

**Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
YEAR A
Australia Day**

SUNDAY January 26 2014

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA!

I took my oath six years ago in the little town of Kulin, Western Australia, not because I had to but because I wanted to, as I believe it demonstrates, following the Lord's example, solidarity and identification with the people you serve. It has been a long journey, from where I was born and grew up, to when I made that final step to embrace this country and its people as my own.

I grew up in a place where many are poor yet the people are generally satisfied, life is laid back and happiness is the ability to smile more than the capacity to buy. The locals didn't think about working or living abroad, much less about becoming a naturalised citizen of another country. I was in this mould when I went through the rigours of seminary formation, with a view towards spending the rest of my life in committed service to my people, through the local church and faith communities.

But as the Bible tells us, the Spirit has a way of derailing our plans and leading us into places we have never imagined. In my life story, that Spirit bridged the gap between my place of birth and Perth, and then Maroochydore, and eventually here in Southport.

So every Australia Day, I retrace the journey that led me to become Australian, and while I swore allegiance to the flag and the constitution of Australia, I am aware that the oath did not divest me of my physical features and cultural traits, my accent and mannerisms which still point to my origins in the land known as the pearl of the orient. That makes me a Filipino-Australian, and I am proud and happy to be one!

Like every Australian, I am proud to sing ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR, mindful of the beautiful rhythm and melody in the lines that speak of openness and welcome, of fairness and generosity: FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS, WE'VE BOUNDLESS PLAINS TO SHARE, WITH COURAGE LET US ALL COMBINE, TO ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR!!!

When those words are truly lived and witnessed to by everyone, from the humblest citizen to the noblest echelons of power, then this land, from a Christian perspective, becomes like a "Galilee of the nations, a great light that beckons to all who live in darkness, and a true witness to the kingdom being near at hand".

So today, I say "Thank You, Australia" and a million thanks to all its peoples whose toils have turned this land into a home for everyone of goodwill. Long Live and God Bless Australia!

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,
Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

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 of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

AUSTRALIA DAY

Each Australia Day invites us to reflect upon how well we are living our shared national values.

Since 1788, the landing of Captain Arthur Phillip on January 26 has been celebrated and mourned by settlers and indigenous Australians.—Throughout the early nineteenth century it was known as Federation Day.—In 1824 Charles Tompson, reputed to be our first Australian-born poet and son of a transportee, described Foundation day in a poem.—In 1838 the first public holiday ever marked in Australia was announced for January 26, beginning a tradition which has lasted to the present.—In 1911, Sydney Archbishop, Cardinal Moran suggested 'Australia Day' as an alternative to Empire Day.—In the Sesquicentenary year 1938, Australia had found agreement on the name, timing and nature of the day's celebration. Aborigines have a different view of the celebration calling Australia Day a 'day of mourning'.—Australia Day 1988 saw the re-enactment of the arrival of the First Fleet in Sydney Harbour, witnessed by two million people. We should all remember that we are disciples of Jesus but also citizens of our world and not living in a Christian ghetto. We are the people of this land Australia and called to work together, with all our differences to live out our humanity with respect for all.

AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

God of Australia.. We bring you our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people; for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys, and vast plains; for its riches of mine and agriculture, forest and grazing land; for the first Australians, who know and love this continent with intimate, profound sensitivity; for the courage, vision and sacrifice of the early settlers; for the diverse races who call Australia home; for these and all your gifts we offer you, O Lord our joyful, thankful hearts. Amen.

Mass on Australia Day will be at 9.00am at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador, followed by an Aussie Morning Tea

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—2014



Parents are invited to an information gathering on **Tuesday, February 11**, in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate church.

