

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

SUNDAY February 10 2013

It's Lent again...well almost!

Why do so many people try to go to church on Ash Wednesday. It is probably the third most popular gathering day after Christmas and Easter. On Ash Wednesday the queues to receive the ashes in many churches are endless. Why? Why is the reception of ashes so popular even in the 21st Century? Why are people proud to display this obvious symbol, when at other times they can be embarrassed to share their beliefs or their faith.

For millions of people throughout the world ashes are a symbol, a blunt, primal symbol that speaks the language of the soul. Something inside each of us knows exactly why we line up to receive the ashes. Each year the words of the traditional Catholic ritual for Ash Wednesday "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return!" touch a place deep within us.

Some theologians consider the story of Cinderella to contain a theology of Lent! To put on ashes is to say publicly and to yourself that you are beginning a reflective and penitential season. This is not "ordinary time" for you, it won't be a season of celebration but you are preparing for the greatest season, Easter. Although the ashes on your forehead will fade or wash away in a few hours your reflective manner is to last for 40 days. The days of Lent provide an opportunity to reflect, to look within ourselves and ponder some of the things and relationships in our lives that perhaps could change or improve.

Each year the Catholic Church taps into a deep well of wisdom when it puts ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent. The coming 40 days will provide each of us opportunity to consider what is really important in our lives and how we spend our time. Lent is 'metaphorically a time to stay silently in the cinders of a dead fire' waiting and preparing for the coming of that boundless new fire, the light of Christ at the Easter Vigil.

How will you respond to the gift this season of Lent is offering you?

Sister Helen White

<p>St Joseph the Worker Church 44 Imperial Parade, Labrador</p> <p><u>Sunday Mass</u> 7.00 am 8:30 am</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass</u> Monday -7.00am Ash Wednesday-7.00am</p>	<p>Guardian Angels' Church 99 Scarborough St Southport</p> <p><u>Saturday</u> 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday Mass</u> 7.00 am 10.00 am</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday - 12.30pm</p> <p><u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Mary Immaculate Church 31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore</p> <p><u>Sunday Mass</u> 8:30 am & 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Korean Mass</u> Sunday 3.00pm Every last Saturday 6pm Tuesday 7pm</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass</u> Tuesday - 9.00am Ash Wednesday - 5.30pm Thursday - 5.30pm</p>
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World Day of Prayer

Our parish will host a World Day of Prayer celebration in Mary Immaculate church on **Friday 1st March** at 9.30am. World Day of Prayer is a world-wide ecumenical initiative. Parishioners are invited to join with members of other local Christian communities, and to share morning tea afterwards. World Day of Prayer this year is being prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of France.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Masses on **Wednesday 13 February** will be celebrated at St Joseph the Worker **Labrador 7am** and Mary Immaculate **Ashmore at 5.30pm**.

Workshops for Your Consideration.

An Explanation Of The Document 'The General instruction Of The Roman Missal (GIRM)' At Clear Island Waters On Wednesday, 20th February. There is a choice of 2 sessions, either 2 - 4.30pm OR 7 - 9.30pm. The GIRM provides answers to many of the questions that people ask about Liturgy, so please come along.

Repertoire, Renewal and Formation day for anyone interested in Liturgical Music on Saturday 2nd march at Clear Island Waters from 9.30 - 3.30PM. There will be 3 presenters who will focus on the process of discerning appropriate music for liturgy, and explore new and some not-so-new repertoire. So come along and learn and enjoy some time of singing. Date for forms to be returned is 20th February (**Not March**).

Feast days of the Week

Wed Feb 13 Ash Wednesday

The Day of Ashes (Latin: *dies cinerum*), the first day of Lent, probably dates from at least the eighth century. On this day the faithful approach the altar where the priest, dipping his thumb into ashes previously blessed, marks the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, saying as a reminder of our mortality: 'Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return.'

