



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
19TH OF AUGUST 2018**

At his general weekly audience, last Wednesday, Pop Francis says to trust God – not idols ROME – “Attachment to idols is a failure to trust totally in God - and to reject them, Catholics must accept their weaknesses, inviting Christ to heal their hearts.”

Healing from the attachment to idols comes from Jesus Christ, “who became poor, who accepted failure, who took our precariousness to the end to fill it with love and strength.” When we let Jesus Christ into our hearts, “we discover that recognizing our weakness is not the misfortune of human life, but it is the condition to open up to who is really strong.”

“Then God’s salvation enters through the door of weakness...” he continued. “Man’s freedom arises from letting the true God be the only Lord. And this allows us to accept our own fragility and reject the idols of our hearts.” For his weekly general audience, Pope Francis spoke on what he called the “very important” topic of idols, begun the previous week, and part of a larger series of catechesis on the Ten Commandments.

The Pope said “Everything, stems from the inability to trust above all in God, to place our safety in Him, to let Him give true depth to the desires of our heart. Without God’s primacy one easily falls into idolatry and is content with meager assurances.” His catechesis reflected on a passage from the Book of Exodus, in which the Israelites, who were awaiting the return of Moses from the mountain where he would receive the Ten Commandments, fashioned a golden calf and began worshipping it as a god.

The context of this story, the desert, has its own precise meaning, Francis said. “What is the desert? It is a place where uncertainty and insecurity reign - there is nothing in the desert - where there is no water, there is no food and there is no shelter.” He said the image of the desert represents the uncertainty and lack of guarantee found in human life and noted that the anxiety of life’s unpredictability, or feeling God is not present, can lead people to cling to false, or “custom-made” gods, like the Israelites did with the golden calf.

“In the end, God’s greater work was not freeing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt but removing “idolatry from the heart of the people.”

“And yet God continues to work to remove it from our hearts. This is the great work of God: to take away ‘that Egypt’ that we carry within, which is the charm of idolatry.”

“He comes to reveal to us the fatherhood of God; in Christ our fragility is no longer a curse, but a place of encounter with the Father and the source of a new strength from above.”

*(Hannah Brockhaus, Catholic News Agency, Aug 8, 2018)*

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**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
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**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**



**Christine Wintour**

I really enjoy being a part of our lovely parish and feel blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world. Between my husband and I, we have 10 beautiful grandchildren of which 2 granddaughters live in Banff, Canada. Our dog Hachi is a rescue dog and he is named after the true Japanese story of "Hachiko". My true goal in life is to make parishioners feel comfortable in being welcomed to Christian, social and learning events/activities and in meeting other people. My presence on committees for both the Parish Pastoral Council and SCL enables me to help achieve my goal.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Anti-Abortion Petition and Parish Information**

- In the coming months, the Queensland Parliament will again debate the topic of abortion. It will be the second time in two years that the Parliament has discussed the abortion.
- A draft bill has been written for our politicians to consider. The draft bill has some significant areas of concern for many Catholics.
- Among those is the fact that the draft bill will allow for abortion until the day that a baby is born if two doctors agree that "in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed". This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby.
- The Archdiocese wants to hear from you about this topic. A website has been set up to gain feedback on this new bill aiming to make sure that Queenslanders understand the nature of this legislation.
- We need your help. Please consider signing the petition in the back of the church today. This form has been sent to us by the Archbishop's Office. They are collating the information.
- Additionally, if you would like to know more about this topic, or would like to express your views on a website set up by the Archdiocese for this matter, please include your email address when you sign the form. The Archbishop's office will forward you the most up-to-date information and your personal details will be kept confidential and not shared with other organisations.
- Your thoughts on this legislation are important to us and to Parliament. Thank you.

**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 the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Tradition. At Easter, (21st of April 2019) those who have faithfully participated in the programme, will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. **On Thursday, 30th of August, an RCIA Inquiry Night will be held at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, 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.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** will be on the 26th August & 11th November! You are invited for a 14-day Holy Land Pilgrimage (Jordan & Israel) lead by Catholic Priests featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem all-inclusive price of \$5190. The above price includes Return Economy Airfare ex-Australia + Twin/Triple Sharing Room in 3 or 4 Star Hotels + All Meals + Local Transfers in AC Coaches + Catholic Priest + Professional English Speaking Guides. For enquiries & bookings call 0406 760 680 or 1300 721 561 or email us on [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au). Quote this bulletin piece and get further \$200 discount for August group.

**The Men ALIVE Men's Weekend** is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel really alive. The experience of the Weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The Weekend is organised by men in the local community and conducted by an experienced team of Men ALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age. When: **Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September**. Where: Mary Mother of Mercy Church Burleigh Waters Cost \$50. **For more information contact Chris Kennedy 0412 270 828 OR Jim Littlefield 0488 350 565 [See brochures at the Church Door].**

**Couples Celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary** together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on Saturday 6th of October 2018 at 10am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. For Catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 8th September 2018 Email: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3324 3030.

