

Feast of the Holy Family YEAR A

SUNDAY December 29, 2013

Eight of the Best.

It only seems a few days ago that parishioners of Southport were wishing me all the best in my new position as their Parish Priest. Now 8 years later the same people have been wishing me the same sincere hope for my very new position as Parish Priest of Ipswich, Rosewood, North Ipswich and Leichardt. The truly joyful farewells I have received from the three church communities of Saint Joseph the Worker, Guardian Angels and Mary Immaculate have all been a bittersweet experience.

Of course, saying goodbye always has an inbuilt sadness, but it sometimes takes a farewell for someone to realize the true quality of the people and experiences that one will be leaving behind. Having worked with the challenges of leading and growing a busy and vital parish has enabled me to deepen my understanding of the importance and value of what it is to be a community. Perhaps it is a classic case of not noticing the forest for the trees, given the pace and intensity of life around Southport parish, but this sense of community has been developing, almost unnoticed- until I have had the chance to look at what it is I will be leaving. It is a common occurrence for people only to see the smart buildings and well maintained surroundings and miss out on observing the vast numbers of people who engage so actively and faithfully in many meaningful liturgies which are celebrated each day in our parish.

Besides your many kind thoughts for my new ministry, I shall take with me a much clearer understanding of the importance and power of liturgy to engage people in the mystery of the sacraments, as well as a deeper sense that people's faith lives are not only lived in Church. I will take with me the importance of well-prepared music and singing, along with an appreciation of the great care and dedication shown by liturgical ministers, servers, collectors and counters, sacristans, cleaners, decorators, volunteers and pastoral and administration staff. I shall never take for granted the generosity of bright and helpful office staff who are often the first face of the church to visitors, nor will I forget that a personal invitation to become involved is much more powerful than a brief request in a parish newsletter. My mind will frequently return to welcoming church buildings and joyful social gatherings, quiet prayer opportunities and grand and powerful celebrations, but more than these I shall remember people, the best of people, and I shall continue to expect the best wherever I go.

Father Peter Dillon

Parish Priest – Emeritus



Today we welcome into our God's Family

Maximus Marco Polles son of Dyonn and Katie Polles

Imogen Charlie Parsell daughter of
Christopher Parsell and Jessica Napier

Aaron Joseph Bernal son of Joseph and Aira Bernal

Matilda Toni Siggs daughter of Andrew and Candice Siggs

Michael Gene James son of Glen and Cheryl James.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Davoren

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Jewell, Josie & Michael Cahill

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Diana Wilkinson, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Peter and Sheila Galoin, 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, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin

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

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ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby,
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us, He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;
And feels for all our sadness
And he shares in all our gladness.

GLORY TO GOD: (MASS OF ST FRANCIS)

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

Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts

And the fullness of his message live
within you.

Alleluia.

GIFTS PROCESSION

CHILD OF MERCY

Refrain:

*Child of mercy, child of peace,
Jesus, Bread of life,*

food to fill our longing.

Child of justice, child of light,

Jesus, saving cup,

Emmanuel, God with us.

Musical score for 'Once in Royal David's City'. The score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Bless - ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.' The chords indicated above the staff are: E, C#m [B], E, A, Bsus4, B, A, E, [B7] C#m [A], E.

All who walk in darkness
have seen a great light,
Too those who dwell in fear,
alight has shone! **R**

A child is born to us,
a son is given us,
upon his shoulder glory rests! **R**

We name him: "Wonder, couns'lor,
hero, mighty God,"
The Holy One for ever:
Prince of peace! **R**

We proclaim good news to you,
great tidings of joy:
To you is born a saviour: Christ the
Lord!

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:

When we eat this bread and drink
this cup we proclaim your death O
Lord, until you come again.

AMEN

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

CHILD IN THE MANGER

Child in a manger infant of Mary,
Outcast and stranger,
Lord of us all.

Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits upon him fall.

Once the most holy child of
salvation,
Gently and lowly lived here below
Now as our glorious mighty
redeemer,
see him victorious over each foe.

Prophets foretold him,
Infant of wonder, angels behold him
on his throne.
Worthy our Saviour of all our praises.
Happy forever are his own.

ST THERESA'S PRAYER

Refrain:

*Christ has no body now but mine,
No hands, no feet on Earth but mine.
Christ has no body now but mine, let
me be Christ let me shine*

Mine are the eyes with which He looks,
Looks with love upon this world.

Mine are the feet with which He walks,
Walks to do good in this world. **R**

Mine are the hands with which He works,
works for peace here in this world.

Mine is the voice with which He speaks,
Speaks His message to this world. **R**

Mine is the face with which He smiles,
smiles a welcome to this world.

Mine is the heart with which He loves,
loves all people in this world **R**

RECESSIONAL

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well:

On the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:

Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;

Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring!

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away.

Now with God in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:

Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour you are God alone.

In the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah:60:1-6

Letter of Paul to the

Ephesians:3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew: 2:1-12

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