

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

SUNDAY February 3 2013

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Hitler was said to have mesmerised people with his compelling words. He was a charismatic leader who rallied a whole nation around him. And he killed six million Jews.

Martin Luther King Jnr. also mesmerised people with his visionary words. He was a charismatic speaker who rallied a subject race to claim their dignity and freedom. And he was killed by those who could not hear his words.

Mother Teresa mesmerised people with her simple words. She was a charismatic doer who gathered in those who had no one so they could die with someone. She died hearing the words of comfort she spoke so often: Jesus loves you.

The power of words to move people can hardly be disputed. We know they can stir up hate and violence as well as love and gentleness. The word of God is a two-edged sword. Those who proclaim it must remain steadfast even when resisted and rejected. Those who hear it must be open to a new understanding of God who works for the salvation of all. We are both proclaimers and hearers and the sword cuts us both ways.

All of us struggle to hear and respond to God's word in our lives. This Sunday we are confronted with the reality that we are not always going to like what we hear in God's word. God's word always takes us beyond where we are (or where we want to go.) It is the very word which questions our status quo and asks us to give up our own wills and embrace God's will. It is the very word which nudges us to surrender ourselves and our own small world to encompass the larger vision of a world in which God assures us that all are met with love and dignity.

In our desire to be accepted, how readily we adjust what we say to what our audience will accept! Announcing the message of the gospel is not undertaken for the sake of being accepted but in order to be faithful to God's word. And, as those baptised into Christ's death and resurrection, being faithful to God's word always means dying to self for the sake of others.

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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

Queensland Flood Appeal

As the communities throughout the state recover from the effects of Cyclone Oswald, I ask you to join me in praying for all those who have been struck. Prayers of intercession should be offered at

In order to support communities in need, I have asked the St Vincent de Paul Society to send every parish in the Archdiocese of Brisbane envelopes to facilitate an Emergency Flood Appeal collection.

I am asking you and your community to consider supporting the Flood Relief efforts of the St Vincent de Paul Society in this way.

Funds collected can be returned directly to the St Vincent de Paul Society, 10 Merivale Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101 or individuals can use the reply paid envelopes supplied.

Please feel free to contact our Archdiocesan Resource Development **Office 3324-3200** if you have any questions. As always in the Lord,

Archbishop Coleridge

Please collect envelopes on the table at the back of the church.

Catholic Women's League

The monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Friday 8th February at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, followed by Mass and lunch. Subs are now due.

New members welcome. Phone 55392707

Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Live Streamed on

Web. The Cathedral of St Stephen 10.00am Sunday Mass is live streamed on the web. Parishioners may view the broadcast by entering the website address <http://bne.catholic.net.au/webcast> into their web browser.

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, floor mats, and scarves.

WE WOULD LOVE SOME HELP FROM LABRADOR 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

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others?

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.

3 Workshops for Your Consideration.

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY. INTRODUCTION TO THIS YEAR'S LENTEN STUDIES PROGRAM AT CLEAR ISLAND WATERS, 7 - 8.30PM. Guest speakers **Rev Fr Anthony Mellor** and **Mr Rob Cosgrove**. 7-9pm Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. In preparation for the Lenten Program come listen to two excellent speakers who will break open the theme ***We Wish to See Jesus***. RSVP to Surfers Paradise Parish Office 55725433, for catering. It is essential to register for this event via your own Parish Office or contact Liturgy Brisbane 07 3336 9444 or email liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au end of the skype highlighting

Ash Wednesday is 13th February. If you would like a Lenten Studies Book, cost \$8, please notify Sr Elisabeth by **WEDNESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY (5510 2222)**. If you would like to join a Lenten Studies group, Sr Elisabeth will run one on a **Tuesday, 10 - 11am**; there will probably be one in Labrador; if anyone would like to organise a group please do so.

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.

World Marriage Day

Each year WMD is celebrated on the second Sunday of February - this year **Feb. 10**.

