

First Sunday of Lent Year A

SUNDAY March 9 2014

Lent is a special journey about 40 days and more or less two metres long.

From the ashes to the water

Lent reminds me of a special time in my life. When I was a child this season had a particular impact on me. This lead up to Easter has a fragrance of the beginning of new life. In Italy it is during spring and nature, the trees, the fields and the animals are ready to burst into life. During that time we have many celebrations in the Church. Two of these have touched me more than others: Ash Wednesday with the placing of ashes and Holy Thursday the washing of the feet. The rites and the signs of our liturgy speak to us and they are easy to understand even for children. I remember when I was parish priest in the small village of Calabria these two rites were attended by many people, elderly, young and children.

Lent is about 40 days long and is framed between these two rites of Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. In that season our journey is not too long, we are called to go from our head to the feet of our neighbours.

The ashes on our head.

It is the rite which brought us into the Lent. It is a sign of penance. In the Old Testament the ashes on the head was typically a sign of whoever wanted to change their life and ask pardon for their sins. In the last century my grandmother used the ashes to wash the clothes. When soap was rare and expensive the women of my village used the ashes as soap to clean their garments. After a special process of washing with the ashes the clothes became white and bright. This Lenten rite reminds us of our special condition as human beings, who recognise our sins and mistakes. We wash our soul and life bright and white and we wish to start a brand new relationship with God.

The water on their feet.

The other important rite at the end of Lent is the washing of the feet. It is one of the wonderful scenes of the New Testament. Jesus knelt at the feet of his disciples and washed them. This gesture speaks more than dozens of sermons. It demonstrates the great love of God for us despite our failed condition. On that special night Jesus performed this rite and the institution of the Eucharist. He asked his disciples to do the same. We are called to imitate Jesus in this way. We must strip off our coverings and our selfishness and kneel to wash the feet of our sisters and brothers.

This is the real journey of Lent. We start from our head to arrive to the feet of our neighbour. Sometimes we are tempted to think our conversion is accomplished with some penances and some sacrifices. We live a new life when our penances give us the strength to love others, to kneel at their feet and to wash them. We are called to follow Jesus. His love overcame the tempter and evil. Jesus' life was freely given for everyone and it is the beginning of a new creation, forever new

Have a good Lent, Ciao!!!

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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

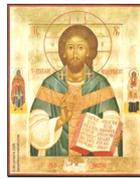
8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm
last Saturday of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm



ON SUNDAY APRIL 6
AT THE 8.30AM MASS
AT MARY IMMACULATE
FATHER JAN BIALASIEWICZ
WILL BE INSTALLED AT A EUCHARISTIC
CELEBRATION BY

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
AS PARISH PRIEST OF THE SOUTHPORT PARISH
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN WITH FATHER JAN

TO CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION
THIS 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

REFLECT ON THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

By the time you read this, the pancakes would have been flipped, the Project Compassion boxes will have been distributed, (DO YOU HAVE YOURS) and the Church will have entered the time of the Liturgical Year known as Lent. These 40 days are an ideal opportunity to reflect on where we have erred and strayed, and then look for some way in which we can make amends.

The Gospel highlights the challenge of not succumbing to temptation, so it might provide suitable inspiration for those wanting to make a sacrifice, by fasting or reflecting on Scripture. Before we beat ourselves up too heavily, we can see from today's Gospel that even Jesus wasn't above being tempted. Of course being the Son of God, He knew better than to give in and was able to counter the Devil's argument with His own insights from Scripture. We can take heart from this reading because it reminds us that even Jesus was tempted, and that he overcome it!

May our preparation for Easter be smooth and spirit-filled and may we all find something that motivates us to "let go" and reflect on the journey of the Cross.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

Evangelisation takes place in obedience to the missionary mandate of Jesus: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) *Pope Francis Nov. 2013*

DO THE BAPTISED HAVE NEED OF CONVERSION

The call of Christ to conversion continues to resound in the lives of the baptised. Conversion is a continuing obligation for the whole Church. She is holy but includes sinners in her midst.

With today's Newsletter you have this beautifully produced Brochure "Preparing for Joy"
The journey of Faith is always a journey from desolation to joy, from isolation to communion. Throughout the days of Lent we face the often concealed or half-recognized the truth of our own desolation and isolation. We ask, you take this brochure home, keep it in a prominent place and read it daily. This way by Examining our Conscience on a daily basis, as we come towards Easter, the joy and communion which we will experience will fill our hearts as we encounter the Risen Lord.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has a Pastoral Care Ministry for the psychiatric area. We are looking for Volunteers to be trained to work within this Ministry.

Could this be your Ministry?

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team needs mature committed Catholics with the ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The training course is held every Wednesday from 9.00am to 3.30pm at the Brisbane Pastoral Care Training Centre. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion of the Course in various ministries e.g. Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels.

Applications close on Friday April 25.

Please apply now in writing to Fr Jim Smith,
Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley 4006

Phone 3252 5461 or email cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

VOCATION VIEW: Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth, these forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

Aquinas College To celebrate this occasion, the College invites you, past and current students, staff and friends of Aquinas College to the



Anniversary Ball
at Jupiters 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

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED AT DE PAUL VILLA

The Villa requires a volunteer to heat seal name labels on resident's cloths. It would be an advantage if the person could sew. Residents are happy to pay a small fee to have hems taken up or zips replaced etc. If you are interested, Contact Kath Lawrie on 55 827 250.

