

**The Feast of
St Peter and St Paul
Year A**

SUNDAY June 29 2014

Let us work together for our Parish

Once on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul I heard a homily that began with a question. A priest asked why two great saints like Peter and Paul share a single feast day. Then he speculated, "Well, they couldn't get along here on earth, so God put them together in heaven."

This joke perhaps contains some truth. In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul recounts a clash with Peter which happened at Antioch. However, Paul also makes it evident that he held the fisherman in high esteem. In the same letter he states that he spent fifteen days with Peter. (Gal 1:18) Afterwards in his letter to the Corinthians Paul again mentions Peter as the first apostle to see the Risen Jesus. Celebrating the memorial of these two great witnesses of Jesus Christ we need to keep in mind that at the same time today's feast is a solemn confession that the Church **is one, holy, catholic and apostolic**. In all its differences the Church is one and we recall this fact when every week we recite the creed together and one of the last things we say is "I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church."

As ordinary men, Peter and Paul might have avoided each other from time to time. Peter was a fisherman from the Sea of Galilee and Paul an educated intellectual trained in the Greek schools. But Jesus brought them together as a sign for his Church in which all people would find a new place to call home. Together they worked to build the church. Together they witnessed to Christ. Together they suffered the death of their Lord. They had a unity that went beyond all differences.

Through their lives they teach us about the depth of Christian commitment. For Peter and Paul, insight into Jesus' true identity brought new demands and responsibilities to work together. Today as we continue the mission of the Apostles we want to keep in mind that together we are greater than individuals. The liturgical text always calls on us to be united and to work together. Eucharistic **Prayer #3** says; "...grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ".

Prayer #2 says; "humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit".

We pray these texts straight after consecration and in the most holy moment of Mass the Church prays not necessarily for holiness but for unity and togetherness amongst her children. Because working together like Sts Peter and Paul we too, regardless of our differences, are able to make our Parish a foretaste of God's Kingdom and a place which people of different backgrounds can call home .

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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

Each Friday-10.30am
Mass at Gold Coast
University Hospital

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

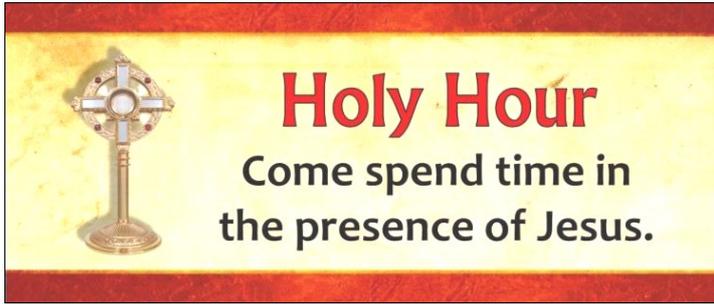
Holy Hour. First Thursday
of the Month 4.15pm



A Big Welcome to our Parish, all Players, Parents and Supporters attending the annual Confraternity Rugby League Carnival.

Aquinas College is proud to be hosting this carnival as part of their

50th Anniversary Celebrations. 44 teams from all over Queensland are taking part in the event from tomorrow Monday June 30, until the Grand Final on Friday July 4. We welcome you all.



Next Thursday July 3, 4.15pm Mary Immaculate Church

Unity and Authority

The commission given to Peter in today's gospel implies a great authority—"binding and loosening" was an effective authority in the life of Israel. Jesus' words refer to the final "Kingdom"; the authority given to Peter concerns the Church, or Assembly, called together by God as a foreshadowing of the Kingdom. With the passing of time, as the steadfast faith of the Roman Church, nurtured by the Apostles, became a rallying point for the Church's unity, this was seen as a fulfilment of the promise of Jesus to Peter. In 1995, in a remarkable gesture, Pope John Paul II, in the encyclical, *Ut unum sint*, called upon Christians of all traditions to assist the Holy See to understand how it should carry out its mission as the Church's principle of unity. Let us pray today that this desire will be fulfilled.

The Francis Effect

The church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God he or she will not find a closed door. *Pope Francis Nov. 2013*

Vinnies Community Sleepout



Vinnies Gold Coast is organising a Community Sleepout to help raise funds and awareness of homelessness in the Gold Coast Community. They need your help to make a difference in the lives of the men, women and children impacted by homelessness in our community.

The Gold Coast Vinnies Sleepout will be held at TSS College on Thursday, July 10, commencing at 5.30pm.

