

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C**

SUNDAY April 14 2013

Now I Am a Rich Man.

On Monday of last week I parted with a certain amount of money (not hard earned) by giving it, somewhat reluctantly, to a perfect stranger. Not only did I give it, but I had to drive a few kilometres to make the donation. It followed an impassioned phone request from someone whose story I can't quite recall, but let's say, he got me at a weak moment (I only have them once or twice a year, in case you are thinking of appealing to my better nature). As I was sitting in my car waiting for the needy chap, deciding if I should grab a coffee while I waited, I got to thinking about who I could ask for help if ever I was down on my luck. Where would I turn if I was "temporarily financially embarrassed"? I could think of dozens, maybe hundreds of people, maybe even a whole parish if I was really desperate. I had no idea till then, how consoling it was to know that I would probably never be in a situation of having to ask a perfect stranger for financial help. No matter what the situation, it must be a very lonely experience to not know who to turn to when the normal avenues of family, friends or kindly neighbours are not in the offering. Like most of you, I have tried to justify why giving money to strangers might be adding to their misery by going on drugs or alcohol. I've judged and presumed that they have not tried to help themselves, like the ones God is ready to help.

But I've never considered the loneliness that must be a constant part of the beggar's life. While we might wish that our contribution will be the 'turning point' in their lives, where they go off and turn your meagre bequest into a fortune of Bill Gates proportions, where they enrol in university and discover the cure for cancer or rid the world of poverty and violence, usually and realistically, we are just giving them a breather from having to ask the next person for the price of the next meal, or cigarette or drink.

I started to get the wisdom of how giving can be more rewarding than receiving, when we think about the consolation that comes with being in a position to give. Sure, there is always that little argument that goes on in our heads about why me, why always me, why do I look like I have spare change, perhaps I should look less prosperous, less benevolent, perhaps I should frown more when out in public But in the end the answer is: I give because I can, I am able to and I am the one who has been asked, and I am not alone.

I have come to realise that, although I don't have all I want, I certainly have more than I need. While I don't want to be seen as an easy mark, I don't want to become hardened to the simple fact that some people can't get it altogether, they can't save or plan their lives around tomorrow's uncertainties. I have people in my life who will protect me from falling down and not know how to get up again..... and that makes me rich.

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St Joseph the Worker Church
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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
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm



We hope and pray that all experienced many Spiritual Blessings during the Easter Triduum. Thank you to all who helped in any way with our Easter ceremonies; your generosity and preparation made the ceremonies meaningful for all who attended. Thank you to the many people who voiced their joy during these wonderful days. Well over 4900 people attended the ceremonies, the Church is certainly alive and well. Special Thanks to the Choir and Musicians who spent months preparing and who added much to the prayerful atmosphere. You can now have a well earned rest from Choir Practice for a few weeks. If anyone would like to join the Choir, you will be most welcome; Contact Sister Liz at the Parish Office, 55 102 222.

BIG BREAKFAST AT BERNIE’S PLACE

It’s on again, on Saturday May 4.
The Big Breakfast at Burnie’s Place. commencing at 7.30am at 8 Reynolds Avenue, Labrador. Funds raised go to the Hamlin Fistula Hospital and the Franciscan Missionaries of our Lady, centres in Ethiopia. Call Judy on 56 795 370 or Katherine on 55321 939

STEWARDSHIP—EXPLORE THE CALL TO MISSION

What’s Stewardship?

It’s what you do after you say ‘I Believe’

A series of presentations on Discipleship, preparing people of faith for the challenges of being the Church in the modern world. Grow in understanding of our faith and the call to do something about it.

Mondays 9.00am to 11.30am or 6.30pm to 8.30 pm at the Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters

Five Excellent Presenters.

April 15: “It’s all about Baptism” Sr Mary Franzmann PVBM

April 22: “Prayerful Discerning God’s Gifts to You”

Sr Anne Surtees OSU

April 29: “Embodying Truth Welcome and Inclusion”

Dr Anthony Gooley

Wednesday May 1. Theology of Ecology. One session 7-8.30pm

May 6: “The Call to Social Justice” Mr Peter Arndt.

May 13: “The New Evangelisation” Fr Anthony Melior

Register for any or all of these sessions.

Surfers Paradise Parish 55 725 433 or

email surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

PAWS ON THE PEWS

Over the coming months you may see a new member of our parish attending Mass. The Carson family have undertaken to train a Guide Dog puppy. He will be attending Mass with the family each Sunday, as he is now pretty much ready to start doing that part of his training. He will be wearing his guide dog coat as he is in training and **it’s important that you not pay him any attention, pat him or make a big deal of him.** Please pass this message on to your children, as he is learning to do a very important job and will change the life of a visually impaired person in the near future.

