

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

SUNDAY March 30 2014

### The Church We Love ...

We have three functional churches in the parish with their own loyal communities, each bearing a distinct character and history, each with its own unique beauty. Understandably, some parishioners would feel strongly identified with one church, underscoring their attachment to that particular church, which can be a bane or a boon to the concept and practice of parish life. For it is a disservice to the catholic faith if people are exclusively focused on their own local church, but on the other hand, it is admirable when people embrace their local church like a home as we must be comfortable in our church if we are to be there regularly.

The sense of ownership and identification with a particular church comes with a sense of pride and responsibility towards the good of that church, including, but not limited to, our protectiveness towards the physical properties of the church. That connection is not just with the physical assets, but with the moral and spiritual significance involved.

Last week, while preparing for a weekday mass in one of our churches, I was introduced to a visitor to the parish who was more than inquisitive about where are the stations of the cross, where is the monstrance and tabernacle, why is there no cross at the sanctuary, and perhaps a hundred other questions if probed. What disturbed me is that the visitor seemed more concerned with pontificating about what she thinks was wrong with our church than being concerned with praying. So I simply said, if you truly want to pray, you can, even if there is no image in front of you.

Indeed, we may not all agree with how a particular church is designed, and ordered, and presented. But social convention teaches us that when you are welcomed to a house as you are to the church, you do not go about criticising why the house or the church is not ordered to your thinking or liking.

Perhaps the better way of resolving this is what Jesus hinted in his words to the woman by the well in last Sunday's Gospel, as he spoke of worship and prayer beyond the confines of the temple and the sanctuary, that is, worshipping the Father in spirit and in truth. For when we do, everything else becomes secondary and inessential.

It must be said that a church is beautiful first of all because of the faith and witness of the local people. Notwithstanding the cracks on its walls and even warts on its soul, a local church that recognises its own imperfections, even as it continually seeks how to be of better service to God's people, especially the needy and the poor, is a church worthy of being called a home, a spiritual home.

That church lies close to the heart of God, as indicated by Pope Francis, a church that deserves our commitment and love. Pray that we will be given new sight and a new heart to build that church we must become.

Father Teri

#### St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade,  
Labrador

#### 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

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Parish Priest

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**CEREMONIES**

**Holy Thursday, April 17.**

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore  
Mass of the Lord's Supper—6.00pm

**Good Friday, April 18.**

Guardian Angels Church, Southport  
Stations of the Cross—10.00am  
St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador  
Stations of the Cross—10.00am  
Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore  
Passion of the Lord—3.00pm

**Holy Saturday, April 19.**

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore  
Easter Vigil—6.00pm

**Easter Sunday, April 20.**

Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore, Mass, 8.30am— 6.00pm  
St Joseph the Worker Labrador, Mass, 7.00am—8.30am  
Guardian Angels Church, Southport Mass, 7.00am-10.00am

**The Easter Vigil at Ashmore on Holy Saturday Night, begins outside the Church. The Church will be closed. So we will gather on the lawn at the front of the Church.**

**Note: No 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Southport.**

**Parishioners: remember to collect your Easter Bookmark from the table at the church entrance. It contains all the Easter Celebration times**

**RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER**

We will celebrate the **2nd Right of Reconciliation** at Mary Immaculate Church at 5.30pm on Tuesday, April 8, 7 priests will be in attendance.

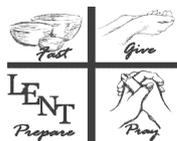


**Individual Reconciliation:** After Mass at Guardian Angels on Friday, April 11.  
Usual Time 4.30pm at Guardian Angels on Saturday, April 12.

After Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador on Monday, April 14.

After Mass at Mary Immaculate on Tuesday April 15.

**LENTEN PENANCE**



The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by "preaching a baptism of repentance".

Christ began his ministry on earth with the exhortation to repent. Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with, God. Penance is the concrete expression of repentance. It takes the form of prayer, self-denial, and works of charity. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Penance is the proof of our repentance. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going features of Christian living. Penance has to be constant, even a daily practice in our lives.

**INSTALLATION OF FATHER JAN**

Next weekend, Sunday April 6, at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Father Jan will be installed as Parish Priest of the Southport Catholic Parish at a Eucharistic Celebration by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Everyone is welcome to join with Father Jan to celebrate this occasion

It will be a Multi-Cultural Mass, with many of the different Ethnic Groups in our Parish taking part. Please join us for Morning Tea after Mass and speak with the Archbishop.

We ask that everyone brings a plate of their National Dish to share for Morning Tea.

**ARE WE WILLING TO CHANGE?**

Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. (CCC153)... It is impossible to have a relationship with God without faith. In the same vein, we cannot grow closer to God without perseverance; just as in human relationships, trust can never be lax. With perseverance, we have hope, for we are supported by others and we see the goal of faith. We can look to the witness of others for inspiration in times of trial. And, as we are drawn closer by God, we can see the goal of faith, to see God 'face to face' as he truly is (CCC168) Have you seen God change someone for the better? What sort of change came about? How was faith involved? John's gospel presents us with a challenge. Are we willing to change for the sake of faith? Are we willing to see things as they are, not as we wish them to be?