During the gathering our parish-family based preparation will be explained. This information session will be at 4.00pm and repeated at

7.00pm. Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on

Thursday, June 12. Children will receive their

First Communion on **Sunday, June 15.**

Please contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au to register for this gathering and the time you wish to attend.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice begins again on Monday, February 3 at Mary Immaculate, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All members, new and old are most welcome. If you sang with the Choir last Easter, now is the time to resurrect the music! If you would like to join the Choir for lots of song and fun, please contact Sister Elisabeth on 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au and the music will be waiting for you. For the first week they will be working on Hallelujah Chorus, so please search for your copy—new people there will be a copy ready for you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INIATION OF ADULTS; (RCIA)

Sessions will begin again on **Thursday, February 6**, at 7.00pm. This is a week later than the dates on your list. I look forward to catching up with you all again.

Sister Elisabeth

FRUITS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Last week we mentioned the requirements for receiving Holy Communion. What does it do for us?

Holy Communion increases our union with Christ and with his Church. It preserves the life of grace received at Baptism and Confirmation and makes us grow in love for our neighbour. It strengthens us in charity, wipes away venial sins and preserves us from mortal sin in the future.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS

You are invited to celebrate with other couples in the parishes of our South-Coast Deanery, your Marriage, whether you were married only last year or decades ago.

Sunday, February 9, 11.00am at St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba.

The Mass will conclude with a renewal of your Marriage Vows

Bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch on the veranda and stay a while to chat with other like minded couples.

For more information contact Sue and Bren Milsom, members of the Gold Coast Team for Marriage Spirituality 55 224 880 milsoms@iinet.net.au

CAN YOU HELP?

Screen Printing or Embroidery

Our Mary Immaculate St Vincent de Paul Conference has a beautiful altar cloth made for them by the Catholic Women's League, for use at special Masses. They would like the altar cloth to bear the Conference name and logo. The Conference would be grateful, to anyone able to screen print or embroider this altar cloth.

Please call Nerida Smith 0417 606 639 or email Nerida.smith@bigpond.com

DO YOU KNOW?

In his last two years as Pope, Benedict XVI defrocked nearly 400 priests for sexual abuse of children. This figure was more than twice as many as the two years that preceded a 2010 expulsion in Europe and beyond. 250 priests defrocked in 2011 and 124 in 2012, a total of 384—represents a dramatic increase over the 171 defrocked in 2008 and 09.

Father Brian McCoy has been appointed to succeed Father Steve Curtain as Provincial Superior of the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) Father Brian grew up in Melbourne and began his education with the Loreto Sisters at Mandeville Hall. He then moved to the Marist Brothers at Canterbury and then to the Jesuits at Burke Hall and then Xavier College. He was ordained in 1977.

Tony Blair told he was 'a fool to become a Catholic.' Ian Paisley told Tony Blair he was a 'fool' when the former prime minister informed the protestant politician he was going to be received into the Catholic Church. The two men met in December 2007, just hours before Mr Blair was formally welcomed into the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Pell says 'Ashes revenge is sweet' Writing in the Catholic Weekly, Cardinal Pell said: 'Revenge is sweet. So runs the 16th century proverb. We all know that Christ prohibited revenge, urging us to turn the other cheek... But these commandments don't quite fit the England-Australia battle for the ashes.

President Obama to meet Pope Francis. As the final part of President Obama's visit to Europe—during which he will travel to the Netherlands, Belgium, and Italy—The Pope and the president will meet on March 27.

TRAINING SESSION

For Readers and Minister of Eucharist.

Sister Elisabeth will be holding Training Sessions at Mary Immaculate of Saturday February 15 for anyone interested in becoming a reader or Minister of Eucharist. Readers 9.00am Ministers of Eucharist at 10.00am. If you would like to attend please contact Sister Elisabeth 55 102 222 or email lis@scp.org.au



Today we welcome into God's Family

Ceana Therese Jose daughter of
Jose Akkuttu Joseph and Aswathy Ann George
Oliver Byron Hayes, son of Byron and Carleen Hayes
Tane Noah Goyoaga, son of Paul Goyoaga and Yvonne Yee

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Hunter, Pat MacDonald, Mary Arthur.