The wearing of ashes is also a sign of repentance - for example, in Job 42:6 we read: 'I retract what I have said and repent in dust and ashes.' The ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings - away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 24 - 26 May 2013

Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au
Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Rosters

The rosters for all ministers are ready those who do not have email addresses, your rosters will be on the table at the back of each church that you attend.

Permission to disclose telephone numbers

To enable contact between volunteers in ministry do you agree to disclosure of your telephone number to others in ministry? Yes No

If you have an email address and give permission to disclose your telephone no please contact the parish office on 55102222

St Vincent de Paul Hamper Ashmore Conference Recipe Book

Thank you Parishioners for your on-going generous and practical gifts of food to our Food Hamper Bins. You are making a wonderful effort! Your donations are packed into the food hampers we take to families with very little in their pantries. They also free up funds we can then spend on other items to give an appropriate "hand up" to those in need. Our updated Hamper List can be found in the Hamper Bins and on our Information stands at the back of the Labrador and Ashmore churches. **Our Hamper Team invites you to send them recipes using Hamper foods and other affordable items, for the Hamper Recipe Book.** Please send your recipes (hand written is fine!) to P.O. Box 107, Ashmore City 4217 or nerida.smith@griffith.edu.au by the **18th February 2013**.

Caritas

Caritas Australia is aware of the many requests for support that you have received recently. As Project Compassion is a Lent long appeal, we ask that you take home, as usual, a share pack/money box and when and if it is possible for you to make your contribution to our work with the poorest of the poor, we will be most grateful.

Australian Catholics

The Summer 2013 edition of Australian Catholics explores the spirituality and faith of Indigenous Catholics, and how their insights and knowledge can deepen our own understanding of God. The edition features interviews with music icon Archie Roach and footballer Daniel Wells, as well as reflections from Indigenous leaders on how their traditional beliefs influence their Catholic faith. Make sure you take some time to read and reflect on the edition, particularly with the 5th Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations coming up on 13 February. Available at each church NO COST.

SCP Musical Playgroup (Newborn to Toddlers)

Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am, starting Thursday Feb 21

Donations of the following items in good used condition gratefully received ASAP. small instruments, foldable change table blocks, "little people toys", baby toys (washable), cushions and floor mats.

WE WOULD LOVE SOME HELP FROM LOCALS TO HELP (Fortnightly or even Monthly) WITH BAKING/SERVING MORNING TEA/ BEING A SUPPORT TO PARENTS. Please contact, Theresa email ctvossen@me.com 0423743616.

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Every first and third Sunday of the Month after Mass from 11:30am-1:30pm at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, be connected with God through singing praise & worship songs, be nourished with Christian teachings and be connected with others by sharing your faith & experiences during group discussion & fellowship over a light lunch. Contact Len (CFC) -0438724053 for any inquiries.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13**



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Poppy Theresa Grove daughter of Paul Grove & Christy Myers

Claire Olivia Jamison daughter of Mark & Angela Jamison

Alina Ivy Wright daughter of Jessica Wright

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

Oliver McDonald

ANNIVERSARY: Gordon Binnie, Bob Jackson, Kevin Dolan, Amado Dizon

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Lyn Cooper, Merv Warren, Christopher Mendoza, Kathy O'Neill, Maria Tocco, Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, Jane Garcia, Patrick Guillon, Norma Bailey, Jacqueline Melvold, Narelle Bickerstaff, Lyn-Marie Tuivasa, Fay James, Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Neil Cormick, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, George Ovens, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Isla Dodge, 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, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Kitty Ferguson McGeown, Michael Skinner.

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

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR-2013

Wednesday **13 February**—Ash Wednesday

Tuesday **19 February**— Confirmation & First Eucharist enrolment sessions for parents.

Wednesday **20 February** General Instruction on the Roman Missal workshop at Clear Island Waters

Friday **1 March** World Day of Prayer.

Saturday **2 March** Repertoire, Renewal & Formation Day at Clear Island Waters

2nd or 3rd March, Mass – Enrolment for CFE families.

