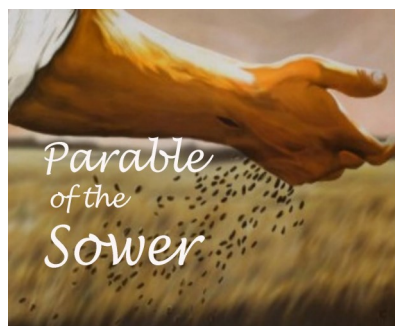


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

16 July, 2017



The Sundays of parables

In the coming three Sundays, we are going to read chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel. In this chapter we find a collection of parables. The word "parable" comes from the Greek word *parabole*, which means putting two things side by side in order to confront or compare them. In his ministry Jesus adopted this way of teaching: He would place a familiar reality from life or nature against mysteries of God's Kingdom. The comparison meant to challenge the listeners to consider ideas and possibilities greater and larger than those to which they might be accustomed.

Most of the time Jesus' listeners understood God's kingdom in terms of the restoration of Israel to a great political and economic power; the Messiah would be a great warrior-king leading Israel to this triumph. Jesus' parables subtly and delicately led people to rethink their understanding of God's kingdom.

Today's parable of the sower challenges us to see how deeply the word of God has taken root in our lives, how central God is to the very fabric of our day-to-day existence.

Through this parable Jesus invites us to embrace the faith of the sower: to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offer of help to anyone in need, our giving of only a few minutes to listen to the difficulties of another person may be the seed that falls "on good soil" and yields an abundant harvest.

On this coming **Sunday 23rd July at 8:30am Fr Frank Devoy is going to celebrate Mass at St Joseph's Church Labrador**. In this Mass Fr Frank will thank God for 50 years of his priesthood and ministry within so many areas and agencies of the Australian Church. We are blessed to have Fr Frank in our Parish, he is always willing to help not only with Sunday Masses but also with a guidance which comes from such a rich experience of his ministry in the Australian Church. I invite all parishioners, especially from St Joseph's, to celebrate this special Eucharist with Fr Frank and his friends. For us it will be a way to thank God for his enormous contribution to the Australian Church and at the same time to honour his 50 years of priesthood. After the time of prayer and worship in the church there will be the morning tea at the annex of St Joseph's Church with the "Jubilee cake".

Fr Jan

St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

Sunday 7:00am
Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:00am
Wednesday 7:00am

**Gold Coast University
Hospital**

Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am

Korean Masses

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 16 July	Monday 17 July	Tuesday 18 July	Wednesday 19 July	Thursday 20 July	Friday 21 July	Saturday 22 July
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feria	Feria	Feria	St Apollinaris	St Lawrence of Brindisi	St Mary Magdalene
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8 : 26-27, Matthew 13 :24-43						



RCIA - Thinking of Becoming a Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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.** On Thursday, 17th August, an RCIA Inquiry Night will be held at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. 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.

Volunteers Thank You BBQ To acknowledge the marvellous contributions of our volunteers and to thank them for enriching the life of our parish so much with their ministry Fr Jan and the Parish staff invite all volunteers to the Thank You BBQ. This event for all volunteers will be held on **Friday, 28th July at 5:30pm** at Mary Immaculate. RSVP to dalorash@scp.org.au or phone 55102222 with your name by **Monday, 24th July.** Volunteers will be delighted to enjoy the sizzled sausages and beverages.

Youth Group Activities We welcome all year 7-12 youth to join this month's youth group gathering at Ashmore Bowling on **Friday, 21st July** 6:30pm-9pm. \$10 for 2 games, RSVP before the 19th July to get this discount! Enjoy fellowship with likeminded friends in a safe and welcoming environment. We look forward to meeting you and having you join our social! **Text Sam on 0413 102 834**

Holy Land Commissariat Thank you for the generous donation of **\$1,500** received from Southport parish for the 2017 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Later this year, when the returns from all the Australian dioceses have been finalized, the total amount will be transferred to the Custody of the Holy Land. It will be used to promote the mission of the Church and will help to provide the local Christians with health care, education, employment and housing. The collection will be spent also on maintaining over seventy churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

This weekend's Catholic Leader front page article

"To choose to limit one's life – to choose to miss out on life with its blend of joys and sorrows – this is never a reasonable choice" is the response from a Catholic ethicist following a triple suicide on the Gold Coast raising euthanasia concerns. This article can be read in full in the Catholic Leader (on sale today) or online www.catholicleader.com.au



Cake Stall to be held on Sunday **30th July** after the **8:30am** Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore

Marian Movement of Priests Fr Francis Geremia, the Priest responsible for the MMP in Canada and the USA will be leading cenacles (Mass, Cenacle, and fraternity) at the following locations on the dates indicated:

Friday 21 July at 2pm at Holy Spirit Church, 16 Villiers St New Farm Qld.

