

**Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
Year A**

SUNDAY February 23 2014

**WEAR A HOLY SMILE!**

The parish has a dedicated phone for hospital emergencies. We priests take turns in receiving calls as we are keen to make our presence and availability as Catholic priests felt at the new Gold Coast University Hospital. Since last week was my turn, I was expectant the whole time. But the phone did not ring until Friday midmorning, making me jump out of my seat to take what I thought would be the first hospital emergency call of the week. That call, to the best of my memory, went this way ...

Me: "Hello, Good Morning."

Caller: "Good morning, I'd like to speak to the priest."

Me: "Yes, you are speaking to one, this is Fr Teri."

Caller: "Oh, so did you set up camp at the back of Guardian Angels church at Southport?"

Me: "No, why do you say so?"

Caller: "Well, there were guys who spent the night there, and left their rubbish at the back of the church. So, you gave them permission to do what they did?"

Me: "No, that's not the case. May I know who is calling please?"

Caller: "Does it matter?"

Me: "Yes, it is nice for us to know who are concerned with the good of the church."

Caller: "It's John."

Me: "Thank you John, for bringing the matter to our attention."

Caller: "Now that you know, what are you going to do about it?"

Me: "Well, we will have to go there and have a look at things."

Caller: "What do you mean ... that you will not do anything?"

I tried to explain that we are not physically around the Guardian Angels Church, and would need to go there before deciding on any course of action. The man made known his irritation at not hearing a promise of a drastic action, and his sarcasm turned to spite as he demanded to talk to someone who could speak "Australian" for he said, "I cannot understand a "bl\_dy thing you say." As he was babbling, I thanked him for his call and gave him a parting shot saying there is no need for him to be aggressive.

That phone call is a relevant backdrop to a contemporary reflection on the challenge of this Sunday's readings: "Be kind and merciful, patient and peaceable, loving and perfect, like your heavenly Father." When I shared that episode at last Sunday's Evening Mass at Ashmore, the congregation's laughter made me realise further that we need to see the funny side of things, rather than be utterly upset by them, if we are to follow the outrageous demands of the gospel, "turn the other cheek ... give him your cloak as well ... go an extra mile." For we cannot be perfect with a heavy heart, our holiness can only shine when we share our goodness with a smile!

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**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade,  
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**Sunday Mass**  
7.00 am  
8:30 am

**Weekday Mass**  
Monday -7.00am  
**Ash Wednesday-  
7.00am**

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

**Saturday**  
6.00pm  
**Sunday Mass**  
7.00 am  
10.00 am

**Weekday Mass**  
**Ash Wednesday 12.30**  
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  
**Ash Wednesday 5.30pm**  
Thursday - 5.30pm

### **TURN THE OTHER CHEEK**

A lot of today's Gospel should seem familiar to people. Lines like "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" and "be perfect just as the Father in Heaven is perfect" are often quoted and unfortunately, just as often taken out of context. In the Gospel Jesus quotes a line from the Old Testament, about 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth'. What Jesus is saying is that we are called to a higher standard than those who oppose, attack, criticize or condemn us. In other words, we have to turn the other cheek and love, even when love is the last thing we feel like doing.

The verse 'Be perfect as your father in heaven is perfect' represents the capstone of Jesus' teaching... We are to care for others the way God cares for us (both the good and the evil, the righteous and the unjust) all the time... Even to the point of loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. This is a tall order but at least one can try. For, as Christians, we are Christ for others. We teach others the way to live by our word and action; in doing so we reveal God. In other words, being "perfect" really means showing others how God is faithful and how he has a loving concern for the world.

### **THE FRANCIS EFFECT**

Evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of them are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face, even in countries of ancient Christian traditions. All of them have a right to receive the Gospel.

*Pope Francis, November 24, 2013*

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AFTER BAPTISM**

Since the new life of grace received in Baptism does not abolish the weakness of human nature nor the inclination to sin, Christ instituted this sacrament for the convenience of the baptised who have been separated from him by sin.

### **AQUINAS COLLEGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

#### **Aquinas College**



In 2014 Aquinas College celebrates 50th Years of Catholic Education.

The College community recognizes that it has been the commitment, energy and vision of the past staff, students, parish and parents of the College that has enabled it to forge its wonderful place in secondary education in Queensland.

Aquinas has grown to be one of the leading Catholic Schools in the State.

To celebrate this exciting occasion, the College invites you, past and current students, staff and friends of Aquinas College to a number of commemorative events in 2014.

