

**Twenty – Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year B**

SUNDAY September 16 2012

**BRINGING THE CHURCH TO LIFE**

I write this reflection with the assistance of a provocative article by Garry Everett, former Deputy Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. In it he refers to data from America regarding Church attendance. Our own parish has recently completed the **National Church Life Survey**. Last week we received the outcomes of that survey and are endeavouring to present these to the parish in a comprehensible and accessible manner in the coming months. For the most part we should be very proud of what we have achieved with many positive affirmations. However, there are always areas of growth too. However the question we need to ask ourselves is:

**What does a Church fully alive look and feel like?**

"The Church is Dead!" This exclamation is not a byte from last night's TV news. Nor is it an utterance by a doomsday alarmist. The words "The Church is dead" were uttered by an elderly priest – Fr Pete Chiara – on discovering that his Mass attendance had dropped to 17% of his Catholic parish population. At last count, the Australian average Mass attendance by Catholics was close to 12%. Here at home, and in many countries around the world, churches of all denominations, conduct regular sophisticated surveys which address various aspects of parish or Church life. Data from these surveys provide information for planning purposes, at national, diocesan and parish levels. In a broad sense, the data help us to measure the health of a parish, and to develop strategies and resources to maintain or improve that level of health.'

However Garry continues by stating that not only must our expectations change, but that our collective mentality regarding Church life and Christian Discipleship should also evolve. The Second Vatican Council encouraged lay people to take to heart their missionary call, and go out to serve others in the transformation of the world. However, have we lost a sense of the other side of the 'discipleship coin' where the vocation of the laity is also equally expressed in the transformation of the Church?

If attending Church is to remain a priority, then we need to explore whether the consumerist model – in which we come "to get" something – should be replaced by a contributive model, where giving, in a ministerial sense, is the better option. Some US churches express this idea as a goal: "that there be no laypeople in our church, only ministers".'

We have celebrated Stewardship Month, focussing on our call to live out our faith as passionate, committed and intentional Disciples of Christ by sharing our time and talents. Some have even signed-up for a ministry! As we journey towards the commissioning of these ministries on October 18<sup>th</sup>, all parishioners should ask themselves how they contribute, actively or passively, to a parish worth being part of. This isn't just a priest thing! As baptised people, our vocation to celebrate and serve began in those waters. How can you contribute to the liveliness of this parish? The future of the Church is in your hands!  
Fr. Jason Middleton

(Quotes from Garry Everett in CathNews Blog: <http://www.cathnews.com/article.aspx?aeid=33209>)

**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade,  
Labrador

**Sunday Mass**  
7.00 am  
8:30 am

**Weekday Mass**  
Monday—7.00am  
Wednesday—7.00am

**Guardian Angels' Church**  
99 Scarborough St  
Southport

**Saturday**  
6.00pm

**Sunday Mass**  
7.00 am  
10.00 am

**Weekday Mass**  
Friday - 12.30pm

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday - 4.30pm

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
31 Edmund Rice Drive  
Ashmore

**Sunday Mass**  
8:30 am & 6.00pm

**Korean Mass**  
**Sunday** - 3.00pm.

**Weekday Mass**  
Tuesday - 9.00am  
Thursday - 5.30pm

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### **Helpers Wanted**

*"Thank You God for Spring"*

Volunteers are invited to help with our parish activity day for children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Helpers are needed in the Resource Centre for all of these essential tasks: for registration, to be group leaders, to prepare refreshments for volunteers and to supervise lunch time with the children. Please come for a few hours or the whole day!

Please contact Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au) to volunteer for 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### **Holiday Activity Day**

All primary school aged children are invited to our parish holiday activity day **"Thank You God for Spring"** on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** in the parish Resource Centre.

There will be an exciting programme of fun activities: craft, bible stories, songs, prayer and drama from 9.15am—3pm. Parents are reminded to contact Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org](mailto:helenw@scp.org) for a registration form for their children.

Registration closes on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Sister Helen

### **Breaking News – Fr. Jason's Appointment**

I have just recently received a letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, informing me of my new placement to the parish of **Surfers Paradise**, effective the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2013. It seems I will be jumping the fence! I will be very sad to leave the parish of Southport after 4 years of ministry here. I owe a great debt of gratitude to you all for your support and kindness over my time serving this parish, and I have been privileged to be part of your lives. However, even though I am moving, I will still be able to contribute to this deanery and its energetic life of faith. I am truly appreciative for the guidance and example of Fr. Peter and the parish pastoral staff. I sincerely look forward to the new opportunities and possibilities of working with Fr. Tim Harris and the pastoral staff at Surfers Paradise parish. Blessings, Fr. Jason

### **Confidence in God's Mercy**

Through the word of God the Christian receives light to recognize his sins and is called to conversion and to confidence in God's mercy. (*The Rite of Penance*) To have a deeper experience of the reconciling power of God's word, the individual penitent should be encouraged to prepare for confession by meditating on a suitable text of sacred Scripture and to begin confession by reading or listening to a biblical exhortation such as those provided in the rite. When expressing contrition it would be good if the penitent were to use "a prayer based on the Scripture", such as those indicated in the rite.