Sister Elisabeth is on the organising Committee, and will be sleeping out for the night! If you would like to join her for the Sleepout you can register at www.communitysleepout.org.au or if you would like to sponsor her all donations will be very greatly received. Also, would anyone be able to lend Sister Elisabeth a Sleeping Bag for the night?

Children's Liturgy on Holidays

A big thank you to all volunteers who have created meaningful Children's Liturgy of the Word during school term. Our parish is very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who share with three different groups of children each Sunday. Parents planning to enrol their children for Sacramental preparation 2015 are encouraged to bring their children to Children's Liturgy. Children's Liturgy activities will resume after the school holidays. New volunteers willing to join the Children's Liturgy team are always welcome! Please contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au

Vocation View: Through our Baptism, we are called to not only follow Christ but to be witnesses through our family, work and social lives. Let our actions and words reflect the love that Christ has for each of us and proclaim His Kingdom.

Congratulations and Thanks



To Father Vince who today Sunday, June 29 the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul is celebrating the **55th anniversary** of his Ordination to the Priesthood. The Parish offers you their Best Wishes Father Vince and Thanks you for all the great work you do for us in our Parish. We look forward to you spending many more years with us.

Altar Servers Wanted



We are asking for children of families who regularly attend the Parish for Mass, and have made their First Holy Communion, to become Altar Servers at each of our three churches. You will be required to attend at least two training sessions. If you are interested please leave your name and details with the Parish Office 55 102 222 and Father Jan will contact you about training sessions.

Ministers Workshop

Any parishioner of Ashmore, Labrador or Southport who would like to become a Reader, Minister of Eucharist or take communion to people in Hospital, Nursing Homes or people in their own homes, Sister Elisabeth will be offering workshops on Saturday, July 12, at Mary Immaculate Church. The Readers workshop will be at 9.00am.

Ministers of Eucharist at 10.00am. For those taking communion outside Mass, your workshop will be at 11.00am.

It is essential you let Sister Elisabeth know on 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au so relevant material will be ready for you.

It is the generosity of parishioners to partake in various ministries that gives positive life to our community, so please consider if you would like to help.

Gold Coast Marathon

Parishioners are reminded that because of the Gold Coast Marathon next Sunday, July 6, there will be severe traffic disruptions, which will clash with morning Mass times at all churches.

Divorce and Separation Workshop

Are you recently separated or divorced? A "**Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop**", is being conducted by Centacare, providing a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life's challenges.

Commencing **Monday, August 11**, 5.30pm to 7.30pm and continuing each Monday for seven weeks.

Cost: \$10 registration to be paid on first night, then \$5 per week. Total payment \$40. Refreshments provided. To Register: Phone 55 277 211.

Centacare CFRS 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

St Vincent de Paul Ashmore Conference

Winter Appeal: Thank you so much Parishioners for your generous response to our Winter Appeal. \$4,500 was received in cash plus a mountain of food items for our hampers. This will make such a difference to the desperate people we visit. Our Hamper Food Bins stay in the Labrador and Ashmore Churches all year, and your regular donations of food items for the hampers is a huge help to us. You draw closer to Christ when you serve those who are poor.

Supporting our Conference in the wonderful way that you do by giving of your prayers, time, money, food, clothing, blankets, etc.—is indeed an important way for you to serve those who are excluded, in need and lonely.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Indi Patricia Bootes, daughter of Wade and Michelle Bootes

Hudson Michael Thiel, son of Joel and Lauren Thiel

Brayden Sean Charlton & Sienna Taylor Charlton children of Gregory and Linda Charlton

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andja Strbac, Fiona Watson, Robert Thirkel, Gwendolyne Mahan

ANNIVERSARY: Bernie McHugh, Teodorico Binas, Fr Walter Quinn CM, Antinio Ocariza, Jerry Cleary, Maureen Scotney, John Amos

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Daisy Howes, Elizabeth Anderson, Jean Ritchie, Gary O'Connell, Jack and Ross McAlpine, John Stowers, Ernest James, Leah Joy Layosa (baby) Jack Keniry, Michael Murray, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Alex McKinnon, Colleen Blanch, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Yvonne See, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Mary Porrill.

