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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **30th September / 1st October 2017 – YEAR A**

PRAYER – PRIVATE AND COMMUNAL

"Pray at all times. Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18).

It is wonderful that the word used to describe what we celebrate every Sunday is Eucharist, which is a Greek word meaning "Giving Thanks."

This explains why the Start of the Eucharistic Prayer includes words such as "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" and the people respond joyfully: "It is right and just!" The prayer continues as a great expression of gratitude to God, as the Priest says: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God!"

We are invited by Our Lord to be people of Thanksgiving, always and everywhere. It is vital that we continue to foster a thankful, remembering heart. Living in gratitude to God for countless gifts, helps us to appreciate the many graces we receive daily and gives us strength and perseverance in times of great difficulty.

We live in a world which can too often focus on negatives and what is wrong with the world. It can be a trap for us to focus on the things that have gone wrong and forget the many more beautiful acts of generosity, compassion, mercy and graciousness.

Remember the "Year of Grace" we had throughout the Catholic Churches in Australia from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. One of the lasting fruits of that beautiful year was the realisation that in the call to "pray always and give thanks everywhere," (in our private and public prayer), we have to be careful that our prayer is not simply 'asking for things,' but also includes 'giving thanks for prayers answered and graces received.' Once our prayers are answered, the memory of this gift must never fade. I often wonder in the "Prayers of the faithful" at our masses, why the intercessions are almost always requests, when they could and should also be thanksgiving and praise for God's goodness.

Speaking of our Prayers of the faithful, it is great to include a petition for our local and international leaders, that they may follow the values of Christ. And it is important that we pray for healing for those who are ill, and eternal rest for those who have died in the firm hope of the Resurrection.

There is sometimes a bit of confusion about how the "Prayers of the Faithful" operate within our Liturgies. The person who stands at the lectern is not the one praying the Intercessions on behalf of the assembly, but rather this person is proposing different subjects for prayer and then pausing as the people pray silently for a short time for that intention. The lector then sums up that intention with a "Lord Hear Us," (or words to that effect), and we reply, "Lord Hear Our Prayer."

These prayers are not offered by the leader but are truly invitations to be prayed by everyone.

Fr Paul Kelly

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28

Philippians 2: 1 - 11

Matthew 21: 28 - 32

FEASTS: Monday 2nd Holy Guardian Angels; Wednesday 4th St Francis of Assisi; Saturday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

27th Sunday in Ord Time:

Isaiah 5:1-7;

Philippines 4:6-9;

Matthew 21:33-43

STEWARDSHIP October 1st, 2017:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." - PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION:

All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday 6th October from 8pm to 7am Saturday 7th at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome Enquiries: Jim: 0424 381 069. "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Mt 26.40

PLEASE NOTE: 8PM start due to Confirmations before hand.

SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS:

1st Tuesday of the Month: The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Tuesday 2nd October at 10am** in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend. Stay on afterwards for light refreshments in the Parish Hospitality Centre hosted by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies.

All SPCL members are asked to bring a plate to share. The Monthly Meeting of the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies will be held in the afternoon.

SPIRIT IN THE CITY CONFERENCE—7 OCTOBER 2017:

Spirit in the City Conference - QUT's Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane, **Saturday, 7 October** at 8.30am.

Fr Douglas Bazi, an Iraqi priest who was shot and imprisoned by ISIS and has now become the international face of the Iraqi genocide will be making a keynote presentation.

Website: www.spiritinthecity.com.au Registrations are now open. Info: Deacon Russ Nelson **0427 743 534**

CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED:

Would you like to join a happy, enthusiastic group of people who bring beautiful music to our parish?

Our choir needs you!!

Choir practice is on Saturday 8.30am. For more information please contact Christeen on christeenharth@gmail.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Last Wednesday marked the feast day of St Vincent de Paul patron of Vinnies founded by Frederic Ozanam. He was born April 1581 and ordained as a priest in 1600 at age nineteen. Vincent initially ministered to the wealthy and powerful. However, an appointment as chaplain to a poor parish, and to galley prisoners, inspired him to a vocation of working with those most marginalised and powerless. Vincent urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full human life:

"Deal with the most urgent needs. Organise charity so that it is more efficient... teach reading and writing, educate with the aim of giving each the means of self-support. Intervene with authorities to obtain reforms in structure... there is no charity without justice."