ETHIOPIA MISSION

A Special Thanks to all parishioners who visited the quilt shows over the past couple of weeks. Through your generosity enough money was raised to post the 24 quilts and pay for one patient's obstetric fistula repair operation.

Tickets are available for their fund raising African Dinner to be held at Mu'ooz Restaurant at West End, on Monday March 17. Contact Judy on 56 795 370 or Katheryn on 55 321 939.

Don't forget the Big Breakfast at Bernie's place on May 3 8 Reynolds Avenue Labrador.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the Southport branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday March 14 at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angels Church, followed by Mass and lunch. New members and any visitors would be most welcome. Phone Anne 55 392 707

THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

FAITH ON TAP BRISBANE

This coming Monday March 10, at Faith on Tap the guest speaker will be our own Fr Jose Thekkemuriyil. Fr Jose is now both a chaplain at Australian Catholic University and associate pastor for Hendra/Northgate parish. Fr Jose will share his fascinating journey, growing up in the Syro-Malabar rite in Kerala, India and is now a priest with the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate.

Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main Street, Kangaroo Point. 7.30pm start. Special \$11 meal from 6.30pm.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Lily Anne Shepherd daughter of
Paul Shepherd and Jennifer Crosbie

Kahlia-Jayde Schmidt daughter of Andrew and Evelyn Schmidt

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Valerie Greenwood, Myra Winzar, Coral Borg (Glen Alpine NSW), Brenda Scantlebury

ANNIVERSARY: Ulrich Holz, Fred Bassani, Ernest Morrow, Anthony Webb, Ray Fletcher.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Doss O'Niell, 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

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

FRIDAY, March 14, St Maximilian

St Maximilian was only 21 years old when he gave his life, as punishment for refusing to enlist in the Roman army. Confronted with the threat of death, for his stance, Maximilian told authorities: "I will never serve. You can cut off my head but I will not be a soldier of this world, for I am a soldier of Christ. My army is the army of God, and I cannot fight for this world, I tell you, I am a Christian." Despite being told that other Christians were serving in the army, he still refused. "That is their business. I also am a Christian, and I cannot serve." For his stubbornness and conviction, he was executed. He went to his death declaring: "I shall not die. If I go from this earth, my soul will live with Christ my Lord."

WORTH A SMILE

A senior citizen to his 80 year old buddy.

'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep'

'Do you know her well?' 'Nope!'

'This woman is she good looking?' 'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?' 'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well then is she a good housekeeper?' 'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Last Supper-The Betrayal-The Trial-The Agony

The Crucifixion-The Resurrection

The Iona Passion Play

Good Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, 7.30pm

Iona College, North Road Wynnum West.

Tickets: Adults \$18. Concession \$15. Children \$5.

Children under 5 years Free

For Bookings call 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au

Outdoor performance—bring a chair or rug to sit on

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend 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 June 13 to 15.

Santa Theresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

For bookings and details contact: Tamara Menteith

4634 3559 or stjmen@aapt.net.au

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them

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.

First Wednesday of each month. Rosary and Novena 6.00pm St Joseph the Worker, Labrador

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.

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH BUS TRIP

Wednesday, March 19.

Are you thinking of going?

Better hurry only a few seats left

All inclusive price \$50

Phone Pat for bookings 55 395 849

Tickets are available for payment and collection from all three churches today, Sunday, March 9.

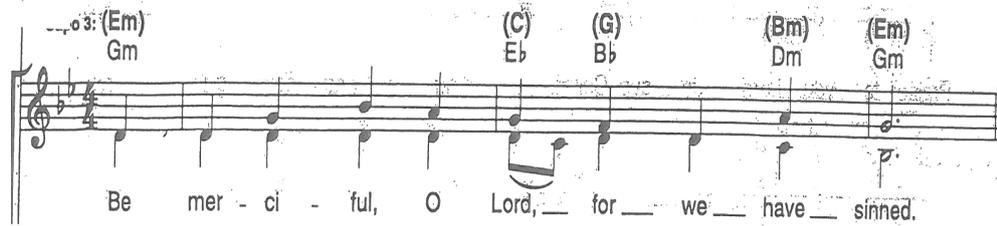


HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOX?

It is up to each one of us to help celebrate with the poorer nations of the world 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.

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

HYMNS



RETURN TO GOD

Refrain

*Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness
of God.*

Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God. **R**

I will take your heart of stone and place
a heart within you
A heart of compassion and love. **R**

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

Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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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

BEYOND THE DAYS

Refrain:

*Beyond the days of hope
and myst'ry
We see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst
for guidance
to walk with you day by day.
to walk with you day by day.*

Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice. **R**

Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
To the yearnings of our hearts. **R**

In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care;
May your gentleness be there. **R**

On our Lenten path we see
the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
Be the promise of our lives.

HOSEA

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart
Trees do bend, 'though straight and
tall;
So must we to others' call.

Refrain:

*Long have I waited for your coming
home to me
And living deeply our new life.*

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know. **R**

You shall sleep secure with peace;
Faithfulness will be your joy **R**

RECESSIONAL

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
and all will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

*Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you, through it all. **R**

Blessed are your poor,
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you,
all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you! **R**

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**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY**
Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17 :1-9