

**Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY March 2 2014

The Beautiful Struggle of Daily Life

Beauty and struggle are rarely thought of as kindred spirits. When we are aware of people struggling in war-torn countries overseas, in drought stricken areas of Queensland or within our own families, it is usually very difficult to see any beauty.

Yesterday I spent a long time cleaning the refrigerator! Many parishioners may be wondering how that household activity connects with either beauty or with struggle!! While doing that mundane chore, I was trying to really focus on the task in hand, 'the now', rather than allowing my mind to be planning other activities or just day-dreaming.

Last week I started reading some articles by Macrina Wiederkehr who encourages us to integrate our prayer and our work. She certainly offers a challenge amid the often frenetic pace of our daily lives. Macrina believes "our ability to look back and reflect on some of the discouraging ordeals from our past enables us to understand that those experiences were not totally devoid of blessings." This healing, reflective process may take years. Gradually with time and after reflection and prayer we are often able to rename our struggle and understand that something deeper was happening within us.

Perhaps we will even be able to rename and own 'the beautiful struggle of our daily life'. Macrina Wiederkehr's recent article seems to echo Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel. Mathew's story concludes with Jesus telling the disciples: "So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow, will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." For most of us it is not always possible to follow the advice of an old song which urged us to "always look on the bright side."

During the coming weeks of Lent, it may not be possible for each of us to spend time alone in prayer after we have finished our daily work. Even if we do have a practice of daily prayer struggles and worries will still arise for us and our loved ones. However if we try during our everyday activities to become more aware of how God has gifted us and to focus on "the now" gradually we may be become aware of the 'beautiful struggle of daily life.'

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,
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Sunday Mass

7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday -7.00am
**Ash Wednesday
7.00am**

**Guardian Angels'
Church**

99 Scarborough St
Southport

**Saturday
6.00pm**

Sunday Mass
7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass

**Ash Wednesday
12.30pm**
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

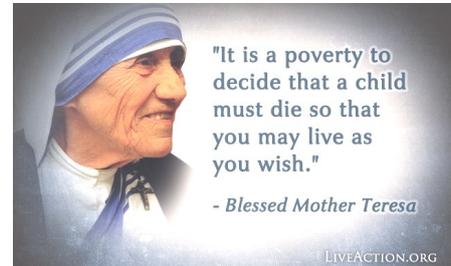
Tuesday - 9.00am
Ash Wednesday 5.30pm
Thursday - 5.30pm



HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOX YET?

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.



DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

With Lent beginning this week, the Church and her people are reminded of the importance of sacrifice. Whatever we do, either by giving something up, or by seeking to do penance, it is never enough to make up for the supreme sacrifice that was made by Jesus on the Cross. But that was the point of His death: We can't do it on our own. Our efforts are not enough! Our faith requires discipline. It requires us to make prayer a priority, even over such daily matters as a budget or cash flow...prayer trumps daily concerns. If we are to seek the Kingdom and what it means to walk on the path to the Kingdom. We require an active vibrant prayer life, A prayer life that says, 'Almighty God, I trust you.' Such a prayer life is a goal that can put our concerns in context. We need to heed the message of today's Gospel from Matthew, we are reminded that God indeed cares for us and wants only the best for us. 'Do not be anxious', Jesus tells his followers.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

All have the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have a duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet.

Pope Francis

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When did Christ institute this Sacrament?

The risen Lord instituted this sacrament on the evening of Easter when he showed himself to his apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained: (John 20: 22-23)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Fast and Abstinence.

Parishioners are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST and ABSTINENCE. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.

The Law of Fasting requires Catholics to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one main meal a day. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The law of Abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Aside from these minimum penitential requirements Catholics are encouraged to impose personal penance on themselves at other times during Lent.

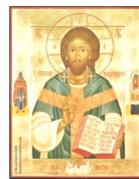
THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Universal: That all cultures may respect the right and dignity of women.

For Evangelization: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

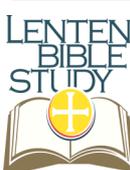
MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

Celebrate Fatima Day at Marion Valley on Thursday March 13 and the Feast of St Joseph on Wednesday March 19. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am on both days. For bookings, please call Viviane on 55 359 623



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
PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER MASS AND
SPEAK WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

LENTEN STUDIES



The Lenten Studies Books have arrived for those who ordered them and may be collected from Sister Elisabeth at the Parish Office. Cost \$8.

Sister Elisabeth's group will start on Tuesday, March 4, the day before Ash Wednesday. They will meet at the Manor after the 9.00am Mass for Morning Tea, begin at 10.00am and finish at

11.00am.

Paula Ashton's group will meet in the "Annex" at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador, also on Tuesday, March 4, starting at 1.00pm for approximately one hour.

Theresa Vossen's group for young mothers will meet in the Resource Centre from Tuesday, March 11, at 9.00am to 10.30am.

If anyone else would like to organise a group, please let Sister Elisabeth know.

Those in Sister Elisabeth's group can collect their books on March 4 at the first meeting.

THIRST FOR TRUTH: BATTLE FOR SOULS

You are invited to attend a **not-to-be-missed** series of DVD presentations of six faith filled talks given by the Fathers of Mercy, Fr Bill Casey and Fr Wade Menezes. The talks highlight the need for each one of us to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ through God's Divine Mercy.

St Mary's Parish Community Hall, Coomera.

Each Wednesday of Lent, commencing Wednesday March 5, then each Wednesday after the 6.00pm Mass until April 9. Duration of each talk approximately one hour.

