

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23rd July, 2017



**The Gospel from Saint Matthew today**, in the longer version, gives us three parables. The shorter version gives us only one parable and without its explanation by the Lord. All three parables are about the kingdom of God. We can understand from these parables that it is difficult in this life to separate the good and the bad, the wheat and the weeds. We can see that the Kingdom is a small seed that can grow enormously. We can understand that if we live the Kingdom, it becomes like leaven in bread in our lives and in the lives of others.

The teaching today is that we must be slow to judge

others, slow to think that we understand the Kingdom and how it is present and slow to presume that we know the ways of God. Rather, we must look at others as possible Kingdom bearers, we must be still before the mystery of God so that we can begin to be aware of the Kingdom and we must look for God in all that happens to us and to others.

When Jesus tells us parables, it is because He wants us to look at life in ways that are different from our normal ways. We should never think that we are the wheat and that others are the weeds! Rather we need to pay attention to the weeds of our lives and be aware of the wheat in the lives of others. When Jesus tells us that the Kingdom is like a small seed that can grow into a large tree, we should be aware of the gifts of others and aware that we are still small. When Jesus tells us that the Kingdom is like leaven, we should strive to be aware of how others are leaven already and that we can become leaven. Let us be aware of God's love for others and reflect God's love for others in our own lives through mercy and forgiveness.

Abbot Phillip from Monastery of Christ in the Desert

**On July 25**, (this year Tuesday) **Christians** around the world pray for the intercession of St. Christopher, the patron saint of motorists and travellers. Formerly he was worshiped as a holy patron of bridges, cities located on rivers, carriers, rafters and boaters, travellers and pilgrims, as well as a patron of a good death. Blessing of the vehicle, of course, does not ensure safety of the driver, if the driver does not follow the traffic rules, it will not consider and be guided by the principles of safe driving and limited trust. However, it is a practice that we ask the Lord to support with his grace drivers so that they can drive safely on our busy roads. According to tradition Saint Christopher came from Asia Minor and was martyred during the reign of Trajan Decius, about 250 years ago. If any one would like to have his or her vehicle blessed in the coming days just contact the office and Fr Huong or myself we will be happy to bless your vehicle.

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

**Korean Mass**

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<br>23 July  | Monday<br>24 July     | Tuesday<br>25 July           | Wednesday<br>26 July  | Thursday<br>27<br>July | Friday<br>28 July | Saturday<br>29 July |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 16th Sunday<br>in Ordinary<br>Time   | St Sharbel<br>Makhluf | St James &<br>St Christopher | Sts Joachim &<br>Anne | Feria                  | Feria             | St Martha           |
| Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Romans 8 : 28-30, Matthew 13 : 44-52 |                       |                              |                       |                        |                   |                     |



**Congratulations** to Fr Frank as he celebrates his Golden Jubilee to the priesthood. We are blessed to have Fr Frank in our Parish. We thank him as 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. We pray that God will continue to guide, bless and protect him.

**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.



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

**Ministers Rosters** We are beginning to prepare the rosters for October, November, December, For all ministers. Please let the parish office know of any changes. If you have a new email address please let us know. Phone: **5510 2222**  
Email [dalorash@scp.org.au](mailto:dalorash@scp.org.au)



**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.

**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.

**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.

**A few years ago** on the feast of St Christopher the Vatican issued a set of the "Drivers' Ten Commandments," telling motorists to be charitable to others on the highways, to refrain from drinking and driving, and to pray you make it before you even buckle up. The "Drivers' Ten Commandments" as listed by the document are:

1. You shall not kill.
2. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm.
3. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events.
4. Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents.
5. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin.
6. Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so.
7. Support the families of accident victims.
8. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness.
9. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party.
10. Feel responsible toward others.



### **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**

**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.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Horst Podeschwa, **Fr Rom Barry, CM**, Joan McCullough

### **Anniversary:**

**Sick and in Need:** Irena Alibasic, 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, 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](mailto:StephenL@scp.org).

#### **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 email at: [StephenL@scp.org.au](mailto:StephenL@scp.org.au). **Term 3 Children's Liturgy dates are:** the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 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 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 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 bay-side) **For bookings/details contact:** Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au) Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.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.

#### 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.



**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,**

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****There is a longing****Refrain:**

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.**

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life:  
Hear our prayer  
in sickness, in death:  
Be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

Lord save us, take pity,  
light in our darkness  
we call you,  
we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God **R**  
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**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** (ICEL)

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

**COMMUNION PROCESSION****On Eagle's Wings**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

**REFRAIN:**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. **R**

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand

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**The Summons**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN****Blest Be the Lord****Refrain:**

**Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.

He will protect me from their wicked hands.

Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice

To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
nor stand alone before the light of day.

No harm shall come to me,

no arrow strike me down,

no evil settle in my soul. **R**

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**Vocations Novena (V9)****Prayer Campaign week 7**

**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**