**Pease find the Petition Forms which are placed on the table, near the Entrance Door of our Churches.**

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading – Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18  
2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:21-32  
Gospel – John 6:60-69**



## Today We Welcome Into God's Family

**Zennia** Starr Kalocsai daughter of Guy & Bonnie Kalocsai  
**Zain** Ocean Kalocsai son of Guy & Bonnie Kalocsai

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

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Clarita Roe, (mother of Fr Bryan Roe), Ken Sparks, Dr Alan King

**Anniversary:** Benjamin Gilbert, Mary Maloney, Danny Albaciete, Toni McFadden, Sabastian Pengue

**Sick and in Need:** Barbara Storey, Linda Kerr, Francisca Park, Morin Min, Sue Barker, Maria Theresa Malate, Dave Curran, Mary Kerwin, Elias Arulappan, Jan Sims, Rex Beer, Merlyn Morris, Brian Doherty, Patricia Fisher, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Arthur Smith, Bernice Lynch, Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Rebecca Siganto, Theresa Birmingham, 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, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patrick Guillon, 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, 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.*

### THE NEXT ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE IN 2019.

#### NEXT CONFIRMATION MEETING

**FAMILY CONFIRMATION MEETING:** Saturday, 1st September @ either 10-12am or 2-4pm

**CONFIRMATION MASS ATTENDANCE CARD - PLEASE SUBMIT THIS CARD TO EITHER FR JAN, FR HUONG OR FR THOMAS ON SUNDAY, 2ND OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS.**

**CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 1):** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 5pm Practice on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 4pm.

**CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 2):** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 7pm Practice on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 6pm.

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. **(Children must be baptised Catholics).**

If you require any further information in regarding this matter please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 or email to **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 **Abas** 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 **Tuesday, 28th of August and 25th of September at 10:30am** in **Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore**.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** for this term dates are: 2nd, 9th, 16th of September 2018. If anyone is interested in assisting, or you know anyone that would like to assist us with The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program, please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 or email **MariaB@scp.org.au**.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** please join us in the **MARCH to STOP Labor's LATE-TERM ABORTION BILL**. Saturday 1st of September 2pm, meeting at Queen's Gardens, 144 George Street Brisbane. Take a carload or go by train. Car pooling from St Brigid's Nerang, 39-49 McLaren Road Nerang - leaving 12:45pm sharp. Make a stand and defend our unborn!!! Great speakers also. Cherish Life - Gold Coast Branch - contact Fiona: m 0457 781 513



### Natural Fertility Awareness week 20th - 26th August 2018.

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life)

**Gold Coast City Choir** presents "Hollywood Hits" features music from the movies. We have two special performances: Saturday September 8th at Robina Community Centre's Multipurpose Room at 3pm, and Sunday 9th September at St Peter's Anglican Church, Southport at 3pm. Entrance is \$10.

**Grieving Support Meeting** - will be on **Tuesday, 28th of August 4pm** at **St Joseph the Worker, Labrador**.

**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.

**Gold Coast Lay Carmelites and friends** monthly formation meeting will be held at the **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters at 10.30 am Sunday 19th August, 2018**. Visitors are welcome especially those interested in maintaining the reality of the Gospel of Luke 1:48-49. Please bring a plate for a light shared-lunch, and/or contact Norm Harding 0421 125 575 ([ave.olmc1@gmail.com](mailto:ave.olmc1@gmail.com)) for any enquiries.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## 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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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?"

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you  
come again.

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Bread of Life, Hope of the World

#### Refrain:

**Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life, lead us  
to one another.**

As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise  
to return again. **R.**

The bread we break and share  
was scattered once as grain:  
Just as now it is gathered,  
make your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread,  
we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world,  
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity,  
in love for all to see;  
That the world may believe in you,  
God of all who live. **R.**

You are the bread of peace,  
you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people,  
poured in endless love. **R.**

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### Come As You Are

Come as you are,  
that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart loved and forgiven;  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,  
not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
Why do you think I'd love you the less?  
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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.

Go now, you are sent forth  
As God's ambassador;  
By serving him in those we meet,  
we love him more and more.

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## PENITENTIAL ACT

### People:

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault  
through my most grievous fault,  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-  
Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you my  
brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Priest:

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us  
to everlasting life Amen.

Priest: **Lord have mercy**

People: **Lord have mercy**

Priest: **Christ have mercy**

People: **Christ have mercy**

Priest: **Lord have mercy**

People: **Lord have mercy**

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### 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?"

## 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.**