

On Saturday 23rd June, 2018, Peerapat "Night" Sompiangjai turned seventeen. After football practice, "Night" didn't immediately go home to celebrate with his family. Instead, he went with his team mates and the assistant coach to their favourite haunt, *Tham Luang* cave.

Arriving at the cave the group ventured into the darkness with just their torches. After all, they were only planning to be there for an hour. But fast rising monsoonal floods changed everything. Suddenly they were trapped, lost and alone. It would be two weeks before they would again see the light of day.

The group had spent nine days in the cave with little food or light when British divers first reached them on the 2nd of July. Even after they were found, rescuing them was by no means certain. To extract exhausted and weakened boys through a black labyrinth of mud and swirling water was technically daring, physically improbable, and logistically overwhelming. Yet dozens of people with specialised skills travelled from around the world to save 13 strangers. Among them, Adelaide anaesthetist Richard Harris and Craig Challen, a cave diver from Perth, who were instrumental in the rescue and were jointly named 2019 Australians of the Year.

This story was followed by millions worldwide. The boys were finally pulled from the cave by Thai Navy Seals and foreign cave diving experts, in a three-day rescue mission. Across the world there was great rejoicing and a collective sigh of relief when the last of the boys was brought out. The lost had been found!

What happened over those two weeks was a remarkable story of sacrifice; demonstrating the lengths some people will go to (with one rescuer dying), under extremely perilous and hazardous conditions, to save a human life, or in this case 13 lives.

Hopefully this story can help us understand and appreciate more deeply, just how far God will go for you and me, especially when we are lost or in trouble. Jesus uses three situations – a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son – to dramatize what happens when we find ourselves lost. God goes to extraordinary lengths to seek and find us and embrace us with abundant mercy and steadfast compassion. Then having found us, God is lavish in his love and rejoicing.

In today's world of balance sheets and bottom lines, no one would risk 99 for one or turn a house upside down to find a lost penny. The loss would be simply written off. Yet God never writes off anyone. God's desire is that no one be lost. When we find ourselves lost, God doesn't wait for our return. God actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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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

Sunday Masses
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am

Mass in Korean - 5pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4:30pm to 5:15pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore
Ph: 5510 2222

Sunday Masses
8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

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



Before Mass speak with God



During Mass, let God speak with you



After Mass, speak with others

24 HOURS BY THE HOLY CROSS

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us” (Alphonsus Liguori). The 24-hours by the Holy Cross on 13th and 14th September, 2019 was a time of grace in our parish. More than two hundred and fifty people were part of this adoration in different rosters including visitors from other parishes. The entire parish was represented by our priests, parish Staff, Pastoral council, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Musicians, youth, young adult group, volunteers, students and staff from Aquinas College and Guardian Angel School. Special thanks to **Terry Naug, Chris Underwood, Maria Blanca, Daloras Howes, Karen Westbury and Vince O’Brien** for their generous leadership. We thank the Southport Catholic parish Choir and Venire youth for the beautiful music. We are grateful to **Gler Ramos, Pat ward, Teresa, Chima and Christy Byrne** who supplied and served necessary food. We express our gratitude to **Fr. Albert Wasniowski OSPPE** (Marian Valley) who gave an inspiring spiritual talk. The constant guidance and support from **Fr. Jan, Fr. Huong, Fr. Vince and Leeanne Human** made this adoration more fruitful. Thanks to each one who became part of this spiritual event by their prayers and presence.
- Fr. Thomas Varkey

Growing Together With Christ

Previously, SCL advertised its upcoming Social Calendar for the rest of 2019 which included some sensational, stylish and shared events. For your benefit these are again published below. Please recognise that **your SCL is more than just a Social Committee**. At our last Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Jan challenged SCL to improve its balance of the three pillars by including more **Christian and learning** experiences for our parishioners. We sincerely thank Father for his guidance, blessing and encouragement. In heeding his advice for the laity of Southport Catholic Parish to step up and take a more active role in becoming a more Christian community, **SCL is now asking for your help**.

