

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

SUNDAY December 7 2014

OF COMINGS AND GOINGS ...

Anticipating that I'll be asked "Don't you like the Gold Coast," I rode the G and drove around to remind myself of the beauty and attractions of the coast that will no longer be my home. With mixed emotions, I remember Socrates, when spotted roaming around a marketplace, saying, "I just wanted to know how many things I will enjoy not having."

Of course I like the coast, like anybody else. For this is not just paradise for surfers and shoppers, schoolies and tourists and holiday-ers, but for everyone, young and old, local and visitor, who knew that paradise is not so much about the glimmer and the glitter of the place, but the smiles and laughter in our faces and the joy and happiness in the hearts of people.

Indeed, any place is paradise when people's hearts are drawn to God, to Christ and his way of dealing with life and the world, to finding beauty and goodness in people even amidst the roughness and the meanness of our surroundings. That thought made me live in the bush in WA, brought me to Queensland and eventually to the gaiety of the Gold Coast. And it made me accept Acacia Ridge and the Filipino Chaplaincy with the same anticipation and eagerness as when I came to Southport early this year.

Priestly life means an endless coming and going, not just because our ministry involves welcoming new life and farewelling another, but because the missionary nature of our work entails that we are on the go, always prepared to be on the road, be where the flock needs us most and go where the bishop tells us to.

I will go taking with me fond memories of the place and its people, despite the short time I have lived and worked amongst you. I will miss you all, but I am consoled by the thought that wherever we go, whichever parish we are sent to, there will be someone or somebody like you. So, our dear parishioners, be aware that you have a role in the life of the church, and the local church can be more exciting and vibrant if your kindness and generosity translate into your active involvement and participation in any of the various ministries and programs of the parish.

When that happens, it doesn't matter who is coming or going, for the "path has been made straight." And time will not be about being long or short, "for 'a day' is like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day" when we live by God's ways.

Thank you all for you friendship and generosity – to Frs Jan and Dom, Frank and Vince, to Srs Lis and Helen, Leanne, Daloras, Donna, Danny, and all staff and volunteers of our three churches, schools and other associated institutions, programs and ministries who make the parish a living face of God's kingdom and family. May advent lead us to a blessed, peace-and-joy-filled Christmas!

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St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am

8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday -7.00am

Wednesday-7.00am

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**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

**Monday, December 8, Extra
Mass,9.00am, Feast of
Immaculate Conception**

Tuesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday
of the Month 4.15pm



**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT
GUARDIAN
ANGELS CHURCH SOUTHPORT AT 4PM
ON SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

It is very important that you **RSVP**
for the Christmas party no later than
Monday **8-12-2014**.

Please come to the parish office to purchase
tickets as there will be **no tickets sold on
the 14th December**.

A Day of Prayer and Solidarity, December 7

At their recent meeting, the Australian Bishops heard grim reports from the Bishops of the Eastern Churches about the situation of the Christians of the Middle East whose plight seems quite desperate at the moment. The Australian Bishops pledged to do whatever they could to support them and their people in the Middle East, especially in Iraq and Syria.

At this meeting, the Australian Bishops agreed to make Sunday, December 7, a Day of Prayer and Solidarity with these brothers and sisters of ours who are suffering greatly. Many have had to abandon their home and possessions and some have had to sacrifice even their lives in order to be faithful to Christ. Many Christians who have been able to flee the Middle East have done so, and we now face the prospect of a Middle East without Christians, which is almost unthinkable in the region where Christ and Christianity came to birth.

A few weeks ago in our Parish a small project of the Peace Lamps was launched. The response to this project was outstanding after the first announcement more than 40 Parishioners put their names to buy the Peace Lamps. As you know by purchasing one of these lamps we support villagers of Taybeh-Ephraim a small village located 25 km north-west of Jerusalem. This village is one of the very few villagers inhabited by Christians. Out of 3400 inhabitants living in Taybeh 30 years, only 1500 remain today.

I am so grateful for such generous response which says a lot about solidarity between Southport Parishioners and the people of Taybeh. Many many thanks!

Beyond this special Day of Prayer and Solidarity Archbishop Mark asks us that this time of Advent be a time when we all learn more of what is happening to Christians in the Middle East and when we pray day by day for them to the God who took flesh on that soil. "For love of my brethren and friends, I say: Peace upon you! For love of the house of the Lord, I will ask for your good" (Psalm 122:8-9). Fr Jan

'Advent Adventures' 2014 in Southport Parish

Any child planning to join in our parish activity day 'Advent Adventures' on Tuesday 16th December is asked to register their name before Wednesday 10th December as places are limited. All children who are planning to come to Mary Immaculate church for Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve are reminded to come on Tuesday 16th December to be included in our 2014 'Story of Christmas'.

Please contact Sister Helen for a registration form before Wednesday 10th December helenw@scp.org.au

Parish Baptism Team

As we near the end of another year, it is time to express thanks to all the members of our parish baptism team. My sincere thanks to all parishioners who have welcomed families for Baptism on Sundays and to all members of the baptism team who have facilitated preparation evenings for parents and godparents. Your presence and input at those evenings has been really appreciated. Very special thanks to those members who are transferring and leaving our parish team. Consequently now we are inviting other parishioners to consider joining our parish baptism team. Preparation will be shared early in the New Year. Please consider!
Sister Helen

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2014

Thank you!

Appeal Envelopes: Cash donations give us the flexibility to give the right hand up needed by someone doing it tough. You may hand the envelopes in at the Parish Office, put them on the plate at Mass, or post them to us. Tax receipts issued on request.

Christmas Giving Trees: The trees will have gift tags on them. Please take a tag home, purchase the gift, and place the gift with the tag under the Christmas tree.

