

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20th August, 2017



From the commentaries to today's Gospel we learn that the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to liberate her daughter from the evil spirits was by race a Phoenician from Syria. The Canaanites were the ancestral enemies of the Jews and were regarded as pagans and idolaters and, hence, as ritually unclean. By granting the persistent request of the pagan, Jesus demonstrates that his mission is to break down the barriers and to remove the long-standing walls of division and mutual prejudice between the Jews and the Gentiles.

What happens in Syria these days is very far from what Jesus demonstrates and teaches us in today's Gospel. In five years of conflict, which began with anti-government protests, before escalating into a full-scale civil war more than 250,000 Syrians have lost their lives. More than 11 million others have been forced from their homes. Syria has been affected by many demons who destroy human lives and affect thousands of children. The last two years have been particularly challenging. The number of children affected by the crisis has skyrocketed from 1.8 million to more than 5.5 million. The most vulnerable pay the highest price in the civil war that has been in this region for five years.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on him in faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and do our bit that the walls which our pride, intolerance and prejudice have raised, may crumble. The Canaanite woman from today's Gospel has many "sisters" whose children suffer today not only in Syria but maybe in our communities because some people are not willing to demolish these walls that separate us from one another.

As baptized members of the Christian community, we have been given special privileges and easy access to God's love. But we also have responsibilities that arise from these gifts. One of these responsibilities is to make clear to others, with true humility and compassion, that God's love, mercy and healing are for all because we are all God's children.

Fr Jan

**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Masses**

Sunday 7:00am & 8:30am

**Weekday Masses**

Monday & Wednesday  
7:00am

**Gold Coast University  
Hospital**

Friday 10:30am

**Guardian Angels' Church**

99 Scarborough St., Southport

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 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

**1st Thurs of the Month,  
Holy Hour 4:15pm**

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## Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 20 Aug	Monday 21 Aug	Tuesday 22 Aug	Wednesday 23 Aug	Thursday 24 Aug	Friday 25 Aug	Saturday 26 Aug
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Pius x	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Rose of Lima	St Bartholomew, Apostle	St Louis- W, St Joseph Calasanz-W	Blessed Virgin Mary
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11 :33-36 , Matthew 16 : 13-20						

**Message from Fr Vince** Thank you to you good people for your love, encouragement and prayers for me in my illness. Well, the chemotherapy is finished and I am already experiencing the benefit as I feel better and stronger. I am now in remission, however, I have been left with some damage in my feet. I will be having another PET Scan in 2 months' time so it is a real journey I am on and again I thank all of you who are travelling with me for your care and prayers. God Bless

**Parish Bus Trip Thursday, 21st September.** We will be travelling up the Lockyer Valley to Mulgowie Hotel, for the special tasting of home grown delicacies and lunch. We were last there in 2010. Since then there have been many changes in the Lockyer Valley.

The following are times and places the bus will pick you up.

**8:00am** The Manor

**8:15am** opposite Ashmore Plaza,

**8:30am** St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador.

Please ring Pat after 4pm on 55 395 849 for bookings.

Cost \$50 per head

**Video Volunteers are requested** to help in the recording of the Mass for De Paul Villa Aged Care every Sunday (Based on the Roster). If interested please send a text message with your phone number to Janet Ferguson on 0437 644 768 and she will call you back. (Training will be provided).

**Ignite Conference** is a national Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious. It's about encountering Jesus Christ and the Church, experiencing dynamic faith, being equipped for living the Christian life, and being empowered to impact the Church and the world. Thursday 21st - Sunday 24th September 2017 Brisbane Australia. Those parishioners who would like to attend the conference please contact the parish office on 5510 2222.

**The Monthly Meeting** of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites will be held at **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters** at **10:30am Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**. All are welcome especially those enrolled in the tradition of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Please contact Norm Harding 0421 125 575 ([ave.olmc@outlook.com](mailto:ave.olmc@outlook.com)) to either confirm your attendance or to make enquiries generally'.

**Four Week Retreat in Daily Life - In Friendship With Jesus.** A structured program of daily prayer from Monday to Thursday and a Sunday exercise. Retreatants meet weekly to share their experience in spiritual conversation facilitated by a Spiritual Director.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct- 10am -11:30am

St Monica's Church, 485 Golden Four Dr, Tugun.

or 7pm-8:30pm Sacred Heart Church, Parish Hospitality Centre 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters Contact Helen Goldsmith, [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au) or 5572 5433.

**Congratulations to Donna and Bruce Todd** who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Donna and Bruce were married at St Mary's Church, Beaudesert on 19th of August 1967. They moved to the Gold Coast thereafter, where they started their family of six children, which has grown over the years to include 12 grandchildren. Donna and Bruce have been active in the Southport Parish for the past 50 years and we wish them many blessings on this special occasion.



