

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th November, 2017



The Word of God this Sunday challenges our way of living and especially those who are in positions of authority. The Pharisees and the Scribes wanted to be respected as teachers of the Law. They showed their status by their way of dressing. They looked for praise and compliments from their followers. They did not do what they preached but demanded that other people kept God's Law. They abused their position of authority and power. (Mt 23:1-12)

However, Jesus came to serve and lived in a simple and gentle way. Therefore, Jesus asked his disciples and us today to be honest, sincere, simple, loving and serving: *"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted"* (Mt 23:12)

The Prophet Malachi warned us of our responsibilities and the mistakes of attitudes and of inappropriate actions: *"You have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instructions."* (Mal 2:8)

We may recognize our many wrong doings through greed, manipulation, unkind words and behaviour. We should examine ourselves as St Paul confessed: *"I do not understand what I do; for I don't do what I would like to do, but instead I do what I hate."* (Rm 7,15)

We need God's strength and courage to rise again. Jesus gives us hope, forgiveness and compassion: *'Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'* (Mt 9:13)

We may find more mistakes every day, but we do try to live better.

Let us not be discouraged by our limit or our mistakes but trust in God and be happy and comforted through the works we have done. So we are proud to say to our children, words similar to St Paul: *"We are gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children"* (1 Thes 2,7b).

Fr Van Huong

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 5 Nov	Monday 6 Nov	Tuesday 7 Nov	Wednesday 8 Nov	Thursday 9 Nov	Friday 10 Nov	Saturday 11 Nov
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feria	Feria	Feria	The dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Leo the Great	St Martin of Tours
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Wisdom 6:12-16 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13						



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is the title of our church at Ashmore, celebrates the solemn belief in the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** It is universally celebrated on 8th December. This year on this feast, there will be Mass on **Friday, 8th Dec. 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, email Eddie DeMarco marganded70@gmail.com or email John Wintour - winlock1@optusnet.com.au to let them know of your forte.



Our parish will host the Catholic Mission appeal this weekend, 4th-5th November, Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Nha Trang, Vietnam to provide critical community

resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today.

The Loft Student Accommodation -only few rooms left for 2018 intake. Affordable accommodation for tertiary students and apprentices in Brisbane. Current tenants attend QUT, UQ, CU and TAFE in Brisbane. Must book by 20th November. For further details please contact 0468 515 130, (07) 3359 0239 or email: theloftsa38@yahoo.com. www.theloftsa.com.au (Address: 38 Ferguson Road, Wavell Heights, QLD 3012)

Rosters, as December is a very busy month of the year, we have decided to prepare the rosters for **January, February, March 2018.** If you have any changes or did not appear on the last roster because you were away, please contact Daloras on email dalorash@scp.org.au or 5510 2222 to let her know if you would like to be on this next roster. The cut off date is Monday the 27th November.

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.

Invitation Please come to Marian Valley on Monday 13th November 2017 and help to celebrate Fatima Day. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am and then at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

Angels Kitchen will be holding a Christmas Raffle to raise much needed funds to feed the homeless. Tickets will go on sale at all parish Masses from the 11th to 19th November and will be drawn on Sunday 26th November 2017 at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Prizes:

1st prize - Christmas Hamper

2nd prize - 70cms x 30cms hand made porcelain doll.

3rd prize - Bottle of French Champagne and an assortment of Wines.

4th prize - Two (2x) framed pictures

Thank you for your continual support to Angels Kitchen.

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 10:00am - 4:30pm.** ALL welcome. A love offering will be taken up to cover costs. BYO lunch. Registration: Marta Rodriguez (0433 526 703)

Youth Group on **Sunday, 26th November, 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>

The Catholic Leader Newspaper can be purchased at any local parish Cost \$2.00.

Christmas Puddings for Sale please call Pat on 0404 805 819 to place your orders for Father Mac's Christmas Puddings.

**~Your Prayers Are Requested For Those In Need
and Who Have Journeyed To The Father~**

Recently Deceased: Veronica Taylor, Aniela Wierzbicka, John Fothergill, Margaret Young

Anniversary: Ian Birkbeck, Inis Valencea, Isabel Valencea, Noeline Lyster

Sick and in Need: Patricia Fisher, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, 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, 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:

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 **Tuesday, 7th November at 11am and Thursday, 30th of November at 7pm** 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.

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

Reminder - Hospital Visits

The world we live in today is more and more regulated and controlled by laws and policies. While we might not like it, the environment produced by privacy laws tends to close doors to visiting people in hospitals and other institutions, including nursing homes and aged facilities.

In dealing with bureaucracy, correctly filling in forms can help. On hospital admission forms, there is a box in regard to religion. This box says that the person is **catholic** and wants a visit from the parish (either a priest or a minister of Holy Communion). When a person fills out the form marked in this way it is easier for us to get to the patient and offer him/her pastoral care and the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Date Claimers

Holy Hour - No Holy Hour for the month of November and December

Bridge - Every Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners are most welcome.

Craft - Every Tuesday 9:30am to 11:30am in the Annex of St. Joseph. Beginners welcome. The Craft Class will end on the 14th of November. Next year's Craft Classes dates are to be advised.

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

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

Walking Group - Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Car Park, Marine Parade, at 6:30am. The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring Janece on 0408 763 772 for further details.

Care & Concern - volunteers are willing and available to provide transport for our elderly parishioners who have no family to assist them in getting transport to their medical, optical or dental appointments. Please call on 0421 507 554.

Readers - We are appealing for readers for the 6pm Saturday Mass at Guardian Angels Church. Please call the Parish office (5510 2222) if you are able to help out in this important ministry.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In you O Lord I have found my peace.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **R**

Glory to God in the highest,
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. Amen, Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

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.**

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Unless A Grain Of Wheat

Refrain

***Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.***

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. **R**

If anyone serves me, then they must follow me;
Where ever I am, my servants will be. **R**

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. **R**

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples. **R**

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. **R**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is my gift. **R**

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RECESSIONAL

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
Lord keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.
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