Sr. Liz has prepared a course on basic theology about our perceptions of God, and details will soon be announced. There are others in the pipeline and in terms of learning, maybe a course on behind the scenes computer or phone settings might be of interest. This is where we need your help. Soon SCL will be having its next meeting. Instead of the Organising Group doing all the brainstorming, **we would like to hear from you what you want**. So please have your say and send your ideas, comments and suggestions to **John Wintour** by phone: **0466 177240** or email: **winlock1@optusnet.com.au** (preferred) by the end of this week.

SCL Calendar 2019		
Upcoming Social Events		
Date	Activity	Mark these on your calendar
October, 25	Trivifest	Combining Trivia with Octoberfest celebrations.
November, 16	Fashion Parade	Ladies champagne fashions at de Paul Manor.
November, 29	Christmas Party	Breakup for the whole parish.

Annuals. If anyone would like to order the Ordo, Daily Mass Book, Gods Word (daily readings) and Break Open the Word. Please email Leeanne at the parish office to order your copy. The cut off date will be the end of September, leeannes@scp.org.au

Walking Group our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:30am**. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janeece on 0408 763 772**.

The Parish Grieving Support Group recently met with Pat Tomlinson from the Burleigh Parish who conducts a Grieving Support Group for that parish. We discussed ideas and different approaches in support for those who have recently suffered loss of dear ones. Our Parish Grieving Support Group was formed by Fr Jan at the beginning of 2018. Its purpose is to:

- Be a presence at Parish funerals as an expression of Parish sympathy and compassion for those grieving;
- Provide follow up contact for those who might need support in their grieving;
- Arrange suitable liturgical and ritual events that commemorate those who have recently died;
- Provide any other assistance that comes to mind in support of those who are grieving

We are only a small group. If anyone is interested in joining, **please contact the Parish Office 5510 2222**.

In the coming weeks, parishioners will find in the newsletter some information about the reality of grief. These short extracts, from the Majellan Publication, put the common myths regarding the time of grieving against the facts. Hopefully these brief reflections will help those who mourn their loved ones in this time and encourage others to join the Grieving Support Group of our Parish.

Myth: Grief is orderly and predictable. It follows specific steps or stages.

Fact: Grief can be quite chaotic. Many confusing and conflicting emotions begin to emerge and swirl. While grievors tend to experience similar emotions: shock, denial, guilt, anger, depression, despair etc... there are no specific steps or stages of grieving. The goal is to manage the feelings, adjust and adapt to the loss, learn to live with the death of a loved one. During this process of grief recovery, emotions will come and go.

Myth: Family and friends will be helpful.

Fact: Some will be comforting and make the time to be there for you, but many may not because they don't understand the depth of grief. After Dana's husband died, she fully expected her large social circle of friends would support and comfort her but was disappointed and saddened when that didn't happen. She eventually joined a grief support group.

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St Vincent de Paul will hold a raffle at Mary Immaculate and St Joseph the Worker Church over the next 3 weekends, beginning **15th September 2019**. This year there are 8 beautiful hand made items lovingly made and donated to us by a Vincentian aunt. These prizes will make wonderful gifts. The money raised will go towards helping those who need a helping hand, to sustain them in a difficult time in their lives. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn after the 6pm Mass at Mary Immaculate church on the 29th Sept. God bless you for your support.

menALIVE - Authentic Intentional Manhood Afternoon Sunday 22 September 2019 | 11:30am to 5.30PM. Connect with the manhood God created for each of us to LIVE. Joining the menALIVE team and the Men of the Sunnybank Parish for an afternoon of connecting, listening and sharing on the way of manhood in which a man: Intentionally; rejects Passivity; accepts Responsibility; lives Courageously; and Loves God with all his being. **Cost: \$10 including lunch. Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunnybank Parish, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank.** To reserve your seating, please contact: Fr Stephen OLOL Parish Office (07) 3345 3766

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C
1st Reading – Amos 8:4-7, - 2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-8 - Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

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St Joseph the Worker Church
Cathy - 0414 982 749 (Chinese)

*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.*

Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.

