

**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
EASTER SUNDAY  
YEAR C**

SUNDAY March 31 2013

**They did not understand.**

Everywhere we turn at this time of the year there are bunnies and eggs. Stuffed ones and plastic ones, edible ones and blown up ones – they are everywhere. We enjoy the bright colours and fuzzy softness and scrumptious goodness of these animal treats. But we had better not think too hard about it, or think too rationally. For bunnies and eggs just do not go together – bunnies do not lay eggs!

And maybe this is exactly the point. Easter and its mystery cannot be rationalised or approached logically. The Easter mystery is truly preposterous, unbelievable, absurd. Whoever heard of someone rising from the dead? We can identify easily with the apostles who ‘saw and believed,’ who wanted with all their hearts to know their beloved Lord was alive. Yet they ‘did not understand.’

Here is the mystery of Easter: we want to see and believe, but since resurrection is so out of our human experience we simply cannot understand. Belief came gradually to those first witnesses, and then only when they had a personal encounter with Jesus. Our own belief in the risen Jesus gradually grows throughout our life as we continually encounter him in our own eating and drinking *with him* – when Jesus’ very Body and Blood become our nourishment. We also encounter the risen Jesus in each other when we witness by the goodness of our lives to Gospel values.

The Easter mystery is something we accept in faith. We cannot be logical about it – the grace is precisely in the illogic. It is true that Jesus had raised people from the dead, for example, the son of the widow of Naim and his own friend Lazarus. But they were only resuscitated and would face death again. Jesus is not merely resuscitated; he is raised up from the grave to new life, never to die again. Our belief enables us to share in this same risen life. Yes, our mortal bodies will die like Jesus’ and Lazarus’s. But this risen life that is already within us is forever. It defies logic. We do not understand it. But we believe it, we live it, we embrace it.

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all, and may the Easter Bunny lay many eggs in your backyard!!

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**St Joseph the Worker  
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,  
Labrador

**Sunday Mass**

7.00 am  
8:30 am

**Weekday Mass**

**Easter Monday  
Public Holiday  
Mass 9.00am**

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



## YOU ARE NOW IN A PLACE OF SACRED SILENCE

### PLEASE RESPECT THOSE WHO WISH TO PRAY

#### WELCOME TO THE GREAT CELEBRATION OF EASTER

At Christmas we celebrate the absolutely amazing event of God becoming man and being born as a baby in a stable in first century Bethlehem!

Now, having been blown away by the loving gift expressed on Calvary—that Jesus, the Son of God, out of love for us should submit to the brutal death of a common criminal—we come to Easter Day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus—and the new life which Jesus extends to all of us.

At Easter the world takes a different tinge of colour—as along with Jesus we participate in our own ‘resurrection’. Taken beyond the ordinary dimensions of our lives, we allow our spiritual selves to be lifted up in joy!

Each Sunday in the Mass we commemorate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus and open ourselves to the transforming love of Jesus.

#### **THE PARISH WISHES YOU ALL THE JOY AND BLESSING OF EASTER**

If you would like to join us here more frequently—as we pray for peace within ourselves and throughout the world—

#### **YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME**

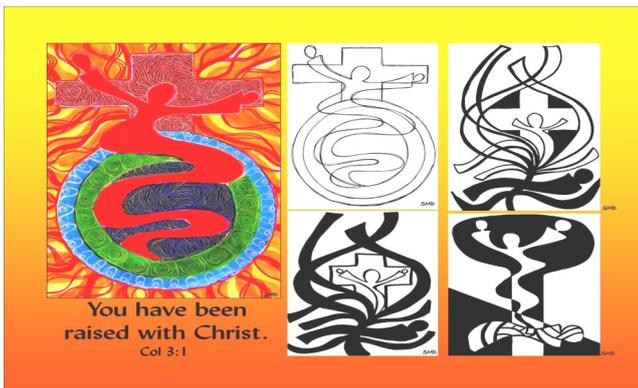
Our Parish Priest is **Father Peter Dillon**, Father Peter is assisted in the parish by **Father Geoffrey Agu**. Speak to them after Mass today they would love to meet you, or you can give them a call at the parish office on 55102222.

#### **What Jesus came to tell us...**

‘You are loved with an enormous love, the life you lead is important. I know you by name and watch over you at all times.’ Jesus stretched out his arms to us and asked us to admit him into our lives! ‘Come to me all you who labour and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.’

To the woman taken in adultery, Jesus said, ‘Is there no one here to condemn you?’ NO. Well, neither will I condemn you. Go and sin no more.’

Let us hear afresh today the invitation of Jesus—to come into our lives and give us that certain joy which will last for all eternity. If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.



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#### **IS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH ONE FAITH ALONE?**

The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless professed with a united voice, the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Christ as divinely revealed.