### **Vacancies!**

#### **St Vincent de Paul Ashmore and Southport Conferences**

There are vacancies available in our two St Vincent de Paul Conferences. John Campbell, former State President of Queensland St Vincent de Paul will speak at selected Masses on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> September on how our Parish can do good work helping people in need by joining a Conference. Many hands make light work – by filling our vacancies the home visits and other Conference work becomes manageable for all.

### **Altar Servers Sign-up**

If you are a young person or adult who has been confirmed, made their first Holy Communion, and attend Mass regularly, then you might be interested in becoming an Altar Server. Servers are needed for all churches, but especially for masses at Guardian Angels Church – Southport, and St. Joseph the Worker Church – Labrador. To express your interest **email Fr. Jason at [jasonm@scp.org.au](mailto:jasonm@scp.org.au) or call 5510 2222**. Training will be 2 sessions: Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 10am, in Mary Immaculate Church – Ashmore.

### **S.P.Y Holiday Gathering**

The next Southport Parish Youth gathering will be during the school holidays on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. It is open for all **young people aged 13-20**. We begin at 6:30pm with a chill out/catch-up session, and then get into some activities and games at 7pm. **Spirit Space:** *What is your relationship with Jesus, and who is he for you?* We will share a meal together and have a great time till 9pm.

If you are interested in joining us **contact Fr Jason on 5510 2222 or [jasonm@scp.org.au](mailto:jasonm@scp.org.au)** no later than Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **What is the Year of Grace all about?**

This is your opportunity to meet **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** and hear him speak on the Year of Grace. The Archbishop was instrumental in planning the Year of Grace. He will be guest speaker at a regional seminar on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Please RSVP to Surfers Paradise Parish Office 55725433.

### **Care & Concern**

Last month's meeting was followed by lunch at the Ashmore Tavern to farewell stalwart members, Rita and Frank Press. Convenor, Maria Lewis, thanked the couple for their wonderful service, and presented them with a flowering orchid. For eight years, Rita and Frank have unstintingly given of their time, working as a team to manage the most difficult of jobs. They have always been available, helping our needy, with cheerful spirits and loving hearts. Thank you, Rita and Frank.

Members are reminded that the September meeting will be on 24/09/12 instead of the third Monday.

### **Bus Trip**

The next parish bus trip will be going to the Northern Rivers of NSW on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be available at all Masses on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, please bring correct amount. Cheques made to Catholic Women's League. Price: \$45 inclusive. Please call Pat for bookings 55395849

### **Columban Calendars**

Columban Calendars for 2013 are on sale in the piety stall at Mary Immaculate and St. Joseph the Worker, and on the front table at Guardian Angels. Price: \$7 each

### **Pregnancy Crisis**

Incorporated fundraising High Tea and Dance Saturday 6 October 2012, 2.30pm, The Simon Peter Centre, St Peter's Parish, 955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale. Special French Patisserie cooking demo by a top French Chef. Cost \$30; Student/Concession \$25. Children under 13 free & special family price. Bookings phone: 1300 777 777 or [pcinc@bigpond.com](mailto:pcinc@bigpond.com).

### **All Hallows Past Pupils Annual Mass**

**Date:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Time:** 10.30am

**Venue:** All Hallows' Chapel, Morning Tea will follow in Loretto Hall **Cost:** \$10



## Today we welcome into our Parish Family

**Jack John Buchmueller son of Shaun & Jessica Buchmueller**

**Katie Lee Draws daughter of Corey & Cassandra Draws**

**Chelsea Jayde Bromiley daughter of Nicholas & Tammy Bromiley**

**Emmi Jaye Bromiley daughter of Nicholas & Tammy Bromiley**

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** June Stock, Joan Fabian, Henry Coupe.

Norah Baker's funeral service will be held at **Guardian Angels Church at 11am on Wednesday 19/9/2012**

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, Judy Crane, Tony Murray, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Matthew Davidson, Dianne Wilkinson, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Sue Stewart, Belinda Boucher-Smith, Bob Amos, Monica Donaghy, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Graham Patterson, Paul Millgate, Christine Wheldon, George Owens, Jacob Redman, Isla Dodge, Ken Knowles, Jacinta Crohan, Margaret Young, Sheila Grieve, Ray Jarrett, Carmel Donnelly, Anne Volp, Bill Farmer, Pricilla Bussac, Andrew McCurdy, Nicole Elliott, Lisa Magill, Marie Hancock, Michael Hammond, Brent Pratt, Carol Little, Joan Martin, Vickie Hall, Teresa Taylor, Angela Taylor, Gie Ubaldo, Mary Ng, Harry Gordon, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard.

