



~To Be Seen For What We Are~

The first parable of the Kingdom in this Sunday's pericope concerns the whole picture – the sower and the seed, and the seed's growth until it is harvest-ready. Such parables are meant to get our attention and help us see things in a new light. Sometimes our familiarity with a certain text breeds not contempt but an "I've read this before and really know it well and what is there left to learn?" attitude.

I could sense its end of times thrust, the potent reminder that everything in our *now* (including us) is moving toward fulfilment. Or as St Paul words it: "At the judgement seat of Christ we are all to be seen for what we are" (2 Cor 5:10). There is an inevitability to the Kingdom's effectiveness emphasised here, none of it dependent upon us, yet an elusive suggestion in it telling that its *alpha-omega* presence has much to do with us. We cannot escape *harvest-time!*

The familiar imagery of a farmer's work reinforces something basic to discipleship, something we practice in our own gardens, something which becomes the litmus test for the authenticity of our coming after Jesus. We have returned now to the rhythm of Ordinary Time and our journey through the Gospel of Mark. The farmers and graziers who produce our food are busy with their "ordinary time", the tasks which prepare for their annual journey through the seasons; paddocks have been cleared of stones and prepared for planting, machinery has been checked, seed has been purchased. Graziers have had an eye on the amounts of stock feed remaining, and have been checking dam levels. Now they wait for sufficient rains. They accept that they are not in control. They wait.

Perhaps it is easy to lose sight of where our food comes from, we may have something to learn about the coming of the Kingdom from our rural sisters and brothers.

In our families or the "domestic church" we have a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of each of us. Like the tiny seeds the many things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily goings on and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Last weekend my family witnessed testimony from the Mwangaza Choir, their energy and spirit gave us to reflect on concerns of others who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely.

Further, and closer to home, was the St Vincent de Paul 2018 Winter Appeal in our parish. Amongst our family when we hear "St Vincent de Paul" we break into the song by Paul Kelly "From little things big things grow".

These topics all make for conversation and reflection prompts on the drive home and for the coming week. What prompts you to reflect, grow, act and change?

Leeanne Human

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

7:00am & 10:00am

Mass in Korean

Sunday 5:00pm

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm to 5:15pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive,
Ashmore

Sunday Masses

8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

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

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THANK YOU Southport Parish for your commitment and generosity in raising **\$3,995.00**. These funds enabled us to reach out and help missionaries, like Sr Mary, provide clean drinking water to the forgotten farming families of Vietnam. From: 2017 World Mission Appeal (David McGovern, Diocesan Director of Brisbane)

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group holds an exhibition every June of art prize finalist. The theme this year is "I Thirst..." The exhibition opening night is **Friday, 15th June from 6pm**. Everyone is welcome for light refreshments and prize winner announcements. Featuring the work of over 30 artists the exhibition is open from **10am to 4pm, 15th June to 18th June**. The art exhibition is held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth Street (next to the Cathedral). For enquiries email cossagart@gmail.com

SCP Website we invite all parishioners to visit our updated website. If you search through **Google**, remember to write a review (and leave **lots of stars**). For the latest Event Photos (located under Gallery) and for a Video from the Mgwanza choir 10/06/18 (please look under Get Involved then click on Community Life section).

Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying. Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Marian Valley We have a group of parishioners who attend many events at the Marian Valley on a regular basis, however, recently the numbers have been declining. If we are unable to improve on the number of parishioners who already attend, we will lose the bus service that transports us to Canungra. Many of our attendees rely on the bus service and without it would not be able to attend. I would like to ask all our Parishioners to come along and support this service, while making new friends and celebrating our faith with the Canungra community.

Marian Valley Please join us on **Saturday, 30th June 2018** at the Marian Valley for the Filipino Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The bus will pickup at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. If sufficient numbers book for pick up at Palm Beach, collection will be 7.45am at 7 Lind Avenue Palm Beach. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station, bus stop A, on the Boulton Street side, at approximately 8.30am. 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 or Beth on 0408 785 207.

Invitation – Altar Servers Our young initiates are reminded that having now received the sacraments of Christian initiation, all boys and girls are invited to take a more active role in our parish by becoming altar servers. Should you desire to become an altar server, you are most welcome and once details are established, we can soon commence your training. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, **please contact Maria Blanca 5510 2222 or email to MariaB@scp.org.au**

Grieving Support Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 20th of June 2018** at St Joseph the Worker 4pm.

Peter's Pence Collection will be on **Sunday, 1st July 2018**. As you are aware, in every diocese around the world the faithful are to be given the opportunity once a year to make a contribution to the Holy Father in support of his global ministry as Successor of Peter. From this year onwards, and in keeping with the practice in most other dioceses, we will now hold the collection on the first Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. This year it is **Sunday, 1st July 2018**.

Survey of Catholic families attending non-Catholic schools. The Archdiocese of Brisbane is conducting research into the reasons that some Catholic families choose to send their children to non-Catholic schools. We know that there are many reasons for this. We are seeking families who have chosen to send their children to state, independent or other denominational schools to take part in a short, anonymous, online survey. We hope the responses will give us a better understanding of the needs of the families in our parishes. It is estimated that the survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you would like to help our community in this way, please access the survey at this web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3P7TJQ> The survey will be open until **Sunday, 24th June**. Thank you for your assistance.