#### EASTER PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to earth as a baby so many years ago. Thank you that he paid the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross, and thank you that he rose again to prove that death was truly defeated. I place my trust in You to be my Savior. Guide me through the dark times of my life and give me courage to live for You. Amen.

#### ODD JOBS IN OUR PARISH

Each week we will make you aware of jobs in our parish that need a volunteer to undertake. Being the good stewards that you are, we call on your time and talent to volunteer for these jobs.

Today we are happy to announce that **John Wintour**, has volunteered to take on the job of producing a ten minute DVD for each Sunday of the month. This DVD will be used as a reflection before Mass at St Joseph the Worker Labrador. Many thanks John.

**This weeks job:** Sister Helen is looking for someone to spend a few hours a week, to input data, mainly to do with the Baptism and Sacramental program. A nice easy sit down job. If you feel that this might be your ministry call Sister Helen, 55 102 296 or email her [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au)

#### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Children in primary school are invited for **EASTER CAPERS**

In our parish resource centre on

**Friday, April 12.** This will be a wonderful

opportunity for children to have fun and be involved in informative sessions about the great Easter Season. The day will be facilitated by members of the Archdiocesan Children’s Ministry. Please register your child’s name with Sister Helen [helenw@sco.org.au](mailto:helenw@sco.org.au) before April 5, as places are limited.

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday, is celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter and hence there is a very close correlation between the mystery of our Redemption and the celebration of God’s mercy. Our Redemption was brought about through God’s mercy yet despite Our Lord’s bitter passion and death, people still do not trust sufficiently in His mercy. The feast of mercy emerges to give glory to God’s goodness by Inspiring Trust in His “unfathomable” mercy.

**Celebrate Devine Mercy Sunday** at the Shrine of Our Lady help of Christians Marian Valley, Canungra on Sunday, next April 7. also **Fatima Day**, Saturday, April 13. Bus will leave Sacred Heat Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. on both days. For bookings please call Vivian on 55 359 623.

#### ARCHBISHOP ON Q&A

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be a member of the panel on **Q&A**, tomorrow evening, Easter Monday, at 8.40pm on ABC 1

#### EASTER HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW

These holidays why not take the kids and grandkids to see a fantastic new show by the Queensland Theatre of Puppetry at Macintosh Island Park? **“Pirates vs Dinosaurs”** will be on in the Gerda Pinter Pavilion from Tuesday to Friday both weeks of the holidays at 9.30am and 11.00am. Entry is only \$5 pp.

#### NOVENA

There will be novena at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm next Wednesday April 3 at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.



## Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Cienna Kathleen Langford and Tayt Joseph Adam Langford, children of Adam and Armelle Langford.

Lincoln Roger Wright, son of David and Nicole Wright.

Suraaya Jade Pleasant and Izrehal Noah Pleasant, children of Christian and Rachel Pleasant.

Lachlan Cruz Middleton, son of Steven and Amber Middleton

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Irene Isherwood, Ron Grice, Joe Gellel.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Laurel Eisenhuth, Margaret Kearney, Errol Daly, Sam Sabin De Oliveria, Gavin Bengtson, Roy Amos. Tony Sannen.

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Keith Smith, Angela Taylor, Tracy Howars, Michael Skinner, Tim Howard, John Henry, Gary O'Connell, Ross McApline, Will Connell, Arthur and Peter McConnell, Lyn Maranta, Natalie Silver-Oyarzun, Gloria Gaskin, Sharon Fraser, Lyn Cooper, Merv Warren, Christopher Mendoza, Kathy O' Neill, Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, Jane Garcia, Patrick Guillon, Norma Bailey, Jacqueline Melvold, Fay James,

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

**Parishioners are reminded that names of our friends who are sick will only remain on the Sick List for one month. If further prayers are required, please contact the Parish Office each month**

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

We welcome into our church community adults who are being baptised at the Easter Vigil: Jo-anne Copeland; Zena Ferguson; Yoshiko Kirby; Armelle Langford; Amber Middleton; Toni Moseley; Tracey Munro; Rachel Pleasant; Gina Watts; Nicole Wright. We also welcome into the church Karen Chilton, Leanne Currell, Michael Farmer, Janet Ferguson, Sharon Hamilton, Michelle Hill, Belinda Quinn, Melissa Waked.

**Please make them welcome and remember them in your prayers.**

### **WORTH A SMILE**

The local priest came across Paddy who had stumbled out of the town tavern. "Paddy," he said, "I'm not be seeing you in Heaven one day." "Really, Father?" slurred Paddy. "What have you done?"

