

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished...

"When you think what?" I asked...

"I don't know. When you think."

"What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important.

"When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

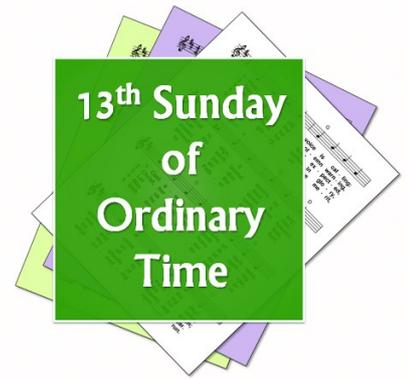
In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities - farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

ASHMORE:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY
8.00AM TO 4.00PM

SOUTHPORT OFFICE:
(ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9.00AM TO 4.30PM

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

Rosary 10.00am
Friday Mass 10.30am

Guardian Angels Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday Reconciliation 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm
Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am
Sunday 3.30pm Korean Mass

Prayers & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00noon -1.00pm

Weekday Mass

Friday 12.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm
Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Guardian Angels Church
Saturday 4.30pm



Congratulations to all **65 children** who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend in our Parish. Through this celebration, these children have completed the Sacraments of Christian initiation. As their journey of faith continues within our parish, let us keep them in our prayers. Since all Sacraments of the Church are structured as a dialogue, a preparation was needed to make these girls and boys ready for this special day. The work of the parents was essential in preparing them for last weekend's celebration. We thank the parents for their participation in the Sacramental Program which prepared their Children for the First Holy Communion. A big thank you goes to Daloras Howes our Parish Secretary and Maria Blanca for coordinating all logistics of the program and last weekend's Celebration.

Many thanks to the Southport Catholic Church Choir, the altar servers, the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, the Sacristans and the photographer. We would also like to thank **Shandel Flynn** for her help in preparing the children for the celebration of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. **Special thanks to the Grade 4 teachers and the Leadership Team from Guardian Angels School** for attending the celebration and for showing their support.

We are confident that through the frequent participation of the Eucharist, the children will grow in faith serving God in his Church.

Fr Stephen Camiolo

SCL News

Social - Bus Trip

Do NOT miss the opportunity to participate and socially enjoy our upcoming bus adventure to Mt Tamborine. You will stop for morning tea at Birchgrove Nursery and have time to browse around their lovely gift shop and wander around their amazing display of plants and flowers. You will continue touring to discover more highlights of the wonderful tourist locations on the mountain. Lunch will be at St. Bernard's Hotel. Time permitting, experience some extra attractions on the way home. **Invite your family and friends as all are welcome.** **Date:** Friday 22 July (**RSVP: Monday 18 July**), **Location:** The bus will depart and return to Lumen Christi Centre, Labrador **Times:** 9.00am to 3.00pm, **Cost:** \$20.00 for bus hire (dependent on numbers). Morning tea and lunch are at your own expense.

Social - Wintry Movie

SCL has finally kicked off the Covid blues by holding our first event on Thursday 16 June. While small in numbers, our eleven guests thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful, funny and sad English movie "Finding Your Feet". While relishing in parish fellowship they were greeted and warmed with mulled wine. While watching the movie they were treated to cinema snacks with plenty of chocolates and popcorn. By all accounts everyone had a great time and desired more parishioners and associates to experience such wonderful SCL social events in the future.



As with all SCL events, bookings are essential. To register, email Christine Wintour at **winlock2@hotmail.com** or to get further details for either event, please contact her by mobile on **0431 630 446**.

"I was sick and you visited me ..."
Matthew 25:36

New pastoral care of the sick in hospitals Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course,

timeframes and eligibility criteria please email: adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.

A VOCATION VIEW: Can you imagine Jesus, facing His fate in the Garden of Gethsemane, deciding, "No, I'll not go through with this?" No, Vocation means

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~QUOTE~

"God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself." - **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14 - 2nd Reading - Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: A0B@stopline.com.au ONLINE: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Southport Catholic Parish

Kerri Kleidon

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.