Out of the Wilderness and into Grace-A Retreat for St Bakhita Sudanese Community, led by Fr Stephen Kumyangi on **Sunday, 17th of June 2018, 11am to 5pm**. Invited speakers: Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap, Steffanie Le and the Awaken Community St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce West End. Cost: Gold Coin Donation (please bring a plate of food to share). For more information contact: Mary Kenyi 0468 662 928 or Helda Tartizio 0431 278 378.

Walking Group. Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador 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.

Carmelites. The monthly formation meeting of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites of the Carmelite Province of Our Lady Help of Christians will be held at **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters at 10.30 am Sunday, 17th of June, 2018**. All are welcome especially those interested in maintaining the reality of the prayer taught by our Lord in the gospel of **Matthew 6:9-15**. Please bring a plate for a light shared-lunch and contact Norm Harding 0421 125 575 (ave.olmc1@gmail.com) for any enquiries.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10
2nd Reading – 1 Peter 1:8-12
Gospel – Luke 1:5-17**



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Madeleine Belle Morrison daughter of Nigel Morrison & Emma Parsons
Leila Evelyn Terranova daughter of Dean & Caroline Terranova

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

Recently Deceased: **Br. Vic** Larkin, **Romeo** Villas

Anniversary: Vera Irwin

Sick and in Need: **Patricia** Fisher, **Claire** Keefe, **Terry** Sharpin, **Wiktor**ia Stojanovic, **Arthur** Smith, **Bernice** Lynch, **Inge** Vom Bruch, **John** Flannery, **Ron** Gledhill, **Terry** Neal, **Margaret** Iringan, **Rebecca** Siganto, **Theresa** Burmingham, **Peter** Selby, **Sheryl** Fleet, **Patrick** Sullivan, **Teresita** Adrid, **Barbara** Raymont, **Michael** Skinner, **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, **Patrick** Guillon, **Shirley** Harris, **Evelyn** Martinac, **Maureen** McCabe, **John** Morgan, **Yvonne** See, **Angela** Taylor, **Mladen** Topic, **Joe** Tuesley, **David** Walters, **Harry** Hunter, **Victor** Williams, **Andrei** Celes, **Mary** Achilles, **Bede** Lawner, **Semeon** Illescas, **Alma** Spurdle, **Jim** Kiely, **Arsinio**, **Leoncia** Dizon

*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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2018

The Registration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is now available online until the 15th of July 2018. The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered ONCE IN A YEAR.

Following the Sacramental Policy of Archdiocese of Brisbane the Sacrament of Confirmation is available to those children who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older. This is the next spiritual journey that your child will engage in after their Baptism. They will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. **(Children must be baptised Catholics).**

If you require any further information in regards to this matter please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 or email to MariaB@scp.org.au



Christmas Lunch in July to be held on **Sunday, 8th of July at 12 noon** At the Labrador Community Hub. 57 Billington St Labrador The Cost is \$35 per adult or \$100 per family. Raffles will be on sale, phone **Judy on 5679 5370 or 0451 895 975.** Money raised will go towards

a water tank to be built for refugees under the care of the FMOL sisters for the refugees in Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

A Tribute to the Franciscan Nuns at Addis Ababa

Poverty, chastity and obedience are the vows they take. Poverty surrounds them, so that is no hardship.

Chastity makes them brides of Christ as body, heart and soul

are given to the One Who called them to His service.

Obedience means quashing one's own will with trust in a God that has His reasons for what will or will not be.

Like Francis they heed the cry of the poor - the hungry hearts in need of solace.

Each has her special gift and finds the path and place where God ordains her destiny.

Thank you God, in the upheaval of these times, for blessing and sustaining the sisters.

By: The Late Pat Ferguson



Children's Liturgy the dates for the Children's Liturgy next month will be on **17th & 24th June 2018 at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.** If anyone is interested in assisting with The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 (Wednesday or Friday) or email MariaB@scp.org.au

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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

This Day God Gives Me

This day God gives me
strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining,
flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning,
wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean,
firmness of earth.

This day God sends me
strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me,
wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful,
your ears are list'ning,
your lips are speaking,
friend at my side.

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Jane Wood

GLORY TO GOD Mass of St Francis

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

Open my eyes Lord

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see Your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear Your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love

I live within you,
deep in your heart, O Love.

I live within you.

Rest now in me

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

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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I Found the Treasure

Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth or in heaven
above
are my saviour and my Lord.

Refrain:

***I found the treasure in a field,
that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.***

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in You,
in the kingdom of my Lord. **R**
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RECESSIONAL

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God

Refrain:

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!***

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the Kingdom of God. **R**
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Plenary Council 2020 Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South
Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in
Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one
another and to recognize Jesus, our com-
panion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and
to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each
other and a discerning heart to hear what
you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled
future, that we may live the joy of the
Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for
the journey from age to age. Amen

**Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.**