

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

27th August , 2017

In our Gospel, today we see Jesus founding the ultimate community. "Upon this rock," he says, "I will build my church." Jesus comes for that reason - to found his Church. It has various names: the people of God, New Israel, Bride of Christ, the Flock He Shepherds. These images make clear Jesus does not so much save us as individuals but as a community.

This does not exclude a personal relationship with Jesus. What it excludes is a private relationship. A personal relationship is essential; a private relationship with Jesus is a contradiction in terms. We are saved as members of his community, the Church. Not an idealized church, not a "spiritual" invisible Church. No, a visible, human, flesh and blood community. For that reason, we must accept the burden of community if we hope to experience the freedom Jesus offers us.

Jesus invites humanity to his Church. "I will build my church," he says. And he gives a pretty good assurance: "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" To the Church - in the person of Peter and his successors - he entrusts the power of keys to loose and to bind. We are called to a glorious community though not an easy one. It is, however, the only one Jesus offers, "I will build my church". [from father Phil Bloom.]

On Thursday, 17th of August, five persons came to the Inquiry night of the RCIA program. The purpose of this gathering was to introduce the future participant of the RCIA into the program and to Southport Parish. After this short introduction, inquirers decided to take part in this year's program which will prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church.

Southport Parish is delighted to assist these five people on their journey towards the Easter Sacraments. Today, I would like to ask you to keep in your prayers; **Jazz Yue Yi Li, Susan Pulford, Fiona Mclean, Rosealie Rossiter and Katherine Crow**. I am sure that with the passing time Southport Parish will become the environment where their faith will grow and produce fruits of the Christian life.

I'd like to say thank you to **Br Peter Heany, Judy McMonagle and Helen Naug** for accepting the role of the catechists to facilitate the Thursday meetings. In any Parish, there are many preparations for different Sacraments beginning with the Baptismal classes for the parents, which we have twice a month and programs for Confirmation, Holy Communion or Reconciliation. Amongst these Sacramental preparations, the RCIA is the longest preparation which requires commitment from the participants and the parish. So, let us keep in our prayers all who are involved in this years' RCIA program.

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 27 Aug	Monday 28 Aug	Tuesday 29 Aug	Wednesday 30 Aug	Thursday 31 Aug	Friday 1 Sept	Saturday 2 Sept
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Augustine	The Passion of St John The Baptist	Feria	Feria	Ember Day	Blessed Virgin Mary
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12 :1-2 , Matthew 16 : 21-27						

Our Lady - Last Friday, the 18th of August at 5:30pm we celebrated the **Holy Mass in honour of Our Lady**. As in recent years, with this Mass, we thanked God for his blessings that we received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Friday night, Parishioners were pleased to see Fr Vince at the altar after his chemotherapy treatment. After Mass Parishioners moved to the annex of St Joseph to enjoy mulled wine and finger food. I'd like to thank those parishioners who were involved in the preparation of this event. Many people from the Social Committee and other parishioners worked hard to make sure there was plenty of wine and food for the celebration of Our Lady's feast. Fr Jan

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 18th, 25th Sept, 2nd, 9th 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 or 5572 5433.

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 clergy-support@bne.catholic.net.au or phone **3324 3324, 3324 3365** (morning tea, light lunch and refreshments provided.)

Meditation & Eco-Spirituality Reflection Day - on the 16th September "Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things" (Pope Francis). A time to appreciate meditation, and all contemplative practice, as nurturing the awareness of our basic interconnectedness within the vast story of the whole creation. All welcome! Informed by "Care of our Common Home" (Encyclical Letter: Pope Francis 2015 Insights from writers: Teilhard de Chardin SJ, Fr Thomas Berry cp & B. Swimme Program: silent meditation, input/media, discussion, time in nature Presenter: James Stewart Time: 10am – 2:30pm Regis: 9:45am Venue: Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters Morning Tea (Scones provided) BYO lunch Donation: \$5 (optional) Bookings: Bernadette.stewart2@bigpond.com Phone 55207242

Our Lady Help of Christians - All are cordially invited to celebrate a special Our Lady's Birthday at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra on Saturday 2nd September 2017. The celebrant and homilist will be Most Reverend Bishop Columba MacBeth-Green OSPPE. The bus leaves from the Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8:15am and will cost \$20 per person return. To book your seat please call Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950. Get in early as tickets are selling fast.

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. Our Gold Coast branch is starting monthly meetings. We intend to help prepare our members to defend Life from deceitful and uninformed attacks. Also to become a force to promote Life and counter the culture of death with whatever reasonable means we have. Meetings – first Tuesday of each month (starting 5 September) – 6.30pm – 39-49 McLaren Road Nerang (Parish Centre for St Brigid's Nerang).

Cherish Life – Gold Coast Branch – contact Fiona: 5578 1513 or 0457 781 513.

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).

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

Recently Deceased: Michael Jamrich, Gwendoline Leavy, Joan Van-den Heever, Peter Barker, Jim O'Brien (brother of Sr Mary O'Brien)

Anniversary: Donald Dinneen, Michael Murray, Ricardo "Boy" Arceo

Sick and in Need: Lee Kozanic, Patrick Sullivan, Sheri Mari Aranda, June Doherty, Oscar Ramos, Teresita Adrid, Jean Smith, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Ward, Jim Kiely, 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 Sannen, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Victor Williams, Emily Valenzuela, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles,

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

Confirmation practice

Monday, 28th August at 4pm and 6pm.

Confirmation

Thursday, 31st August 2017.

Children's Liturgy

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

Term 3 Children's Liturgy dates are:

3rd and 10th of September 2017.

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.

Baptismal Preparation Classes Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Tuesday the 12th of September at 10.30am** in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

Women's Night of Spirituality - St Ignatius Parish presents the 12th Annual, Ecumenical Women's Night of Spirituality on Tuesday 5th September 2017 ~ 7.30pm - 9.15pm at Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Terrace, Toowong. No Booking Required. Donation at the door. Supper provided. Parking Available - Please check Stuartholme School's website www.stuartholme.com for details on the day.

Parish Date Claimers

Holy Hour. **First Thursday of the month** at 4:15pm
Mary Immaculate, Ashmore.

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.

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 Janeece on 0408 763772 for further details.

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



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise To You, O Christ

Refrain:

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to
life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!* **R.**

You are the Word who calls us out of
darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into
light;
You are the Word who brings us
through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R.**

You are the one whom prophets hoped
and longed for;
You are the one who speaks to us
today;
You are the one who leads us to our
future:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R.**

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*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord Your Love is eternal do not for-
sake the work of your hands.*

GIFTS PROCESSION

Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

When we eat this bread and drink this
cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until
you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

You are Near

Refrain

*O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.*

Lord, you have searched my heart, and
you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from
death keeping me from harm. **R**

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the
sea, still I'd find you there. **R**

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the
sun in my mother's womb. **R**

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord
Even if I could count them, they number
as the stars, you would still be there. **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 can-not give is
my gift. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go Now you are sent Forth

Go now, you are sent forth
To live what you proclaim;
To show the world you follow Christ
in fact not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk this troubled earth,
To share your faith with everyone,
And prove your real worth.
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