Saturday 22 July at 11am at Holy Spirit Parish, 102 Sparkes Rd Bray Park Qld.

Sunday 23 July at 2pm at Calvary Church, Santa Monica Rd Miami Qld.

Inquiries to: Helen Connell: 0421 935 678; Sue Vasil: 07 3843 0256; Margaret Wallace: 0448 182 896

You are invited to attend. Even if you are unable to attend, however, it would be appreciated if you could advise other MMP members (those you know, particularly those without email addresses) of these upcoming cenacles so everyone gets the opportunity to attend.



Rosary Prayer During this year of remembering the message of Our Lady of Fatima to pray for peace in the world. We will be praying the Rosary for peace every Friday before Mass at **Guardian Angels Church** starting at 12 midday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 8 August 2017

On Tuesday, 8 August 2017, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Mary MacKillop. More than 1400 people attended the Mass last year and we expect a similar crowd this year. Those who wish to attend the Mass and morning tea, will be most welcome to do so. There will be no reserved seating in the Cathedral and seating will be limited, so early arrival for parishioners who wish to attend would be advisable.



Feast of Mary MacKillop Tuesday August 8 2017 Masses in our Parish

- 1. St Joseph's Labrador 7am**
- 2. Mary Immaculate Ashmore 9am**
(Mass with the School's participation)
- 3. Guardian Angels Southport 12:30 noon**

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

Recently Deceased: Paolo Rapisarda, Ricarde Plüss, Nellan Chow, Paul Man Nguyen

Anniversary: Dudley Stanfield, Thomas Schamburg, Catherine McIntosh,

Sick and in Need: 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, Robert Murtagh, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Lorraine Pledger, Yvonne See, Angela Sannen, Seraphina, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Victor Williams, Emily Valenzuela, Tony Bengtson, Mary Ann Boehme, Andrei James Celes, Lourdes Abelardo, 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.

Presentation of the Apostles Creed

the weekend of 22nd/23rd July.

Confirmation meeting

either Sunday, 6th August or Thursday, 10th August.

Family confirmation meeting Saturday, 19th August.

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 **5510 2296**.

Children's Liturgy

Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on **5510 2296** or email him at: StephenL@scp.org.au. **Term 3 Children's Liturgy dates are:** the 6th, 13th and 20th of August and the 3rd and 10th of September.

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 the **27th of July at 7:00pm**, in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter from 4 to 6 August 2017 : weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside) **For bookings/details contact:** Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

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 Janece on 0408 763772 for further details.

3C - The Catholic Charismatic Community. All nationalities, all genders and all ages are welcome to our 2nd and 4th Sunday Prayer meeting held at Guardian Angels Church from 11:30am to 1:00pm, then a lunch is shared to complete the fellowship. We are not just a Prayer group, we are also a support group, an intercessory group and most of all a friend if you need one. Just come as you are. Contact persons: Joey 0439 952 297 and Stephanie 0421 562 024.

Death of Fr Huong's brother On last Thursday, Paul Man Nguyen (aged 75 years), Fr Huong's brother passed away in Vietnam. Our prayers are with Fr Huong and his family.

Refresher Course In The Faith You are cordially invited to explore another topic of our faith. **"How can God be one Creator, But Three Persons?"** On **Tuesday, 25th of July** from **7pm to 8pm** with a 40 minute talk followed by refreshments at the Meeting Room, Guardian Angels Church, 99 Scarborough Street, Southport

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The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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!***

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.**
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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

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

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

***Christ be our light! Shine in our
hearts.***

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

***Shine in your church gathered
today.***

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for
others,
Shared until all are fed. **R**

Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering
others.
Walls made of living stone. **R**

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. **R**
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Blest are they

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs
is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they
shall be consoled.

Refrain:

***Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are
you, holy are you!***

***Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the
kingdom of God!***

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they
shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R.**

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy
shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they
shall see God! **R.**

Blest are they who seek peace; they are
the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the
glory of God is theirs. **R.**

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

yours is the kingdom:

Shine for all to see. **R.**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

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**

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Vocations Novena (V9)

Prayer Campaign week 6

**A: At the sight of the crowds
Jesus' heart was moved**

**B: For they were like sheep without
a shepherd**

**A: Jesus said' "The harvest is
ready"**

B: "But the labourers are few"

**A: Ask the Lord to send out
labourers for the harvest**

**B: O Lord we pray that young men
will answer the call to become
priests in Your harvest. Amen**