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CHOIR**

The Australian Catholic University Choir will this year be celebrating 20 years of performance! They are seeking contact details of former choristers who would like to join in the celebrations. Please send your contact details to: [acubrisbanechoir@gmail.com](mailto:acubrisbanechoir@gmail.com) or Phone 3623 7186.

### **WORLD WIDE 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 May 24-26 at Santa Teresa, Ormiston**

For bookings and details contact:

Tamara and Scott Menteith, Phone 4634 3559 or email [stamen@aapt.net.au](mailto:stamen@aapt.net.au)

### **CHOOSING JOY**

Joy is what makes life worth living, but for many joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressed. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently from the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it. What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.

**As you leave the church today, make sure you collect a copy of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's Easter Message.**

### **PARISH MUSICAL PLAYGROUND**

Southport Catholic Parish runs a Musical Playgroup for Parents, Carers, Grandparents and their 0-5year olds, every Thursday from 9.00am to 11.00am. Due to great demand, they are moving from Labrador into the parish Resource Centre, next to Mary Immaculate Church.

This safe, friendly and fun group with some Christian themes offers developmentally approved music and movement and lots of free play.

Affiliated with Playgroup Qld., the cost is \$3 per week and an annual fee of \$40 to Playgroup Qld. for insurance.

**The group now have vacancies available from April 18.**

Enquiries to Theresa Vossen 0423 743 616 or email [ctvossen@me.com](mailto:ctvossen@me.com) Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

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### **PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013**

**1st & 3rd Thursday**, each month Lectio Divina Canacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

**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.

Monday, **April 29**, Aquinas College new enrolment meeting. Thursday, **May 23**, Confirmation will be celebrated.

Sunday, **May 26**, Children will receive First Eucharist.

Sunday, **July 14**, Parish Gold day.

Sunday, **July 21**, ARTICO Ensemble will present a Concert in Mary Immaculate Church. 'M' for Mozart.

### **BIBLICAL QUIZ**

Last weeks question: **After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to which village?**

Answer: Emmaus. This weeks 1st reading comes from Acts.

Question: **Who was chosen to replace Judas as a disciple.**

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."* (Acts 10:38)

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we must realise that in rising from the dead, Jesus declared to us that he is truly God and His way is the real way. His commands are real. We cannot ignore that any longer. We must throw off our chains of greed, materialism and selfishness and rise to a new level of giving and doing good, just as Jesus called us to do.

# HYMNS

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam:

**Refrain:**  
**O praise God! O praise God!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice. **R**

## SPRINKLING RITE WATER OF LIFE

**Refrain:**  
**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us;**  
**Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

All you who thirst, come to the waters,  
And you will never be thirsty again.

As rain from heav'n, so is God's word,  
It waters the earth and brings forth life.

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise  
with him,  
Death shall no longer have pow'r over us.

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,  
You will find peace in his infinite love.

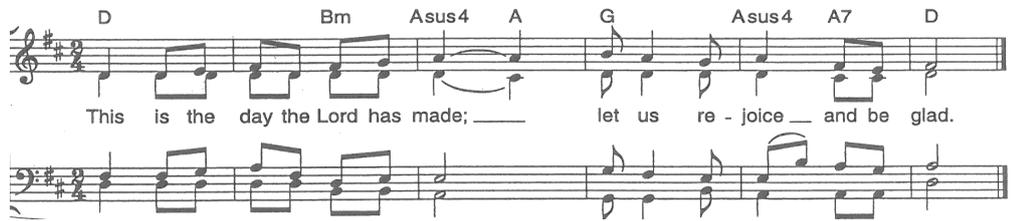
## GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain:**  
**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. **R**

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. **R**

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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**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let  
us rejoice and be glad.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
Your Words, lord, are Spirit and life;  
You have the words of everlasting life.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead  
and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow  
Every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is 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

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## 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

### ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the  
sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the  
victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation Has  
redeemed; us by his blood

**THE WORD OF THE LORD  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Acts 5:12-16**  
**Revelations 1:9-13. 17-19**  
**John 20:19-31**

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we  
left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes,  
nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you ever more"

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you  
from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

## LET HEAVEN REJOICE

**Refrain:**  
**Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;**  
**let all creation sing.**  
**Let children proclaim through every**  
**land:**  
**"Hosanna to our king."**

Sound the trumpet in to the night;  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Wake his people, lift your voice,  
proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendor; shake off your sleep;  
Put on your robes of joy.  
And in the morning you shall see the glory  
of the Lord.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.  
Proclaim it in ev'ry land.  
Christ has died, but he has risen;  
he will come again

## RECESSIONAL

### SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

**Refrain**  
**Sing to the mountains**  
**sing to the sea.**  
**Raise your voices, lift your hearts.**  
**This is the day the Lord has made.**  
**Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. **R**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God. **R**

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