He died in Paris on 27 September 1660 at the age of 79, was canonised on 16 June 1737 and in 1883, the Church designated him as the special patron of all charitable associations.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 40,000 members and volunteers, who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice across Australia. Internationally, the Society operates in 150 countries and has over 800,000 members. We pray for all of these members and volunteers and for all those they serve. May Christ accompany them with deep affection.

WELCOME!:

This weekend we joyfully receive Sarah Wierzbicki into the Catholic faith at the Saturday Vigil Mass, Stella Maris. Sarah has been participating in the RCIA process, a journey of faith that places the focus on Jesus, and on his Spirit in the community of the Church.

As a fully initiated Catholic, Sarah is now a member of our Catholic community and we are grateful to have her in our parish family, along with her husband Aleks and children Anastazia and Aleksander. Blessings, Helen.

ARE YOU A PLANNER?:

Planned a trip? Planned a party? How many times in our lives have we planned for something important? **But have we planned to give to the Parish for its many needs?**

Planned Giving is a way to give full commitment to your parish. We have 58 envelopes packs available and now we are appealing for **58 new Planned Givers**. If you wish to join please fill in the details on the **bottom of page 4** and tick the planned giving option.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this appeal.

AN INVITATION:

to attend a Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the **St Ita's Church Centenary Mass Celebrations, Pope St, Dutton Park**. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **15th October 2017 at 10am**. No RSVP required.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

A VOCATION VIEW: We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

We are currently closed but will re-open on Monday 9th October. Wishing you a blessed spring break.

Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30am to

11:00am. To learn more, please email

atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

New Books available now! **The Mission of Evangelisation**, telling others about our faith, showing them by our lives, is for all of us! "Evidence for Faith 101"; "Sharing Faith" and "A Biblical Defence of Catholicism" could all provide you with topics to talk over with others. In "**Catholic Women Speak**", 44 contributors from around the world tell their personal stories of faith and struggle. It provides a unique insight to how modern Catholic women reflect on Church and the contemporary world.

Don't forget to check out information about our "Hot Reads" by the book donation deal shelves and in the Library.

PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of *Ildi and Les Molnar of Broadbeach Waters* for the week of Monday 2nd October. If you wish to take part please contact Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539 to discuss this.

MARIAN VALLEY:

Please come to Marian Valley on **Friday the 13th of October 2017** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Last Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, at 7.45am and then pickup again at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. 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.**

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost in the grounds or inside Sacred Heart Church: Hearing Aid. Please contact the Parish Office. 5572 5433 if found.

divinaQ YOGA:

Join Divina for 60 minutes of hatha vinyasa style flow. Classes are to start on **THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER** and will be held outdoors each Thursday at **6AM** on the Atrium Lawn at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

\$10 per session. For more details: divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga or find us on [Facebook.com/divinaQyoga](https://www.facebook.com/divinaQyoga).

VENIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS:

We can't wait to come back for the new Term. We're heading back to the beginning and looking at creation and existence. Venire is a fun night full of games, dinner, discussion, activities and prayer. We hope you'll come and join us.

Thursday nights, 6-8:30pm in the Hospitality Centre

RSVP to Steph 0411 669 876

DEANERY YOUTH EVENT: FUSE

Join youth from across the Gold Coast as they come together for a fun night of games, pizza, inspirational guest speaker and live and dynamic praise and worship lead by our local worship team. Meet new people, feel empowered in your faith, and grow stronger in community. Open to all high schoolers.

Date: 6-9:30pm Friday 13th October, Venue: Doyle Centre, Marymount College. Contact Steph for more info or to RSVP hello@venireyouth.com or on 0411 669 876

Facebook and Instagram: [venireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ: CLOSED MONDAY 2.10.17

Open Tuesday to Friday 7:00am to 3.30pm.

Phone Divina on 0415 674 163

ART AND CRAFT GROUP:

Our next activity is a STALL at Sacred Heart Church on the weekend of 14/15 October at all Masses.

Many thanks to our generous parishioners who donated great 'pressies' for the Christmas Raffle.