**VALE FATHER JAMES FINBAR O'BRIEN**

There will be a Vigil Mass for Father O'Brien, today Sunday, March 30, at 5.30pm at Maximilian Kobe Church Marsden. His funeral will be at 10.30 am on Monday, March 31, at St Stephen's Cathedral.

**PARISH BUS TRIP**

They only get better and better! Or so the 68 happy travellers said as they returned from a fabulous day out. First of all visiting the Kingston Butter Factory Museum and Craft Shop. All the ladies had a wonderful time fossicking through the huge display of craft items, leaving the boys to explore the Dairy Museum. After morning tea it was back on the bus heading for Calypso Bay and Harrigan's Irish Pub for lunch, which was true Irish fare of Guinness Pie or Bangers and Mash followed by a Chocolate Whiskey Pudding. Back on the Bus for the scenic drive home. Through Eden's Landing onto Holmview and Woodford and a new suburb being developed called Yarrabilba, which when completed will be bigger than Rockhampton. The town centre will be bigger than Robina. Many thanks go to Pat Williamson for all the organising that goes into these trips, and to the bus drivers, Wally and Paul who gave a care-free ride and a history lesson. And of course there has to be a raffle First Prize went to Margaret Marzec, Second Prize to Donna Grounds and Third Prize to Maria Wilson.



To celebrate the occasion of their 50th Anniversary the College invites you, past and current students, staff and friends of Aquinas College to the

**Anniversary Ball**

at Jupiter's Casino

Saturday May 3, 6.30pm to Midnight

The Anniversary Ball will be a major highlight of 2014. We look forward to this being a wonderful evening that will celebrate the life of the College over 50 Years.

Tickets: \$120 available from the College, phone 55 102 888 or email: [michaelag@aquinas.qld.edu.au](mailto:michaelag@aquinas.qld.edu.au)



**There will be Eucharistic Adoration at Mary Immaculate Church, every Thursday during Lent from 4.15 to 5.15pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm.**



**Today we welcome into God's Family**

Owen James Holmes, son of Shane and Amanda Holmes  
Samara Jasmine Martin, daughter of Andrew and Natasha Martin  
Sophia Annabelle Rakich, daughter of Steven and Helen Rakich  
Mia and Caleb Harvey, children of  
Patrick Harvey and Kylie Mitchell

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alice Ferrero, Father James Finbar O'Brien, Margaret Gordon, Sr Mary Tarcisius Donovan rsc.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Noel Clifford, Roy Amos, Gaven Bengtson, Charlie McMonagle.

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. 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.

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

**WORTH A SMILE**

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around the supermarket when they collided. The old guy says, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and guess I wasn't paying attention." The young guy says, "That's Ok . It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too...I can't find her and I'm getting desperate." The old guy says, "Well maybe I can help you find her... What does she look like?" The young guy says, "Well she is 27, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom, has long legs, and wearing shorts. What does your wife look like? To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter, Let's look for yours."

**FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

**Wednesday, April 2 St Francis of Paola**

Francis was born at Paola, Italy and was educated at the Franciscan friary of San Marco. At the age of 15, he became a hermit near Paola. In 1436 he and two companions began a community that is considered the foundation of the Minim Friars. Later in life, he established foundations in southern Italy and Sicily, and his fame was such that at the request of dying King Louis XI of France, Pope Sixtus II ordered him to France, as the King felt he could be cured by Francis. He was not, but was so comforted that Louis' son Charles VIII, became Francis' friend and endowed several monasteries for the Minims. Francis spent the rest of his life at the monastery of Plessis, France, which Charles built for him. Francis died there on April 2 and was canonized in 1519.

**IGNITE LAUNCH**

**Movie World + Dinner + Dance Party + Concert**

All young people are invited to the newest Catholic event - a day of Movie World rides and attractions followed by dance party and concert after the park closes. Cost \$90 same as normal day entry, but includes dinner and night events. Families and adults also welcome. Full details and registration at [www.igniteyouth.com](http://www.igniteyouth.com) or contact Scott McDonald on 3217 5199



**Only two weeks to go.  
Have you filled your  
Project Compassion Box yet?**

**Vocation View: If we can't see where we are going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS MAY 11.**

**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 10.00am to 1.00pm Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

**Rosary and Novena** at 6.00pm on the First Wednesday followed by Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker.

**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

**Stations of the Cross,** each Friday of Lent, 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

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

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. Mary Immaculate.

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**will be held each Friday of Lent at  
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. at 7.00pm**



**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**

**Invites you to the annual**

**Chrism Mass**

**Thursday, April 10, at 7.30pm**

**The Cathedral of St Stephen**

**A celebration for the entire Archdiocese**

**ALL WELCOME**

# HYMNS



## **OPEN MY EYES**

Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see Your face  
Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord  
Help me to hear Your voice  
Open my ears, Lord  
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord  
Help me to love like You  
Open my heart, Lord  
Help me to love

I live within you  
Deep in your heart, oh, love  
I live within you  
Rest now in me

## **PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Cantor:** Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Cantor:** Christ, have mercy.

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

**Cantor:** Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing  
I shall want

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!  
No one lives on bread alone; but on every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **GIFTS PROCESSION**

**Silence**

## **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.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR  
NEXT SUNDAY**  
Ezekiel 37: 12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

## **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**

## **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**

**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**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others.  
Walls made of living stone. **R**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. **R**

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