Coffee and Tea will be served after talk.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
will be held each Friday of Lent at
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. at 7.00pm,
commencing next Friday, March 7.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Steven Smolkovic, Barry Galton, Feliciano Jaca, Susan Jaca Tom Peters, Anthony and Paul Richardson.

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,

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 4, Saint Casimir

Born into a royal family, the third of 13 children in 1461, Casimir was committed to God from childhood. Some of the commitment was the result of a tutor, John Dlugosz, whose holiness encouraged Casimir on his journey. He demonstrated great fidelity, denying the opportunity to wear fashionable clothes and sleeping on the floor, instead of a bed. He died at the age of 23 in 1484 from a lung disease. He was buried with his favourite song, a Latin hymn to Mary called *Omni die dic Mariae* which we know as *Daily, Daily Sing to Mary*. Because of his love for the song, it is known as the Hymn of St Casimir though he did not write it. He is now the Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania.

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Friday, March 7, Sts Perpetua and Felicity

Saturday, March 8, St John of God.

WORTH A SMILE

Saint Peter is sitting on a bench at the Pearly Gates, when two guys arrive, wearing dark glasses, black hoodies and sagging pants. St Peter looks out through the Gates and said, "Wait there, I'll be right back." St Peter goes over to God's chambers and tells him who is waiting for entrance. God says to Peter: "How many times do I have to tell you? You can't be judgemental here. This is heaven. All are loved. Go back and let them in." St Peter goes back to the Gates, looks around, and lets out a heavy sigh. He returns to God's chambers and says, "Well, they're gone." "You mean the guys wearing hoodies?" asked God. No...the Pearly Gates."

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

The Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee is seeking suitable applicants for the position of Assistant Chaplain to work at the Gold Coast campus of Griffith University for six hours per week throughout the 2014 teaching semesters.

This position will begin as soon as possible following the interview and appointment process. For further information please contact Scott Frame on 0404 080 004 or by email at scott.frame@ae.salvationarmy.org

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Catholic Charismatic Prayer meeting is on today.

You are all invited to join the prayer meeting today, after the 10.00am Mass at Guardian Angels Church. This meeting has three components; 1. Praise and worship where we sing praise songs and pray together as one family.

2. A special talk on "Ash Wednesday" by one of our Parish Associates to prepare us for the coming Lenten season.

3. Fellowship over a shared lunch where we get to know each other more, share and listen to life's stories and find a genuine support group in the Parish. For more details or prayer requests, contact Len/Allan Amores 0438 724 053.

Or email len@amores.com.au

Next Sunday, March 9, at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, we will be joined by Year 1 students from Guardian Angels, together with their families and friends.

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 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

Wednesday, **March 5**, Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.

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.

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

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

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

VOCATION VIEW: "The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness." He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and feet in the world. Be people of light.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2014

Families with children enrolled for Sacramental preparation will present their children to our parish community at Mass this weekend.

Parents will present their children at either the 6.00pm Mass at Guardian Angels church or the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate church.

Gradually children's stories will appear on the wall in Mary Immaculate church. All parishioners are invited to pray for these children during their months of preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.



PARISH BUS TRIP

Wednesday, March 19.

Are you thinking of going?

Better hurry only a few seats left

This time visiting OLD KINGSTON BUTTER FACTORY with their Art and Craft Market and a fabulous Devonshire Morning Tea

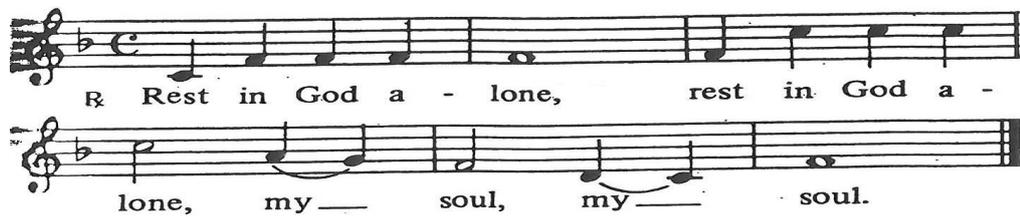
Then going via Jacobs Well to Calypso Bay and HARRIGANS IRISH PUB

for a Typical Irish Meal for Lunch

All inclusive price \$50

Phone Pat for bookings 55 395 849

HYMNS



GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Refrain

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings. **R**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. **R**

Every moment of every day,
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray. **R**

God has watered our barren land
and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink. **R**

GLORY TO GOD: (Mass of St Francis)

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.

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.

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.

Amen, Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Rest in God alone, my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

WE WALK BY FAITH (Marty

Haugen)

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands
and side,
nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

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

LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is his word,
Love is his way,
Feasting with all,
Fasting alone
Living and dying, rising again,
Love only love is his way.

Refrain:

**Richer than gold is the love
of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.**

Love is his way,
Love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table host to the twelve
Love only love is his mark. **R**

Love is his mark,
Love is his sign,
Bread for our strength,
Wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love only love is his sign. **R**

Love is his sign,
Love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love only love is his news. **R**

Love is his news,
Love is his name
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love only love is his name **R**

Love is his name,
Love is his law
Hear his command, all who are his:
Love one another, I have loved you.
Love only love is his law. **R**

LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

(Michael Herry)

Refrain:

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

The bread you give is the living bread,
Your flesh for the life of the world. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM (Marty

Haugen)

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy.
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice.
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **R.**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God! **R.**

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**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY**
Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11