1 & 3 Thursday each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6-7pm 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

menALIVE – TO THE MAX **1st to 3rd MARCH 2013**

"TO THE MAX" is facilitated by menALIVE, a National Catholic Ministry to Men.

"TO THE MAX 2013" invites men to come together and explore issues that impact on their lives through talks, multimedia, workshops, small groups, fellowship and rituals. Each man is challenged to explore how he will respond to God who calls us to be awake, aware, attentive, alert and alive. This annual gathering is being held locally between 1st and 3rd March 2013 at QCCC Tamborine WEC Conference Centre, North Tamborine. Full details and registration information available at www.menalive.org.au. Contact Peter on 0404 496 405 via email to mail@menalive.org.au

Little Black Books

The Little Black Books have arrived. They have daily six minute meditations on the Sunday gospels of Lent (Cycle C). We also have a few purple books for children. Available at all churches. \$5 each.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

During Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 4 pm every Thursday at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore, prior to the 5.30 Mass.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at St Joseph The Worker Church Labrador at 7pm.

Stewardship Reflection

In the first reading from Isaiah we get a glimpse of the ultimate aim of Christian stewardship: Giving glory to God. "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" This proclamation inspires the familiar hymn we sing at the end of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer; a very ancient proclamation in our liturgy. We were born to be grateful and generous stewards of all of God's gifts, to give God glory, and we proclaim it by the way we live the Eucharist and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we approach the purifying season of Lent let us ask ourselves: Are we committed to a life that gives glory to God?

Choir Practice

Choir practice began on the **4th February at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore**. Preparation for Easter began at this time. New comers and "old hands" will be welcomed with open arms on 11th February, same time. Please let Sr Lis know Phone 55102222.

Confirmation and First Eucharist 2013

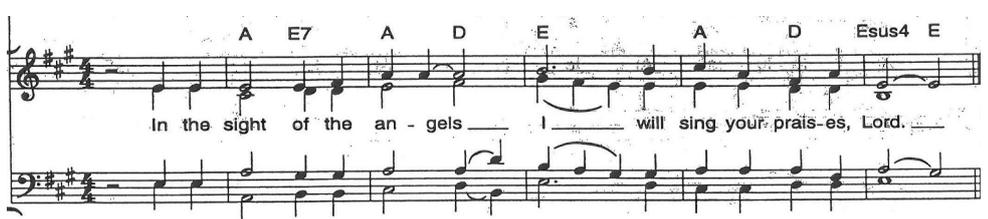
Parents are invited to discern the readiness of their children to begin their very important preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Usually children in our parish are in their 10th year when they celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. Each year our parish offers a family centred and parish based preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The annual enrolment ritual for families will be during

6pm Mass at Guardian Angels on **2nd March** and 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate on **3rd March**. Families will decide which Mass suits them. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday evening **23rd May** and children will receive their First Eucharist on Sunday morning **26th May**.

There will be a compulsory Information session for parents on **Tuesday 19th February at 4pm and repeated at 7pm** in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate church.

Please email Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au before the **12th February** if you would like to enrol your child for Confirmation and First Eucharist this year.



HYMNS

HERE I AM LORD

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **R**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

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. **R Amen Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.

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

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

(Boniwell)

The Lord is my Shepherd
and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.
Over the mountains,
the waters and by-ways,
Valleys and highways,
he's waiting for me.

Refrain:

*I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd
and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes!*

And while on the journey
to where we are going,
He promised to be there
to help us along,
And over the mountains,
we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders
he's given to me

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

BREAD OF LIFE- 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 the 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 shows 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.

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.

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.

RECESSIONAL

GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I must clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close
Lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into,
evening shadows one more time!

Refrain

*So I leave boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!*

In my memories I know
how you send familiar rains;
Falling gently on my days
dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more
In the fortress of my mind:
To believe in falling rain

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