CARE AND CONCERN

The Annual General Meeting of Care and Concern will be held in conjunction with their next monthly meeting, tomorrow Monday, April 15, at 10.30am in the Mary Immaculate meeting room. All members are encouraged to be present at this meeting, to hear about the new things planned for the coming year, and to start the new year on a positive note.

Remember Care and Concern is for both Women and Men and the work of helping your fellow parishioners should not be left to the faithful few. It is a happy and social ministry that offers great satisfaction.

ODD JOBS IN OUR PARISH

Each week we will make you aware of jobs in our parish that need a volunteer to undertake. Being the good stewards that you are, we call on your time and talent to volunteer for these jobs.

This week we have a very important job for you. We would love to find a Mass Coordinator to cover all Masses at Guardian Angels Church. This is an important job that will require a big commitment. Anyone interested can contact Leeanne at the Parish Office for full details.

60th ANNIVERSARY

Known in the parish as “The Quite Achiever”, Josephite Sister Marie Boyle has recently celebrated her 60th year as a Sister of St Joseph. To mark this special event the parishioners at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador are hosting a party in her honour, next Sunday April 21, after the 8.30 Mass. Come, bring a plate and join in the festivities with Sister Marie.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS SICK OR LONELY

From time to time the parish office receives requests for information about the wellbeing of parishioners who attend a particular mass regularly but has been absent for several weeks. Questions asked are: Have we heard anything about? Are they ill? **Do you know of a parishioner who would appreciate a call.** The Care and Concern Ministry invite you as parishioners to contact the Parish Office if you know of someone in this situation. The information will be passed on to members of Care and Concern so that a follow up phone call may be made.

BREAKING NEWS

Father Jason Middleton—our former Associate Pastor had been appointed Parish Priest of Gayndah, effective May 18.

This is Father Jason’s first appointment as a Parish Priest. We offer him our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for his new appointment. Father Jason would love to hear from anyone at Southport before he leaves Surfers Parish to take up his new appointment.

Also great news, Father Robert Doohan, on loan from the Archdiocese of Sydney has been appointed as Associate Pastor to the Southport Catholic Parish, effective from May 4. We will tell you about Father Doohan in a future newsletter.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT de PAUL

Mary Immaculate Conference.

From December 2012 until the end of February 2013, our Vincentians assisted 734 people (about 50% children) in 262 homes. Spending \$23,594 (the majority of this on Christmas hampers). This would not be possible without the support and compassion shown by our Parishioners and others in the local community, who have given often and with such generosity to provide that “hand up” to those in need. Thank you for the food donations to our Hamper Bins at Labrador and Ashmore, and your cash donations: these make a big difference in our ability to give the most appropriate “hand up” to each person we visit. Helping those in need extends far beyond providing material goods, advice and referrals: it is a labour of love. We follow Christ through service to those in need and we bear witness to Christ’s compassion and liberating love. We respect the dignity of those we visit; we share our hope and encourage them to take control of their own destiny.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

Families preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist are reminded to gather for their next essential session at either 4.00pm or 7.00pm on Thursday, April 18, in the parish meeting room at Mary Immaculate church. Children will receive their “Eucharist” workbook that evening.

Please email Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au which session your family will attend.

The Time we have is a gift from God that we need to use wisely



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Tai Louis Crawford, son of Glen and Yupin Crawford
Harrison Patrick O'Brien, son of Danny and Kassan O'Brien
Abbie Rae Sacre, daughter of Christopher and Jessica Sacre
Layla Mary Johnson, daughter of
Grant Johnson and Corinne Lord

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frederick Hickman

ANNIVERSARY: Norman Hodgetts, Antoino Ocariza, Florence Vaca, Donna-Maree Hockey, Veronica Garrigan, Stephen Hansford., Grahame Hobbs.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Arthur Hocking, Glenda Donovan Helga Gaspar Keith Smith, Angela Taylor, Tracy Howars, Michael Skinner, Tim Howard, John Henry, Gary O'Connell, Ross McApline, Will Connell, Arthur and Peter McConnell, Lyn Maranta, Natalie Silver-Oyarzun, Gloria Gaskin, Sharon Fraser, Lyn Cooper, Merv Warren, Christopher Mendoza, Kathy O' Neill, Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, Jane Garcia, Patrick Guillon,
Lord Grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen.

Parishioners are reminded that names of our friends who are sick will only remain on the Sick List for one month. If further prayers are required, please contact the Parish Office each month

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Peter was distressed that Jesus has said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' (John 21:17) All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by 'Feeding His sheep.' Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

WORTH A SMILE

One day a Pastor, a Vicar and an Atheist go on a fishing trip together. They are in the boat and the Pastor says, "Oh! No! I left the paddles on shore!" So he proceeds to get out of the boat and walk on the water to the shore to get them. Once he had gotten into the boat the Vicar says, "Oh! No I left the bait on shore too" and like the Pastor the Vicar exits the boat and walks on water to get the bait. When the Vicar climbs back into the boat the Atheist yells, "Well if you guys can do it so can I" and proceeds to climb out of the boat, but he falls into the water. At this point the Pastor says, "Do you think we should have told him where the rocks are?"

