

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

Divine Mercy Sunday

“Peace be with you”

SUNDAY April 27 2014

My Lord and My God!”

I missed the Grand Finals! Relegated to my bed for the entire holy week by an illness best described as a “mouth to foot disease,” I sorely missed (indeed very, very sore!) the commemoration and representation of the drama and mystery of the faith as the parish journeyed through the rituals and celebrations of the Easter Triduum, the grand finale of all liturgies.

Priestly collegiality and fraternal solidarity assuaged my apprehensions about my inability to face up to my duties at this most important of seasons, as Fr Jan and Fr Dom nursed and fed me, assuring me not to worry about schedules but that “I graciously suffer for them!” Fr Frank and Fr Vince came asking whether I needed the last rites but the pain and frustration took away the words from my mouth as I would have said, “not as yet, but just second to the last!”

The ignominy of not being able to care for yourself properly and the horror of losing your mobility, among other things, however, pale in comparison to the magnitude and scale of anxiety, despair, grief and sadness of the families of those who were lost or presumed to be lost in the two tragedies still unfolding in the region – the loss of Malaysian plane MH 370 and the sinking of the Korean ferry MV Sewol. We have prayed and still pray for these families, especially for their loved ones who were lost in the most horrible of circumstances. But if we are in their shoes, what would Easter be like for us? Would Easter have a real meaning at all?

I too grappled with the query - “in the midst of pain and suffering can we meaningfully celebrate Easter?”- as my affliction shifted from my left foot to the right by Easter Sunday. I felt worse than Lazarus, still bound to a walker and confined to my tomb!

Nevertheless, Easter is about the Lord’s Resurrection, and by Divine Mercy which we celebrate today, we are asked to partake of the grace of the resurrection and make true the easter of our own lives. We each have to experience some little resurrections in our lives in various forms and shapes – perhaps from disappointment to acceptance, from resentment to understanding, from negativity to acceptance – as our participation in the on-going work of proclaiming the good news of the Resurrection to the whole world and all peoples.

The Doubting Thomas in our Gospel is not a sceptic, rather his indifference to the excitement of the other disciples who have seen the Risen Lord, and his demand to touch the wounds of Jesus may have been a plea for a personal encounter with the Lord himself, a prayer of a faith struggling to break free and burst forth to proclaim: “My Lord and my God!”

Brief and simple, those words sum-up the faith of the ages, whose two recent exemplars are to be canonised this weekend, John XXIII and John Paul II. Both are great icons of holiness and of a simple faith, who enjoined peoples and nations to embrace the Risen Jesus as Lord and God!

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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
last Saturday of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

FAREWELL TO TRISH AND PAT DYSON

It is with much sadness De Paul Villa staff and residents farewellled Trish who along with basketball playing husband Pat who is 82 year old, leave our Parish after 28 years as parishioners.

Trish has worked as pastoral care volunteer for seven years in Barry and Vincentian Houses of De Paul Villa. She exhibits true Catholic values of honesty and love for her fellow parishioners.

At her farewell morning tea Trish shared a cup of tea and lemon cake with Father Jan and other volunteers before she gave a blessing and a prayer to all present at the function.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, we are celebrating **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The Feast of Divine mercy is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. A plenary indulgence is granted on the Feast of

Divine Mercy to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The Lord is also sending us out to bring to everyone His peace, which is founded on Penance and Reconciliation. How deeply humanity needs to experience the effectiveness of God's mercy in these times marked by growing uncertainty and violent conflicts. May Mary, Mother of Christ... Help us to be witnesses and apostles of His infinite mercy.

WHAT IS A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfaction of Christ and the saints.

In general, the granting of indulgence requires certain prescribed conditions, and the performance of certain prescribed works... To gain indulgences, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgence work is completed. (Thus one must be a Catholic in communion with the Pope.) A plenary indulgence can only be gained once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: - have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; - have sacramentally confessed their sins; - received the Holy Eucharist; - pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Catholic Catechism n. 1471

SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION FOR VENIAL SINS

The confession of venial sins is strongly recommended by the Church, even if this is not strictly necessary, because it helps us to form a correct conscience and to fight evil tendencies. It allows us to be healed by Christ and to progress in the life of the spirit.

Catholic Catechism n. 306

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

In all its activities, the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

Pope Francis, Nov.24, 2013

YOUR CHILDREN

Your children are the greatest gift God will give you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility he will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbour, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "Hello" goes a long way.