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

Novena for Vocations

V9 V9 Novena for vocations is a nine week novena of prayer across the Archdiocese for vocations. It began on Sunday, June 15 and concludes at the end of National Vocation Awareness Weeks on Sunday, August 10. The campaign encourages a prayerful culture across the Archdiocese by praying a nine week novena for vocations. **You will find the Prayer for Vocations on the back page of this newsletter. Keep a copy and pray this prayer daily for nine weeks.**

Feast days of the Week

Thursday July 3, St Thomas, Apostle.

Thomas deserves his place in the sun for a whole host of reasons, not the least that he is the only person in the Gospel to address Jesus as "God". This expression of deep faith also is supplemented by an earlier statement to Jesus where he tells his Master: 'We do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way.' From this statement we hear a response from Jesus that is, according to one liturgical source, quite profound: 'I am the way the truth and the life.' As one of the 12 Apostles, Thomas has become much maligned for his doubts following the resurrection of Jesus and His appearance to the disciples in the Upper Room. However there are other legends about Thomas that have no doubt served to redeem him. For instance, there is one that he was the only witness to the Assumption of Mary and that as she rose heavenwards she dropped her girdle. There also is the long-held tradition in Edessa, Mesopotamia that Thomas was the Apostle of India.

Worth a Smile

Women's Revenge. Cash, cheque or card? I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled in her purse, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. 'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked. 'No', she replied, 'But my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I thought this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'

Cleaning-up at Guardian Angels Church

The wardrobe in the priests' sacristy at Guardian Angels has a number of albs hanging amongst the priests vestments. If you own or use one of these albs, would you please remove it until further notice. It would be a good idea to clearly mark your alb with your name before it is returned to the wardrobe. Any albs left at the end of July will be given a new home.

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 9.30am to 12 noon in the 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

Sunday, **July 6,** Parish Golf Day at Colonial

Sunday, **July 20,** ARTICO Concert. 'The Art of Song'

Mary Immaculate Church.
Sunday, **August 10,** Parish Car Rally
Saturday, **September 13,** Music Workshop at Mary Immaculate 9.30am to 4.00pm

Tuesday, **October 21,** Aquinas Mothers of Past Students 50th Anniversary High Tea.

Sunday, **November 29,** Fundraising Event for Ethiopia Mission, Gold Coast Little Theatre

PARISH GOLF DAY

Palmer Colonial Golf Club—Robina
It's on next Sunday, July 6, Tee off at 12noon sharp
Cost \$60 per person— 4 person Ambrose
18 holes of golf-electric cart-Dinner and Presentation
Only a few places left. If you want to play call
Alan Waghorn **now** on 0416 145 054 or email him at

Prayer to Sts. Peter and Paul: O God, Whose right hand raised up blessed Peter, when he walked upon the water and began to sink, and thrice delivered his fellow-Apostle Paul from the depths of the sea, when he suffered shipwreck: graciously hear us and grant, by the merits of them both, that we also may attain unto everlasting glory: World without end. Amen



HYMNS

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (Bob Hurd)

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

**One bread, one body,
one spirit of love.**

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:

Brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light. **R.**

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other, each of the gifts
the Spirit provides. **R.**

No more harm on the mountain
of God: swords into plow-shares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness
of heart. **R.**

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.**

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.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church; the gates of hell will
not hold out against it.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Refrain)

**We come to share our story,
we come to break the bread,
We come to know our rising
from the dead.**

We come as your people,
We come as your own,
United with each other,
Love finds a home. **R.**

We are called to heal the broken,
To be hope for the poor,
We are called to feed the hungry at
our door. **R.**

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

THE CRY OF THE POOR

(John Foley S.J.)

Refrain:

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

Let the lowly hear and be glad:
the Lord listens to their pleas;
And to hearts broken God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

Ev'ry spirit crushed God will save;
will be ransom for their lives;
Will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

We proclaim your greatness, O God,
your praise ever in our mouth;
Ev'ry face brightened in your light,
for you hear the cry of the poor. **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.**

RECESSIONAL

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make
them grow

Refrain:

**Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God,
the love of God with you as you go.**

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace and make
them grow. **R.**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them
grow. **R.**

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make them
grow **R.**

Prayer for Vocations

- A.** At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart
was moved
- B.** For they were like sheep without a
shepherd
- A.** Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"
- B.** "But the labourers are few"
- A.** Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the
harvest
- B.** O Lord we pray that young men will
answer the call to become priests in Your
harvest
- A.** And the shepherds for your people.
Amen

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Zachariah 9: 9-10 Romans 8: 9,11-13
Matthew 11: 25 -30**