We now have ten lovely prizes to offer for the event which will begin the weekend of 18/19 November at our three Churches. Thank you for your continued support. **The Art & Craft Group**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE APRIL 2018

The 14-day pilgrimage to Holy Land is led by **Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI** departing on **8th of April, 2018**, featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem for an **all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,190**. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500. **This offer ends on 30th of October, 2017.** For further details or any queries please feel free to **call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246.**

IRISH DANCING CLASS:

Mon 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Casey Hall, 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters. Ages 3+ yrs. For information call Linda on **0407 370 047**

CATHOLIC LEADER: \$2 per copy available from each Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Bottos, Peter Beasley, William Barnes, Dominic Jay Dagami (Hawaii), Jose Sugay (Phils), Debbie Thompson, Paul Damian Wyatt, Roel Holsheimer, Kazimierz Ziobrowski, Andre Lenz, Michaela Miano, Maris Cassar.

ANNIVERSARIES: Liam McEvoy, Winifred Robertson, Christine O'Leary, Bessie Rice, Fr Carlito de Souza (Jesuit USA), Robert McCulloch Hunter, Anastasia Grimm, Shirley Alford, Muriel Doris Miller, Nea Mary Butler, Frank Alcock, Muriel Rasey, Joan Enright, Mary Wylie, Tootsie Ware, Percy Felsman.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: John O'Leary, Marianne Kennedy, Sarah Clancy, Rosa Maria Santos, James Daly, Charlotte Wienand (Capetown), Shaun Van de Reede, Murray Downes (NZ), Bob Francis, Michelle Krijnen (NZ), Fr John Milliken, Anne Zappa, Jooy & Madison, Tony Bui, Betty Hillesheim, Michael Dwyer, James and Helen Lindsay, Brian Tyrrell (Melb.), Joan Maher, Michelle Macdonald, MaryAnn Boehme, Angelina Elsey, Bernadette Lewis, Gerald Theron (Capetown), David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Imelda Rundell, Joanne Mooney, Julie Stapleton, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Kevin McCormack, Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, David Weldon, Dr Michael Tracey, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Ray Balkin.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 2nd October	TUESDAY 3rd October	WEDNESDAY 4th October	THURSDAY 5th October	FRIDAY 6th October	SATURDAY 7th October
7am ST VINCENT'S Public Holiday Office Closed	10.00am SACRED HEART Anointing Mass	9am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART ST VINCENT'S CHURCH		Saturday Evening 5pm Saturday Evening 6pm Saturday Evening 6pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7am & 8.30am Sunday 9am & 6pm Sunday 8am & 10am

MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

Polish: Sunday 12noon Sacred Heart Church

Fr Bernard Bednarz C/- 3252 2200

Italian: Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass is on 5th November 12noon in Holy Family Parish, Runaway Bay. Fr Terence Nueva 3277 2252

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church

Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481 118 521

Email: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7.15pm Sacred Heart

Phone: 3394 4994 St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

GROUPS:

ART & CRAFT: Each Wednesday 9am to 12noon in PHC

BOOK CLUB: 3rd Tuesday of Month at 12 noon in PHC

Bridge: Mondays at 12noon Parish Hospitality Centre

SPCL: Tuesday 14 November 2017

FRIENDSHIP DAY Thursday 16th November 2017

PARISH CHOIR PRACTICE: 8.30am Saturdays SH

PLAYGROUP: Wednesdays 9.30am Casey Hall, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters - Sarah 0410 701 515

Playgroup is Volunteer Based— Each parent needs to sign an attendee sheet at each session.

YOGA: Tuesday 10.45am \$10/Session.

ZUMBA GOLD: Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

Marriages: (Min 6mths notice required). Phone 5572 5433

Benediction: 1st Friday 7.30am St Vincent's Church

Children's Liturgy:

Sacred Heart Church: Sunday 9am Mass (during School Term only - Final this term Sunday 10th September).

Stella Maris Church: 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am & 6pm (Youth Room)
Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

Couples For Christ FFL: Please phone Butch and Mini
0424 583 1689

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: Monday & Friday 6am, Thurs 9.45am

Sacred Heart Church: Tues 9.30am, Friday 7pm-9pm

1st Friday - 8pm Friday 3rd November to Sat 4th Novemb.

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am
PHC, CIW Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. Meeting
Sunday 15th October 2017

Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sunday 7.15am and Monday & Friday 6.25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesday & Friday 8.25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesday 8.25am, before Mass

Venire Youth Mass: 6.00pm Sunday 22nd October 2017

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

Registering in parish sacrament enquiry youth Prayer request

Roster availability Other: _____ To commence parish planned giving program

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 5572 5433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.