**Lord Grant your people your protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen.**

## **PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR—2012**

**1st-3rd Thursday** each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6pm in the Mary Immaculate Library.

**First Sunday of each Month:** Morning Tea at the "Annex" St Joseph the Worker, Labrador after 8.30am Mass

**Each First and Third Sunday of the Month:** Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church, 11.30am Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**October 3, Wednesday** "Thank you God for Spring" is a holiday activity for all primary school aged children

**October 18, Thursday:** Ministers Commissioning Mass, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

**November 18, Sunday:** Fr Keith Turnbull's 60th anniversary of ordination Mass, Mary Immaculate 8.30am

**November 29, Thursday:** Mass of Remembrance, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

## **Time for a Smile**

- To make a long story short, there's nothing like having the boss walk in.
- My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I wanted a second opinion. He said OK, you're ugly too.
- No, you didn't wake me up. I had to get up to answer the phone anyway!

## **The Pastor's Teeth!**

It seems there was this minister who just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes.

The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes.

When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.

The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot.

The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

## **Rent a Room**

A Canadian Catholic who is coming to the Gold Coast in January 2013 for a 12 month Masters/teaching certificate program at Griffith University is seeking accommodation on the coast. He is a 32 year old single male with references. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be seeking to rent a room, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch.

## **Portrait of Spain: Masters From the Prado**

This special exhibition is currently at the Queensland Art Gallery until November 4 and presents around 100 works from Spain's premier art museum. An important sub-category within the exhibition is "Painting and Religion 1550 - 1770", which spills over two rooms featuring master works by Titian, Murillo, Ribera and El Greco among others. These are images of Christ, the Virgin Mary and the Saints the likes of which rarely make it outside of Europe. If you catch the exhibition before it closes your time will be well rewarded. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for concession or \$17 for members. Please visit the website <http://qagoma.qld.gov.au/> or phone (07) 3840 7303 for more details or ticketing.

## **Recently Separated / Divorced?**

Centacare is conducting a Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop commencing on **Monday Evening 8th October 2012**. The workshop will run for seven weeks from **5.30pm to 7.30pm** at Centacare 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters, at a cost of \$10 registration plus \$5 each week. Coffee, tea and a light snack will be provided.

This gentle non-confrontational and supportive workshop provides a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life's challenges. If you wish to register for this workshop please call Centacare on 07 55277211. Registrations close on Thursday 4th October.

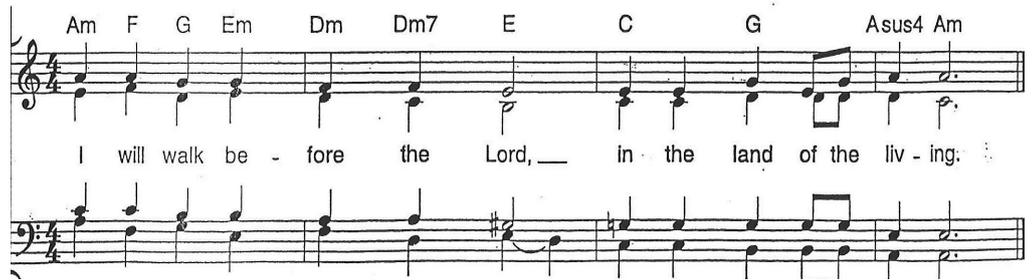
## **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**

**Date:** Saturday 6 October

**Time:** 10.00am

**Venue:** St Stephen's Cathedral - 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

# HYMNS



**GATHER TOGETHER** Brian Boniwell  
**Refrain:**

*Gather together, gather as one,  
Come as the body of Christ.  
Gather to share in the Spirit of  
love.  
Gather together as one.*

Open to all, we gather as one.  
Drawn by the light of Jesus the Son. **R**

Called to be bread,  
now broken and shared.  
Called to be one in the Spirit of love. **R**

Come with your gifts,  
the fruit of your lives.  
Share in this life, the family of God. **R**

Called to forgiveness,  
called to be light..  
Promise of hope to the lonely and  
poor. **R**

**GLORY TO GOD** (Mass Shalom)

**Refrain:**  
*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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R Amen**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I will walk before the Lord in the land of  
the living.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

**GIFTS PROCESSION**  
**BREAD FOR THE WORLD**  
(music only)

**HOLY HOLY HOLY**  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Bless'd is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**  
Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**AMEN**  
Amen, Amen,

**LAMB OF GOD**  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION PROCESSION**  
**WILL YOU LOVE ME**  
Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light of my  
presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways.

**Refrain:**  
*Will you love me as I have  
loved you?  
Will you live with me  
the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars  
will be gone like the, night  
and the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
Is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through  
the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the  
world? **R**

Can you walk in the footprints  
of silence?  
Through the wilderness sands  
in the sun,  
from the desert of doubt  
and temptation,  
to the glorious mountain of fire? **R**

**ONE BREAD ONE BODY**  
**Refrain:**  
*One bread, one body,  
One Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
Throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,  
Servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts,  
Many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,  
Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all. **R**

**RECESSIONAL**  
**BLEST BE THE LORD** (D. Schutte)  
**REFRAIN:**  
*Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets  
of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of His wings  
I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

I need not shrink before the terrors  
of the night,  
Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me,  
no arrow strike me down,  
No evil settle in my soul. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR  
NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Wisdom 2:12. 17-20**  
**James 3:16-43**  
**Mark 9:30-37**

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