RECENTLY DECEASED

James Peter Noonan

By request the names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books in each church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THESE BOOKS

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2022

Rosary is held every **Monday and Wednesday at 6.00am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador and every **Tuesday and Thursday at 8.00am** at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Eucharistic Adoration is held every **Thursday from 7.45am until 8.45am** at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore (rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and private prayer), followed by Mass

Holy Hour is held every **Wednesday at 12.00 noon until 1.00pm** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport (silent prayer, hymns, rosary, spiritual reflections and benediction). Confessions are available on Wednesday only. Adoration on **Friday from 11.30am**

Novena is held every **Wednesday at 6.00pm** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador

1st Wednesday Rosary **6.00pm** at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass **at 7.00pm**

1st Saturday Mass at **9.00am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador (Rosary at **8.30am**)

1st Sunday Filipino Mass at **12 noon** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport

Every Saturday Walking Group meets at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador at **6.30am**. Contact Janece on 0408 763 772

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



My name is Mila Bagtas; I am a Diversional Therapist at Cedarbrook, Carinity of Mudgeeraba. We are looking for volunteers to visit our residents who are lonely and feeling isolated.

If you have spare time of half-hour or an hour to see our residents for a social chat, or if someone can help us with our Men's Club, chatting with a group of men while having a nice cuppa with them.

We are also looking for someone who can help us with our music therapy and can play the piano. The facility has an organ and a piano. We would be very grateful.

If you want to know more about it, please give me a ring on (07) 5688 6011 (direct line) or my mobile phone at 0450 251 388 or email me at mila.bagtas@carinity.org.au

Thank you for your time and we hope to hear from you soon.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son,
our Lord, Who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,

(all bow)

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at
the right hand of

God the Father almighty; From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And life everlasting. Amen

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION This Sunday 26 June we will have the **Peter's Pence Collection as a Retiring Collection**. This collection allows each of us to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. Please pray through Mass about how you can support this work of the Holy Father.

EOFY LUNCHEON FOR ANGELS KITCHEN

The State Member for Southport, the Hon Rob Molhoek MP is holding a Luncheon on Thursday 30 June 2022 to raise money for Angels Kitchen. Rob is a great supporter of Angels Kitchen, and the Luncheon will be at 12.30pm at the Southport Bowls Club, 2 Marine Parade, Southport (just off Queen Street). The cost is \$50 per head and any profit from the day will go to Angels Kitchen. There will be raffles. Any donations of raffle prizes would be most appreciated.

Rob has set himself a goal of selling a hundred seats at \$50 in support of Angels Kitchen. This incredible organisation has been helping countless people for over twenty years by serving meals to those who need them most in Southport.

To book a seat use the following online link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=920922&> Looking forward to seeing you there.

Tony Ludington - 0418 189 492

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL - 2 & 3 JULY

Our annual appeal raises much needed funds for both Ashmore and Southport Conferences. All monies raised wholly assist those in our community.

The parishioners of the Southport Catholic Parish have always been extremely generous in their support of both Conferences and for this we THANK YOU most sincerely.

Carol Anderson - Southport President

Tom Connor - Ashmore President

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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**

Refrain:

**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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THE GLORIA: (All Sung)

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain:

**Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy.
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.**

Shout with joy to the Lord,
all the earth,
praise the name above all names.
Say to God,
"How wondrous your works,

how glorious your name." **R**

Let the earth worship,
singing your praise,
praise the glory of your name.
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name. **R**

God's right hand
made a path through the night,
split the waters of the sea.
All creation lift up your voice,
our God set us free. **R**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord lasts for ever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us
through his Son, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION 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?
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?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live
and grow in you and you in me.

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REFLECTION

Jesus Christ is Waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting
waiting in the streets.
No-one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is calling.
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

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Community

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, light of the world,
shine upon us,
set us free by the truth
you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land
with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.**

Lord,
I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood
I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **R.**

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