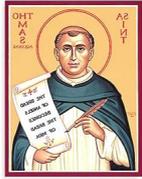
ANNIVERSARY: John Morrow, Carmen Zammit, Philip Zammit, Docie White, Marie Sheppard.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Lydia Hedges, Jack Kennedy, Kobi Pescud, 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, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Christopher Lewis.

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

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 28, St Thomas Aquinas



Did you know he is a priest and doctor of the Church and patron of all universities and students? In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two year period to break his commitment to renouncing the things of this world, even sending an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the "Angelic Doctor".

WORTH A SMILE

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Clause turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

A brief reflection on Mission, inspired by today's Gospel reading from Matthew 4:12-23

The readings today represent Jesus calling people to Mission. One by one, He puts together a rag-tag bunch of men – some fishermen, a tax collector, a freedom fighter, a student – and proceeds to embark on a ministry of both Word ('preaching the gospel of the kingdom') and Deed ('healing every disease and infirmity'). The message for us, as His followers today, is just as clear – what do we need to let go of in order to be able to more freely live out our faith and serve Jesus? Further, as we celebrate our national day as Australians, it also is worth noting how Jesus withdraws in this Gospel to a place beyond the reach of the Jewish King, Herod. In other words, he relocates to a region where the Gentiles hold sway. The message for us, in our secular culture, is that we always need to be ready to engage with people where we – and they – are at. This is how missionaries work around the world so it is not unreasonable that we should look to do the same.



VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless Come.

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.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, Guardian Angels Meeting Room, followed by Mass **Care and Concern,** Meet Third Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

Southport Parish Book Club. Meet in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate on the 1st Monday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon.

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm
Wednesday, **January 29,** School Resumes
Tuesday, **February 11,** Information gathering for Parents of Children joining Sacramental



Preparation Program

Mary Immaculate Church 4.00pm and 7.00pm
Thursday, **June 12, 2014.** Confirmation
Sunday, **June 15, 2014.** First Eucharist
Sunday, **In July,** ARTICO Concert.

RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Centacare is conducting a Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop commencing on **Monday Evening, March 3.**

The workshop will run for seven weeks from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Centacare 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, At a cost of \$10 registration plus \$5 each week. Coffee, tea and a light snack will be provided.

This gentle non-confrontational and supportive workshop provides a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life's challenges. If you wish to register call Centacare on 55 277 211.

PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY

EASTERN EUROPE AND THE HOLY LAND

Our Parish Priest **Father Jan** is accompanying this tour as Spiritual Chaplain. What an opportunity it would be, to be with him as you walk the land where Jesus preached and taught us to pray. Imagine being able to sit and meditate on the Sea of Galilee! 24 Days leaving Australia on August 22. **There are coloured brochures on the tables at the entrance to the church.**

Call Marguerite McMahon 0428 765 954 for more details.

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

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**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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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?

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, 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

IT'S MORE THAN WINE AND BREAD (Vince Nims)

When we eat this bread, our eyes
are opened
When we drink this wine, we hear
your voice
When we celebrate this sacrifice
our hearts become restored.
When we eat this bread, our minds
grow strong
When we drink this wine, we are
renewed

When we celebrate this sacrifice we glorify
our God!

Refrain

And it's more than wine; it's your blood.

And it's more than bread; it's your body.

And it's more than wine; it's your blood.

And it's more than bread; it's your body.

When we receive you Lord, we are transformed into your church.

When we eat this bread, we fill with hope
When we drink this wine, we change the
world

When we celebrate this sacrifice we're
giving you our lives

When we eat this bread, we grow closer

When we drink this wine, we do declare

When we celebrate this sacrifice we profess
our faith in you.

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**

Bread of life and cup of promise,
In this meal we all are one.
In our dying and our rising,
May your kingdom come. **R**

RECESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,

For we are young and free;

We've golden soil and wealth for toil,

Our home is girt by sea;

Our land abounds in Nature's gifts

Of beauty rich and rare;

In history's page, let every stage

Advance Australia fair!

In joyful strains then let us sing,

"Advance Australia fair!"

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
renowned of all the lands; For those who've
come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.