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU

Father Jan, Father Teri, and Father Dom, wish to sincerely thank all, for the wonderful Easter gifts they received from so many parishioners. Lots of cards, chocolates and beautiful wine. It certainly hit the spot.

Sister Elisabeth also says THANK YOU!

Easter is a time for giving and so many of you have given in abundance to help make our Easter ceremonies so meaningful and uplifting for us all. It is dangerous to start thanking people in particular, but this time it is necessary, so if anyone has been left out, please congratulate yourself!

To the **Altar Servers** who coped admirably with the extra duties involved in the ceremonies. To the **Readers** who helped make the readings come alive and meaningful. To the **Ministers of the Eucharist** who managed with the large crowds in attendance. To the **12** who generously offered to be part of the **Washing of the Feet**. To those who were part of the procession of the **Oils and the Paschal Candles**. To the **Greeters and Ushers** who made people welcome to our celebrations. To the **Collectors** and to Eddie Banas for preparing the **Easter fire**. To those faithful people who prepared the churches at Labrador and Southport for the **Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday**. And to the many **unseen workers** who moved chairs each day and helped in checking everything was in readiness. To the **Sponsors** of the RCIA, for their companionship and support of the new members of our parish community. To those who prepared and served the **Supper** for the RCIA's, and then cleaning up the Meeting Room ready for Sunday Mass. And to the **Choir and Musicians** who spent hours and hours preparing all the music required for the three days, and added so much to the prayerful involvement of us all. You have earned a break for May! And of course, to our **Celebrants**, without whom we would not have the ceremonies.

May the risen Lord reward you and fill you with joy of this blessed season

Sister Elisabeth

SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Catholic Youth Group

For Catholics 18 to 30s to get together and Socialize—Share a Meal—Discuss Faith Topics—Grow in Faith together.

Meeting on Wednesdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Resource Centre at Mary Immaculate

First meeting is on Wednesday May 7, then May 21, June 6 and June 18

For more information call Alice on 0411 449 895

CONGRATULATIONS To Addie and Phil Donovan who Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last Thursday, April 24. Addie and Phil are usually at Guardian Angels Church, if you see them wish them well.



Aquinas College



It's your **last chance** to get your ticket for the Aquinas 50th ANNIVERSARY BALL at Jupiter's Casino next Saturday, May 3. Tickets: \$120 available from the College.

Phone 55 102 888 or email: michaelag@aquinas.qld.edu.au
VOCATION VIEW: It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: We have seen the Lord.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Valentina Marisa Roma Cazzulino, daughter of
Brian and Loretta Cazzulino
Brandon and Tigerlily Collins, children of
Dean and Nikki Collins
Cody Patrick Chappell, son of
Christopher Chappel and Faime Hedges

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Woulfe, Walter Schaer.

ANNIVERSARY: Dulcie McMahon, Sarah Ellen Morrow, Jack Sheppard.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Jack Keniry, Michael Murray, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Don Shipman, Alex McKinnon, Colleen Blanch, Tony Sheehan, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Doss O'Niell, Yvonne See, Helen Wilson, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Sheila Galvin, Dean Lewis, Kitty McIntosh, Susanne Howarth, Patrick Guillon, Phyllis Miller, Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, John Stowers, Ross McAlpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel.

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

MARY IMMACULATE BRIDGE CLUB



The Mary Immaculate Bridge Club has now been running for six months. The group who mostly have never played Bridge before are enjoying the brain and memory challenge that is Bridge. They feel it is now time to introduce some new people and are

about to start a new session for Beginners.

They meet every Wednesday morning, 9.30am to 12 noon, in the Mary Immaculate meeting room. Cost \$10. If you feel you would like to learn, give Cheryl a ring on 55 388 821

LABRADOR CRAFT CLASSES

Classes will recommence at the Annex on Tuesday, May 6, 9.30am to 11.30am for a term of eight weeks ending on June 24, 2014. Parishioners who may be interested in attending these classes, should contact the teacher, Susannah Bishop, **55 775 917**, who will advise on the necessary requirements needed to bring to these classes.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

TUESDAY, April 29, St Catherine of Siena

Born in Siena, on March 25 1347, Catherine was the youngest of 26 children. During her youth she had to contend with her parents trying to marry her off. However, she managed to retain the vow of virginity she took when she was seven, and her parents eventually let her join the lay order, the Third Order of St Dominic. She lived in poverty, prayed extensively and routinely visited people who were sick, in hospitals and in prison. Catherine was so effective at touching hearts that the Friars Preachers had to assign three priests to handle the confessions of her penitents. A staunch supporter of the Papacy, she also dictated books full of doctrine and spiritual inspiration. Her works rank among the classics of the Italian language, written in the beautiful Tuscan vernacular of the fourteenth century. Her writings consist of the "Dialogue", or "Treatise on Divine Providence" A collection of nearly four hundred letters and a series of "Prayers" She died on April 29, 1380 and was Canonized by Pope Pius II in 1461 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