**Friday, March 21, 6.00pm to 9.00pm**

*Aquinas College Honour Board Cocktail Party*

**Friday, May 2, 1.00pm to 7.00pm**

*Open Day and Carnival*

**Saturday, May 3, 6.30pm to Midnight**

*The Anniversary Ball*

**Sunday, June 29 to Friday July 4**

*Confraternity Rugby League Carnival*

**Friday, August 1, 7.00pm to 10.00pm**

*Aquinas College Cabaret*

**Friday, August 22, 9.15am**

*Aquinas College Anniversary Mass*

**Spy will be selling coffee after both Masses at Mary Immaculate next Sunday**

Today Caritas Australia launches its annual Project Compassion appeal. This year the theme is from the Apostle John (10:10) "**have a life and have it to the full**" - they will use the appeal to celebrate our shared desire to live a full life, free from the burden of poverty, enriched by fair and equal access to food and water, health care, shelter, education and justice.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during the six weeks of Lent when we invite people across Australia to help raise money to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

**You can help by taking a Project Compassion Box and fill it at home over Lent, or by taking an envelope pack and make weekly donations.**

**It's that time again for our**

**PARISH BUS TRIP**

**Wednesday, March 19.**

**This time visiting OLD KINGSTON BUTTER FACTORY with their Art and Craft Market and a fabulous**

**Devonshire Morning Tea**

**Then going via Jacobs Well to Calypso Bay and HARRIGANS IRISH PUB**

**for a Typical Irish Meal for Lunch**

**All inclusive price \$50**

**Phone Pat for bookings 55 395 849**

**Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.15am. Picking up at Queen Street, Scarborough Street and departing from St Joseph the Worker at 8.45am**

**Tickets will be available for payment and collection on Sunday, March 9, at all three churches.**

### **SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL READERS**

Do you have old copies of "BREAK OPEN THE WORD"

As we are now in Year A, it would be appreciated if all previous copies of Years B and C could be returned to the Parish Office. As the Church works in a three year cycle Years A,B and C. It has been suggested that we build up a library of "BREAK OPEN THE WORD" by recycling the previous years as they do not change, except for the date. This way after a few years the parish would be able to supply copies to readers to save them buying a copy each year.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**



The World Day of Prayer for 2014, will be held on Friday, March 7, at St James Anglican Church, Brighton Street, Biggera Waters, at 9.30am. The World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Egypt and the theme is "Streams in the Desert". The Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League would like to invite all parishioners to attend. Men are especially invited. Morning Tea will be served following the Service.

**You are cordially invited to celebrate**

**International Women's Day**

**with inspiring refugee women from around the world, as they share their incredible stories.**

**Afterwards, stay for a fashion parade of traditional dress and light refreshments, as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of Queensland's women**

**Tuesday, March 4, 5.30pm for 6.00pm start to 8.00pm**

**State Library of Queensland, Level 2, Auditorium 1**

**Tickets: \$25, Concession \$15. Bookings required**

**Book online at [www.mercycs.org.au](http://www.mercycs.org.au) or 3013 0100**

### **CARE AND CONCERN**

The first monthly meeting for 2014 will be held tomorrow, Monday, February 24 in the Parish Meeting Room, at 10.30am. As this will be the first meeting for the year, it would be appreciated if all members could make a special effort to attend. New members and any visitors would be most welcome.



## Today we welcome into God's Family

Leah Joy Layosa daughter of Jordan and Rica Layosa

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** David Ainsworth, Baby Joseph Leonard Krause, Phyllis Addis, Graham Fletcher.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Tom Peters, Anthony Webb, John O'Neill

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Trudi de Vries, Doss O'Neill, 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, 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.

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

### **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

The Ordo does not list any significant feast days for saints, during this coming week. However, as the following week marks the beginning of Lent, it might be worth sharing the following 'pastoral notes'. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. According to the Ordo the law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

An invitation is extended to all involved or previously involved in CCR to come together to seek forgiveness, to restore relationships and to be renewed and refreshed for mission. Let us gather everyone we know – past and present members!!

