth. The pious Jew prayed daily the words of the Book of Deuteronomy which expressed the heart of his existence: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Jesus united into a single precept the commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbour found in the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Again, as in the previous years parishioners can offer Masses for their relatives, friends and other deceased parishioners by writing their names on the provided **yellow envelopes** which have been placed at the back of our three Churches. A special **Remembrance Mass** will be celebrated for our loved ones on the **23rd November, 5:30pm** at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore.

Fr Jan

St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses
7:00am & 8:30am

Weekday Masses
Monday & Wednesday
7:00am

**Gold Coast University
Hospital**
Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church
99 Scarborough St., Southport

Saturday Masses - 6:00pm

Sunday Masses
7:00 & 10:00am

Mass in Korean
Sunday 5:00pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive,
Ashmore

Sunday Masses
8:30am - 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

**NO Holy Hour
for the Month of
November & December**

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 29 Oct	Monday 30 Oct	Tuesday 31 Oct	Wednesday 1 Nov	Thursday 2 Nov	Friday 3 Nov	Saturday 4 Nov
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feria	Feria	All Saints	All Souls	St Martin de Porres	St Charles Borromeo
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, Matthew 23:1-12						



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The origin of All Souls Day (2nd November) seems to date to 1048 when Abbot St Odilo of the monastery of Cluny declared this celebration to commemorate departed Christians. Over the course of several centuries the feast spread across Europe to England and finally in the fourteenth century Rome made it an official feast.

It has been said that this Millennium-old celebration is an expression of the Christian belief in the Communion of Saints, the mystical solidarity uniting all the Body of Christ living on Earth with those who have died and are now one with God. This web allows spiritual energy to flow between the living and the dead by way of prayer, various good works and especially Holy Communion, which unites the Head and all the Body of Christ.

Many cultures have taken on this observance and keep it in various ways. In some places cemeteries are given special attention so that graves might be decorated with candles or flowers. In Latin America, this is known as the "Day of the Dead" and is an occasion of great festivity. Bakeries sell sweets and cakes in the shapes of skulls, skeletons, and coffins. In some Mediterranean cultures, children receive gifts of candy. It is also common to set up shrines to remember those who have died.

Christians have been praying for their departed relatives and friends since the earliest days of Christianity. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to this. Praying for the dead is actually borrowed from Judaism and may be sited in 2 Maccabees 12:42-42.

All Saints Day Mass - Wednesday, 1st November

7am St Joseph's Labrador
9am Mary Immaculate Ashmore
12:30pm Guardian Angels Southport

All Souls Day Mass - Thursday, 2nd November

7am St Joseph's Labrador
12:30pm Guardian Angels Southport
5:30pm Mary Immaculate Ashmore

Celebrating
60
Years...

Congratulations to Philip and Felicia Furnari on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary they were married on the 26th October 1957.

Youth Group - On **Sunday, 29th October, 4pm-6pm** at Mary Immaculate Church at Ashmore, Meeting Room, for High school students. Topics discussed would be Mary and the Saint. Mass at 6pm. For more information please contact and RSVP to Catherine on 0466 512 811.

Brisbane Sings "MESSIAH" - Thrill to the exciting sound of Handel's inspirational oratorio "Messiah" performed by The Queensland Choir's 150 voice BSM Chorus, soloists and fabulous orchestra. **On Sunday, 3rd December at 2:45pm**, Brisbane City Hall. Tickets - \$55 A Reserve (Conc \$50), \$50 B Reserve (Conc \$45) and \$15 Student & Children. Available from 4MBS Ticketing, Call 3847 1717 or online at www.4mbs.com.au

Capuchin Franciscan Friars "Vocation Weekend" - Our annual vocation retreat will be held at St Joseph's Retreat centre at Marian Valley Shrine. It's for young men (18-35yrs) to come away and reflect on these most, important questions: "Lord, what are you asking of me? How are you calling me to give?" It's a fantastic opportunity to pray and reflect on the possibility that God may be calling them to the vocation of the priesthood &/or religious life. Cost is only \$30. **Begins 7:30pm Friday 24th November. Concludes 3pm Sunday 26th November. At Marian Valley Retreat Centre, 2541 Beechmont Road**, 10km from Canungra in Gold Coast Hinterland. For more information please contact Fr Thomas on 0432 362 052, vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or <http://capuchinfriars.org.au>

Guardian Angels Primary School Fete - Sunday, 5th November - 2-7pm. There are fantastic carnival rides and attractions booked for this year's fete - with fun for all ages! For any enquiries, contact the Fete Convenors at GAFete2017@hotmail.com (Penny White, Kate Tuivasa, Therese Kelly)

Break Open the Word, Daily Mass Book & Ordo have arrived - All ministers who have ordered these books can collect them from the parish office. Break Open the Word and Daily Mass Book are \$20 each. Ordo is \$15 each.

Where is God in the time of suffering? A day of teaching and reflection and prayer presented by Fr. Ray Sanchez at Avocado Room, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank, Queensland 4109 on **Saturday, 11th Nov 2017 from 10.00 am - 4:30 pm.** ALL welcome. A love offering will be taken up to cover costs. BYO lunch. Registration: Marta Rodriguez (0433 526 703)

Thank You - Lee Kozanic would like to thank all those who prayed for her while she was not well.