Recently Deceased: Duncan Naug (Melbourne)

Anniversary: Edward Maloney, Ante Trosic, Val Malone, Jim Donohue, Shirley Donohue, Fay Burke

Sick and in Need: Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sue Barker, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Sarah Fairburn, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Ron Gledhill, Marcelle Guillon, Karen George, Patrick Guillon, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholason, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Michelle Sarri, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today, we Welcome into God's Family

Olive Frey Brackin daughter of
Benjamin & Emma Brackin

Marina Kim Tumbas daughter of
Stephen Joseph Tumbas & Vi Tuong Nguyen Pham

BAPTISMAL PREP

Baptismal Preparation Classes at Mary Immaculate Church. For Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, our **Online Baptismal Registration is now available.** The next Baptismal Prep will be on **Tuesday, 8th and 22nd of October at 10:30am (Mary Immaculate Church Meeting Room).** To book please Register Online <https://scp.org.au> (Baptism/Baptismal Prep/Registration) **Please note that Baptisms will now only be celebrated on a Saturday @11am Mary Immaculate Church.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOTW)

Mary Immaculate Church Date: Term 4

13th, 20th, 27th October, 10th, 17th, 24th November and
1st, 8th of December 2019

Guardian Angels Church Date: Term 3

15th of September 2019 (10am Mass) — Parents, please ensure, that all children under 10 years old take a sit in the front row before the Mass start. (under 4 years old must be accompanied by a parent)

IGNITE CONFERENCE!!!

Have you heard of Ignite Conference?! It is Venire Retreat on Steroids with THOUSANDS of young people in attendance each year. With incredible rallies, parties, games, workshops and talks daily.

Across 4 days, from **Thursday, 26th - Sunday, 29th Sept.** Venire Youth is going up to Brisbane together so if you are interested shout out to Alissa on 0414 758 107

Cost is \$300 for the 4 days, or approximately \$100 per day

See website for more info.

<https://igniteyouth.com/conference19>



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We invite you on a PILGRIMAGE "JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND" - departure **Saturday, 28th September 2020** - 14 nights/18 days with HARVEST JOURNEYS. What an opportunity we present to you, walk the land where 2000 yrs ago Jesus Christ preached and taught us to pray in the form of Our Father. Or, imagine being able to sit & meditate out on the Sea of Galilee! Your Pilgrimage begins from Australia travelling to Amman, then by road south to Aqaba, crossing the border into Israel travelling north over lands once walked by Jesus. Our journey concludes back in Jordan connecting with our flight back home from Amman With Fr Raf as your Spiritual Chaplain. (formerly from Burleigh Heads and Nerang P arishes, now Parish Priest at St Flannans Catholic Church, Zillemere Brisbane Queensland).

Each day on the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a special way you will remember forever.

For more details, please contact Marguerite McMahon (mobile 0408 765 954) or email : [margue-ritemcmahonts@gmail.com](mailto:margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com) <<mailto:margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com>>
SEATS ARE LIMITED ... call now to register your interest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will rise and go to my Father.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In

Here in this place
new light is streaming,
now is the darkness
vanished away.
See, in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.

Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame.
Call to us now
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Here I am Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom
shall I send? **R**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people
in my heart.***

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom
shall I send? **R**
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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

I Have Loved You

Refrain:
***"I have loved you
with an everlasting love,
I have called you
and you are mine.***

***I have loved you
with an everlasting love,
I have called you
and you are mine."***

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him.
He will bring you his light
and his peace. **R**

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him;
He will bring you his joy
and his hope. **R**

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him:
He will bring you his care
and his love. **R**

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REFLECTION HYMN

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face,
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

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RECESSIONAL

Though the Mountains May Fall

Refrain:
***Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord
will stand
as a shelter for all
who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glory
of God.***

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
he will not abandon you. **R**

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander
away from Him?
He will always take you back. **R**

prayer for vocations

Loving God,

With one voice we lift up our hearts
to thank you today for our lives,
our vocation and all your gifts to us.
Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.
Give courage to young people,
to listen and follow the call,
to serve you in the Archdiocese
as your priests, religious and lay ministers.

Bless us, your family of Brisbane.
Help those you call to listen
to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us.
Guide them to serve in your vineyard,
that they may fulfill your holy will and
make all things new.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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**Happy 90th birthday
"Donnie Phelan"**

a long standing member of
Southport Catholic Parish.

We wish you all the best on your special day.
Your holy service to the Lord
touches so many hearts
and inspires so many lives.

God bless you with
peace and joy as you
Celebrate your 90th birthday
and may you have many more years
of faithful service in Christ!