VACANCIES

Southport Catholic Parish Child Care Centre.

The Southport Catholic Child Care Centre aims to provide high quality care and education for children in their pre-school years that attend the service.

Currently they have vacancies in:

Toddler Room 15 months to 2 1/2 years. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Junior Kids Room 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years; Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Kindergarten Room 3 to 5 years; Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Government Approved Kindergarten Program) Please contact the Director, Brenda Fabri on 55 648 937 to make appointment to visit the centre or for more information.

FURNITURE GIVE AWAY

One of our parishioners is moving and wishes to Give Away items of furniture she no longer requires. Items include; 4 single bed ensembles—4 study desks— 2 glass top coffee tables—Leather 3 piece lounge suite—Jabaru solid timber BBQ table and 8 chairs—Study lamps. Please contact Del on 0412 372 393 for more details.

Stay after both Masses at St Joseph the Worker, and the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, to watch a 13 minute DVD of our Easter Saturday Night ceremonies.

ST VINCENT de PAUL COMMISSIONING MASS

You are all invited to celebrate with us the Commissioning Mass for the three St Vincent de Paul Conferences in our Parish: Guardian Angels (Southport) Mary Immaculate (Ashmore) and Aquinas College Conference. There are two new Presidents (Southport and Aquinas) and many new Members and Associate Members for our Parish to Commission. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Geoffrey at **7.00pm on Tuesday, April 23, at Mary Immaculate Church.** Supper will follow. To help plan catering and booklet printing, please RSVP to Nerida Smith by Friday, April 19 by phone: 55 006 547. Mobile 0417 606 639 or email: nerida.smith@griffith.edu.au

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Canacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

First Sunday of each month, Morning Tea at the "Annex" after 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church.

Tuesday, **April 7**, St Vincent de Paul Commissioning Mass Mary Immaculate Church 7.00pm.

Monday, **April 29**, Aquinas College new enrolment meeting. Friday, **May 17**, Miller's Fashion Parade 10.00am at De Paul Manor all welcome.

Thursday, **May 23**, Confirmation will be celebrated.

Thursday, **May 23**, BIG MORNING TEA at De Paul Manor Sunday, **May 26**, Children will receive First Eucharist.

Sunday, **July 14**, Parish Golf Day.

Sunday, **July 21**, ARTICO Ensemble will present a Concert in Mary Immaculate Church. 'M' for Mozart

BIBLICAL QUIZ

Last weeks question: **How many trumpets were held by the angels?** Answer: Seven. Today's Gospel is from John.

Question: **How is someone who hates his brother described?**

PARISH MUSICAL PLAY GROUP

Music, Morning Tea and Play for 0 to 5 year olds.

Thursday, 9.00am to 11.00am. Starting April 18.

Bookings Essential—Space available.

Seeking donations of: Vacuum Cleaner-Kitchen Supplies, inc. broom, dustpan, rubbish bin- Large imaginary toys, eg dolls house, car table, ride-on toys, kids tables.

Call Theresa 0423 743 616 of email ctvossen@me.com

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR PARISH NAME BADGE

HYMNS

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

GLORY TO GOD

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**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your Words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

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I will praise you, Lord, for you have res - cued me. _____
I will praise you,
Lord, for

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?

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed 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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT
SUNDAY
Acts 13:14:43-52
Revelations 7:9.14-17
John 10:27-30**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

COME AND EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

***Come and eat this bread,
come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast
our God has spread.
You have promised us
You are here with us
In the breaking of the bread.***

This is the bread of life, for all to share,
bread of hope and redemption,
Bread to feed a world of hungry. **R**

This is the cup of Christ's own sacrifice,
Blood of love and compassion,
Blood to heal the world's divisions. **R**

Just as the scatter'd grains become
one bread,
Make us one in your Spirit,
all one Body in Christ Jesus. **R**

And as we share one cup of covenant
make us one in communion
at the table of Christ Jesus. **R**

Each time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
We remember your death, Lord
and we celebrate your rising. **R**

Now from this table to the ends of earth,
Gather all of your people in this feast of all
creation. **R**

Refrain:

***Praise the living God, praise to Christ,
the Son,
Praise the mighty Spirit, Holy Breath.
For our whole life thru
We shall sing to you
God of life beyond all death.***

RECESSIONAL

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain:

***All the ends of the earth,
all your creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the
wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.***

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders God has done in every age. **R**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice
in your might;
every heart, every nation call you Lord. **R**