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Willow-lilly Taimana Ropata daughter of Wiremu & Maria Ropata

Your Prayers Are Requested For Those In Need And Who Have Journeyed To The Father

Recently Deceased: Margaret Reynolds, Patricia Lutwyche, Ivan Birkbeck, Fr. Michael McKeaten

Anniversary:

Sick and in Need: Patricia Fisher, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Samantha Reese Navoa, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, Jean Smith, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Skinner, Dulia & Lucio Dumas, Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Jan Buttigieg, Matthew Byrne, Albert Chandler, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Freda Lyall, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Victor Williams, Emily Valenzuela, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner

*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.

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

Children's Liturgy - Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on email at: StephenL@scp.org.au

The dates for Term 4 are:

29th October, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November, 3rd December

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **9th and 30th of November** in the **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

Marriage Preparation - For parishioners who are going to marry in the coming months, please contact Abas Supeli in order to obtain the **Marriage Preparation Course**. Contact by phone on: **0450 221 088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

Faith Talk - At Guardian Angels this month will be on **Tuesday, 31st of October** (As we discussed last time we will bring the start time forward to 6:30 pm.)

Invitation Altar Servers - Children who made their First Holy Communion in June are invited to take a more active role in our parish. One way of being more involved is by becoming altar servers. The training session will be held at Mary Immaculate church on **Saturday, 4th of November at 11am**. The existing Altar Servers are encouraged to attend this Training Session.

Cherish Life Qld - is open to people of all faith backgrounds. The common bond of our members is the regard for human life from conception to natural death. The next meeting of our Gold Coast branch will be on Tuesday, 7th November - 6:30pm - 39-49 McLaren Road Nerang (Parish Centre at St Brigid's Nerang). The theme of this meeting will include surrogacy and sperm donation - video and discussion on these relevant issues. Cherish Life - Gold Coast Branch - contact Fiona: h 07 5578 1513 m 0457 781 513



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- celebrates the solemn belief in the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is universally celebrated on Friday, the 8th December. This year there will be Mass at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 5.30pm. The Mass will be followed by a Parish Christmas BBQ. To facilitate planning for this gathering the Social Committee requires many hands to carry the load. Tasks that you may be drawn to are pre event

(ordering, collecting and preparing food and drink, and set up); at the event (hosting, cooking at the BBQ, serving food and drink); post event (clean-up and stack furniture). To enable this event to occur, contact Eddie (or John) to let them know of your forte.



Our parish will host the Catholic Mission appeal next weekend (4-5 Nov.).

There will be an extra collection to support The Catholic Missionaries around the world. -

There are two commandments at the heart of the Christian faith: love God, love our neighbour. "The whole and the prophets depend on these two commandments," Jesus tells the Pharisee in today's gospel. When Catholic Mission conducts its appeal this weekend, it is a chance to extend love to our less fortunate neighbours, and further afield, by contributing both prayerfully and financially. In doing this, not only do you help transform the lives of the people of Vietnam and another 160 countries around the world, but you also demonstrate your love for God. For God is in each of the villagers of Vietnam and in the hands, feet and heart of each missionary, like Sr Mary. Thank you, in anticipation, for showing your embrace of both commandments. From David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Creatures Of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam!
O sing praises, O sing praises,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind, you are so strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O sing praises, alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of ev'ning find a voice;
O sing praises, O sing praises,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Glory to God in the highest.

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.

*Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to people of good will. Amen*

GIFTS PROCESSION

I Have Loved You

Refrain:

**I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine:
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for
him;
He will bring you his light
and his peace. **R**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for
him;
He will bring you his joy
and his hope. **R**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you Lord my strength

Seek the face of the Lord and long
for him:
He will bring you his care
and his love. **R**
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Music

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

I am the Bread Of Life

I am the bread of life,
You who come to me shall not hunger
And who believe in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me, unless the
Father beckons

Refrain:

**And I will raise you up, and I will
raise, you up,
and I will raise you up, on the last
day!**

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread,
You shall live forever,
you shall live forever **R**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of
Man
and drink of His blood,
and drink of His blood,
you shall not have life within you. **R**

I am the Resurrection I am the life
If you believe in me even though you die
You shall live forever. **R**

Yes, Lord, I believe, that you are the
Christ,
The son of God Who has come into the
world. **R**

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Love Is His Word

Love is his word,
love is his way,
feasting with friends,
fasting alone
living and dying, rising again.
Love only love is his way.

Refrain:

**Richer than gold is the love of my
Lord.
Better than splendour and wealth.**

Love is his way,
love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table host to the twelve.
Love only love is his mark. **R**

Love is his mark,
love is his sign,
bread for our strength,
wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love only love is his sign. **R**

Love is his sign,
love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love only love is his news. **R**

Love is his news,
Love is his name
We are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin.
Love only love is his name **R**

Love is his name,
Love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love only love is his law. **R**

Love is his law,
Love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love only love is his Word. **R**
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RECESSIONAL

Take The Word of God With You

Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make
them grow

Refrain:

**Go in peace to serve the world, in
peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God
with you as you go.**

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace and make
them grow. **R**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy and make
them grow. **R**

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make
them grow **R**

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