#### **Come Back and Be Reconciled (Hosea 14:2-8)**

Where : CCR Brisbane Centre, (Ephesus House)

Cnr. of Fraser & Nudgee Rds, Northgate

When : Saturday, March 8 2014

Prsider : Fr Francis Onwunali

Enquiries : Miriam (3202 6856)

Programme begins **at 10am** and will include:

Praise and worship, Scripture Reflection, Personal prayer for release of hurts and guilt, Confession, Mass

**Followed by lunch at 1:30 pm - please bring a plate of savouries to share**

### **WORTH A SMILE**

A woman and her husband interrupt their vacation to go to the dentist. "I want a tooth pulled, and I don't want any Novacaine because I'm in a hurry," the woman said. "just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way." The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "which tooth is it?" The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2014**

Families with children enrolling for Sacramental Preparation this year gathered for an information evening on Tuesday, February 11, Those families will present their children to our parish community next weekend. Parents may present their children at either the 6.00pm Mass at Guardian Angels or at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate. All parishioners will be invited to pray for these children during their months of preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

After both the 6.00pm Mass at Guardian Angels and the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate next weekend,

Father Jan would like to meet with the families of the children preparing for the Sacraments. Father Jan will distribute the children's Reconciliation booklets during this short Meeting  
Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au)

### **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.

**Bridge**, every Wednesday 10.00am to 1.00pm Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

**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

**Southport Parish Book Club**. Meet in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate on the 1st Monday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon.

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

Wednesday, **March 5**, Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.

Wednesday, **March 19**, Parish Bus Trip

Sunday, **April 6**. 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Archbishop, to install Father Jan as our Parish Priest.

Thursday, **June 12, 2014**. Confirmation

Sunday, **June 15, 2014**. First Eucharist

Sunday, **July 20**, ARTICO Concert. Mary Immaculate.

### **DOMINICAN MEN'S RETREAT— MARION VALLEY**

The Dominican friars will be holding a

retreat for men of all ages at Marion Valley, Canungra, from **Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 2**. Speakers include Fr Dom Murphy OP and Fr Paul Rowse OP.

Theme: "Grace and Truth"

Cost \$130 includes meals and accommodation. For more information and to register contact Br James Baxter OP [james.baxter@op.org.au](mailto:james.baxter@op.org.au)  
Spaces are limited.

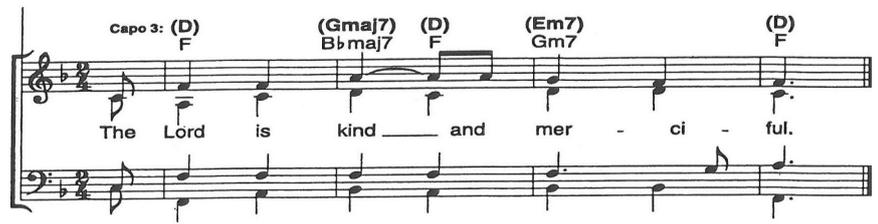
**The little Black Books for Lent are now available from all three churches. They have six minute reflections on the passion according to Matthew. Price \$5**

### **NEW OR CHANGED GIVING DETAILS**

It's time to think about the serious business of raising money to support our Parish.

People who would like to **SIGN UP** for Planned Giving (who have not previously) can complete a form which can be found at the end of the pew.

# HYMNS



## GATHER US IN

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to You in the light of this day.

### Chorus 1

**Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.

### Chorus 2

**Gather us in the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in the proud and the strong,  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

## 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

The Lord is kind and merciful.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
You have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## GIFTS PROCESSION SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

### (Refrain)

**We come to share our story,  
we come to break the bread,  
We come to know our rising  
from the dead.**

We come as your people,  
We come as your own,  
United with each other,  
Love finds a home. **R**

We are called to heal the broken,  
To be hope for the poor,  
We are called to feed the hungry at  
our door. **R**

Bread of life and cup of promise,  
In this meal we all are one.  
In our dying and our rising,  
May your kingdom come. **R**

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,  
For by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.

## 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

### 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?  
Will you let the blinded see if I but  
call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and  
never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do  
such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and  
you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call  
your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be  
the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to  
reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in  
you and you in me?

## BREAD OF LIFE, HOPE OF THE WORLD (Bernadette Farrell)

### Refrain:

**Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.**

As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
We remember your promise  
to return again. **R**

The bread we break and share  
was scattered once as grain:  
Just as now it is gathered,  
make your people one. **R**

We eat this living bread,  
we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world,  
source of lasting love. **R**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
That the world may believe in you,  
God of all who live. **R**

## RECESSIONAL

### CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT (Bernadette Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

### Refrain:

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR  
NEXT SUNDAY**  
Isaiah 49:14-15  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6 :24-34

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