(Mr & Mrs Todd wedding - 19th August 1967)

**Invitation** To volunteers, key leaders in youth and children's ministries, pastoral associates, parish pastoral and finance council members, safeguarding representatives and parishioners to attend a session with Fr Hans Zollner SJ *World-renowned expert on Safeguarding Minors & Child Sexual Abuse Prevention* on **'The emerging theology and spirituality of the priesthood and the world view of the Ecclesial significance of clerical abuse.'**

**When:** Saturday, 2nd September 9am to 4pm

**Where:** Clairvaux MacKillop College Auditorium  
24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

**RSVP:** ASAP to Vicar for Clergy's Office at [clergysupport@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clergysupport@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone **3324 3324, 3324 3365** (morning tea, light lunch and refreshments provided.)

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## Today We Welcome Into God's Family

**Maia Aroha Brown** daughter of James Brown & Karinda McDonough  
**Beau Benjamin Hutchings** son of Benjamin & Phoebe Hutchings

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

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Laffey, Myrna Encarnicion, Delfin and Louie Grefalda

**Anniversary:** Mary Maloney, Toni McFadden, Bill Vaughn, Barbara Burke, Donald Atkinson, Rose Elizabeth Emery

**Sick and in Need:** Sheri Mari Aranda, Peter Barker, June Doherty, Oscar Ramos, Teresita Adrid, Jean Smith, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Ward, Jim Kiely, Michael Skinner, Dulia 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, Michael Jamrich, Freda Lyall, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Lorraine Pledger, Yvonne See, Angela Sannen, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Victor Williams, Emily Valenzuela, Mary Ann Boehme, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles,

*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

**IMPORTANT: Confirmation enrolments have closed.**

Any enquiries contact Stephen Lunn via email at [StephenL@scp.org](mailto:StephenL@scp.org).

**Confirmation practice** Monday, 28th August.

**Confirmation** Thursday, 31st August.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is available to those candidates who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older. **Candidates must be baptised Catholics and at least one parent must be a baptised Catholic.** Anyone who is unsure if they qualify should contact **Stephen Lunn** on [StephenL@scp.org.au](mailto:StephenL@scp.org.au).

### **Children's Liturgy**

Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on email at: [StephenL@scp.org.au](mailto:StephenL@scp.org.au).

**Term 3 Children's Liturgy dates are:** the 20<sup>th</sup> of August and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

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

**Baptismal Preparation Classes** Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on the **at 24th August at 7.00pm** in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

**This Year's Annual Multicultural Mass** marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In our Archdiocese of Brisbane, the annual Multicultural Mass will be held at the **Cathedral of St. Stephen on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2:30pm** celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Migrant Chaplains.



**FINAL CALL** for anyone who are thinking of becoming a Catholic. Last Thursday, the 17th of August we had our **Inquiry Night for The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** which is a process developed for adults who consider joining the Catholic Church. Through the RCIA program candidates are gradually introduced to

beliefs, teaching and practices of the Roman Catholic Tradition. At Easter, those who have participated in the programme, receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The next meeting is going to be on **Thursday, 24th August at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall, Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. This meeting will explore the topic of **"In Search for God"**. If anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic, please let us know by contacting the Parish Office on 5510 2222. If you know someone who has expressed some interest in becoming Catholic, please let these people know about the RCIA program.

**Aquinas College & Star of the Sea** - The Principal invites All former students of Aquinas College & Star of the Sea particularly students from 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997, 2007. Drinks and Canapés will be provided. On Friday, 25th August 2017, 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Saniuqa Aquinas College. (*booking is essential—5510 2883*).

**Choir Practice Starting Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm to 8:30pm at Mary Immaculate Church.** This will be preparation for the for the Christmas Festival of Carols to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Please bring your Gloria in D music if you have it!

**Ministers Rosters** for those who do not have an email address your roster for **Oct, Nov, Dec.** is ready to be collected on the back table at the church you attend.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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Lord let us see your kindness and grant us  
your salvation

### 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**

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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

#### Oh Lord Hear My Prayer

Oh Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

We proclaim your Death, o Lord,  
And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### COMMUNION PROCESSION

#### A Touching Place

Christ's is the world in which we move.  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

#### **Refrain:**

**To the lost Christ shows his face;  
To the unloved he gives his embrace;  
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**

Feel for the people we most avoid,  
Strange or bereaved or never employed;  
Feel for the women, and feel for the men  
Who fear that their living is all in vain. **R.**

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
Feel for the women whom men have defiled.  
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
And feel for the weary who find no rest. **R.**

Feel for the lives by life confused,  
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin. **R.**

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#### We Gather at your Table

We gather at your table  
to share this holy meal  
The gifts of bread and wine we give,  
Our lives a sacred seal.  
We come in to your presence ready to receive.

We gather at your table  
unfolding mystery.

#### **Refrain:**

**Bread and wine gifts of life born of  
mother earth  
Gathered by our hands for the table of  
life.**

Everyone is welcome  
In this meal we are made whole  
We give thanks for all your blessings  
Of your wondrous love. **R**  
Monica O'Brien & Gina Ogilvie

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour,  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

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#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the  
third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, who with  
the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to  
the resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come. Amen.