There will also be three regional celebrations across the Archdiocese. The regional celebrations are at:

South Coast Deanery Mass:

St Benedict's Church, Wallaby Drive, **Mudgeeraba**

11.00 am Celebrant: Fr Rafal Rucinski

Followed by a shared lunch (please bring a plate)

Contact: Sue & Bren Milsom, ph. 0409 718 139; email: milsoms@iinet.net.au

Marriage and family life need our support more than ever. We hope all parishes will celebrate the gift of marriage and/or support the above celebrations.

Our new website www.bne.catholic.net.au/familyandlife/

Choir Practice

Choir practice will begin again **4th February at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore**. Preparation for Easter will begin at this time. New comers and "old hands" will be welcomed with open arms. Please let Sr Lis know your intention to be involved in this fulfilling ministry. Phone 55102222. Perhaps participating in the Parish choir is part of your New Year's resolution!

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11**

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

Terrence Waters, Vicki Nucifora.

ANNIVERSARY: Reynold Melvold, Docie Whitefield.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: 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, Jacob Redman, 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

Sunday **3 February** Children's Liturgy "sign-on" day

Monday **4 February** Choir practice 7.00pm Mary

Immaculate, Ashmore.

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

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

Saints of the Week

Tue Feb 5 St Agatha

We know little about this third century saint other than that she has been honoured since ancient times and her name is included in the Canon of the Mass. Young, beautiful and rich, Agatha lived a life consecrated to God and because of her refusal to deviate from that path, she suffered death as a martyr.

Wed Feb 6 St Paul Miki (1562-1597) and Companions, Martyrs

Paul Miki, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuit Order in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. Crucified in 1597 with 25 companions, Paul's words from the cross were: 'The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.'

Craft Group

Craft group will resume on Thursday **Feb 7** from 9.30am – 12.30pm in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore. New members welcome please contact Carmel on 55940719.

Quote

'Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.'

Gilbert K. Chesterton

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**.

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.

Altar Servers

St Joseph the Worker church is looking for altar servers to serve at the 7am and 8.30am Masses on a Sunday. Please call the parish office on 55102222 if you are able to serve in this ministry.

Ethiopian Fundraiser

Dinner to be held at Muooz Restaurant 197 201 Beaudesert Road Moorooka on Wednesday at 6th March at 6 pm. Cost \$30 pp Book a table with Judy Mc Monagle on 56795370 or 0451895975 Some transport can be arranged.

De Paul Manor

Life at the Manor has gone from strength to strength in 2012 and already 2013 is proving to be no different. With new residents moving in almost each week, things are certainly heating up. Sue Benseman our Sales Coordinator has been very busy securing deposits and helping our new residents move in. With more and more residents joining the community, it is no wonder our event calendar has shot through the roof. Residents are abuzz with activity – who ever said retirement would be quiet has not spent a week at De Paul Manor Estate. Living life to its fullest!

HYMNS

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**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. **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

I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

Capo 3: (C) Eb (Em7) Cm7 (Gsus4) Bbsus4 (G) Bb (A/E) C/G (Dm) Fm (Gsus4) (G7) Bbsus4 Bb7 (C) Eb

I will sing of your sal - va - tion.

GIFTS 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?

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

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 hungers. **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.**

THE BODY OF CHRIST (Brian Boniwell)

Refrain:

**This is the body of Christ,
Blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ**

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life. **R**

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within. **R**

If you would live in my love,
Hold my word, my promise in your heart. **R**

Gathered as one in my name,
Take my joy, my freedom to the world **R**

RECESSIONAL

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Refrain:

**We are called to serve,
we are called by grace
to cherish Christ in every face.
We are called to serve,
we are called by name and in all we are
God's love proclaim.**

Called beyond our human understanding,
Called before the world came in to view.
Within your mother's womb,
your name was known to me,
For you did not choose me,
no, I chose you **R**

Called to be a light amid the darkness,
Called to help a doubting world believe.
"Empowered by my Spirit,
anointed with my love,
You are called to give and share
what you believe." **R**

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