CARE AND CONCERN

Members we hope you all had a Happy Easter and a good break. Unfortunately there is work to be done. Your next monthly meeting will be tomorrow, **Monday, April 28**, in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate, starting with a cuppa at 10.30am. There are a couple of urgent matters to discuss which should generate some lively discussion.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014

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.

Southport Parish Book Club, meets First Monday of the month 10.00am. Mary Immaculate meeting room.

Bridge, every Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm every Wednesday at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass at 7.00pm on First Wednesday of the month.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, Guardian Angels Meeting Room, followed by Mass

Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm

Saturday, **May 3**, Big Breakfast at Bernie's Place
Sunday, **June 1**, High Tea, 2.00pm.

Thursday, **June 12, 2014**. Confirmation
Sunday, **June 15, 2014**. First Eucharist

Friday, **June 27**, Parish Thank You Social
Sunday, **July 6**, Parish Golf Day at Colonial

Sunday, **July 20**, ARTICO Concert. 'The Art of Song'
Mary Immaculate Church.

Sunday, **August 10**, Parish Car Rally

Saturday, **September 13**, Music Workshop at
Mary Immaculate 9.30am to 4.00pm

BIG BREAKFAST AT BERNIE'S PLACE

It's on again on Saturday May 3.

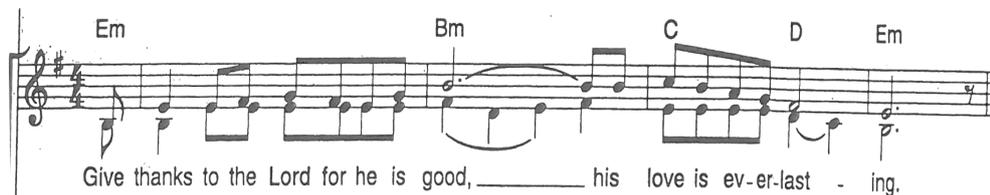
THE BIG BREAKFAST AT BERNIE'S PLACE

Commencing at 7.30am at 8 Reynolds Avenue, Labrador
Funds raised go to the Hamlin Fistula Hospital and the Franciscan Missionary of our Lady, centres in Ethiopia.

Call Judy on 56 795 370 or Katherine 55 321 939.

WORTH A SMILE

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.—The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.—Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.



HYMNS

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS.

Refrain:

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **R**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. **R**

We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live for ever. **R**

PENITENTIAL RITE

WATER OF LIFE

*Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us,
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.*

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
his love is everlasting.

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:14,22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

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

MY PEACE BE UPON YOU

(Christopher Willcock)

Refrain

*My peace be upon you for ever.
My love be within your heart.
My Spirit will keep you safe all
your days.* (Repeat)

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 WITHOUT SEEING YOU

Refrain:

*Without seeing you, we love you;
Without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow;
Without seeing you, we believe.*

We return to you deep within,
Leave the past to the dust;
Turn to you with tears and fasting;
You are ready to forgive. **R**

The sparrow will find a home,
near to you O God;
How happy, we who dwell
with you, for ever in your house. **R**

For ever we sing to you
of your goodness, O God;
Proclaiming to all the world
of your faithfulness and love. **R**

For you are our shepherd,
there is nothing that we need;
In green pastures we will find our rest,
near the waters of peace. **R**

BREAD OF LIFE CUP OF HOPE – (Bobby Fisher)

Bread of life and cup of hope
we come as gift to you
Change our hearts fill us with peace,
Transform our lives anew
Open our eyes so that we might see
Your presence in one another
Your life, poured out in love today
Unites us all in you

Loving Lord, Creator God
open our eyes to see
The good that lives in each of us
that called to world to be
And when we fail to see the good
When friendships falter and crumble
give us the courage to forgive
That we may live in peace

Living Word, O Son of God,
Your love show us the way
That we may live in harmony
and from you never stray
Wipe all oppression from our midst,
give us a love for all people
Your song of justice sing in us,
to live for peace today.

RECESSIONAL

WE WALK BY FAITH (Marty Haugen)

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

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Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke
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