The last day for leaving gifts under the Tree at Mass is **Sunday 14th December**.

We pack the hampers on Saturday 20th December, at Guardian Angels Primary School Hall. Contact Nerida if you want to help pack, hand out or deliver hampers.

nerida.smith@bigpond.cpm, 041 760 6639

Helpers Needed: St Vincent de Paul Donations at Dan Murphy's

A big fundraiser is collecting donations at Dan Murphy's Varsity Lakes (Christmas Eve) and Harbour Town (New Year's Eve). We collect at the door plus bring back trolleys (shoppers often donate for this service). We need 3 - 4 people aged 18+ per 2 hour slot 10 am - 6 pm both days. This is a great chance for our young (and not so young!) adults and their friends to help others before celebrating these special Eves. Contact Nerida 041 760 6639
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YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Jesus offers us something bigger than the World Cup! He offers us the possibility of a fulfilled and fruitful life; ... But He asks us to train, 'to get in shape', so that we can face every situation in life undaunted, bearing witness to our faith. How do we get in shape? By talking with Him: by prayer... By the sacraments... By loving one another, learning to listen, to understand, to forgive... Dear young people, be true 'athletes of Christ!' - Pope Francis, 2013.

If you want to learn more about your faith and relationship with God **come along to our group that meets every second Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate for dinner, discussion and prayer.**

The group is for people aged 18-30ish. The next few meetings will be on December 17, January 14, and January 28.

Contact Alice (text or call) on 0411449895.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD; DAILY MASS BOOK.

For those who ordered these books, they are awaiting your collection at the Parish Office at Ashmore. The price is \$17.



The grace of the Sacrament of baptism has been bestowed upon

Bailey Gregory Barry Brazier son of Gregory & Tamara Brazier
Bella-Rose Jennifer Trace daughter of Shannon & Bianca Trace
Parker Grace Trengrove daughter of Kyle & Zara Trengrove

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mile Mandic, Michael Ruygrok, Stane Kralj, Josip Zoric, Edward Skok

ANNIVERSARY: Raymond Holland

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Suzi Lim, Janine Wharton, Freddie Morgan, David Carter, Angela Taylor, Michael Skinner, David Reynolds, Noelene Owen, Margaret McGiness, Tony Bauer, Ben Howard, Elijah Howes, Laurin Bliss Beverley Wilson, Valerie Atkins, Paula Greco, Mary Weerasinghe, Anne Volp, Bong, Dannie, and Gie Ubaldo, Yvonne See, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Loreto Macato Cabading, Patricia Saclamitao, Serioza, Fran Spiric, Doss O'Neil, Candy, Patrick, and Francis Guillon, Evelyn and Ron Martinac, Elizabeth Anderson, Gary O'Connell, Jack and Ross McAlpine, John Stowers, Leah Joy Layosa (baby) Jack Keniry, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Alex McKinnon, Joe Vohar, Edwin Orlando O'Hara-Close

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercession those who we love and those who are sick or

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

If you are able to help at any of the Christmas Masses, Sr Elisabeth would be grateful to hear from you, 5510 2222 or lis@scp.org.au to complete the Ministry Lists. So far I have had 5 replies.

Office Hours

On Thursday 11th December the office will be closed until 1pm- The parish staff will be in training about the Privacy Act.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS.

There are Posters in each church advertising this event for Saturday, 20th December at 2pm, in De Paul Manor, 1 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore. This will be an excellent way to prepare for Christmas – it is free, and Afternoon Tea will be served. The Parish Choir has been practising for months, and would appreciate your presence and support. If you would like to join us please add your name to the list in each church – we need to know numbers for catering.

Advent Reconciliation

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| 1. December 6 , Saturday, Southport | 4.30pm-5.30pm |
| Usual Saturday Reconciliation | Fr Rafal |
| 2. December 8 , Monday, Labrador | 7am - 8am |
| | Fr Rafal |
| 3. December 13 , Saturday, Southport | 4.30pm - 5.30pm |
| Usual Saturday Reconciliation | |
| 4. December 16 , Tuesday, Ashmore | 9am-10am |
| | Frs Rafal & Albert |
| 5. December 17 , Wednesday, Labrador | 7am-8am |
| | Fr Rafal |
| 6. December 18 , Thursday, Ashmore | 5pm - 6pm |
| | Frs Rafal & Albert |
| 7. December 20 , Saturday, Southport | 4.30pm - 5.30pm |
| Usual Saturday Reconciliation | |

“STAR of WONDER” BOOK-MARKS

Details of the Christmas Mass times in our three churches are printed on a book-mark for each family. Please collect your book-mark today at the entrance of the church.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014/ 2015

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 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Catholic Women’s League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass

Care and Concern, Meeting Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

December 14, Parish Christmas Party 4.00pm at Guardian Angels Church.

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Adventures for all primary school children

Young Adults Group, Wednesday 17th December Meet in the Parish Meeting at 7.00pm

Saturday, December 20, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 2.00pm at De Paul Manor.

Thursday, June 4, 2015 Confirmation.

Sunday, June 7, 2015 First Eucharist

Monster Garage sale Fund Raising Event

Venue: Corinda’s St Joseph School Hall, 28 Clewley Street, Corinda

Date & Time: 13/12/2014 at 11:00AM-5:30PM & 14/12/2014 at 9:00AM-6:00PM

Strictly no furniture and no big items

To help displaced Iraqi children displaced by ISIS, please donate any **useful** household items (toys, footwear, clothes, bric -brac, Electrical appliances, computer items, software, gardening tools, plants, books & CDs/DVDs and bikes

Further queries please contact Khaleel:

Email: khaleel.petrus@gmail.com or phone/sms on mobile number: 0490122645

HYMNS

YOUR LIGHT WILL COME JERUSALEM

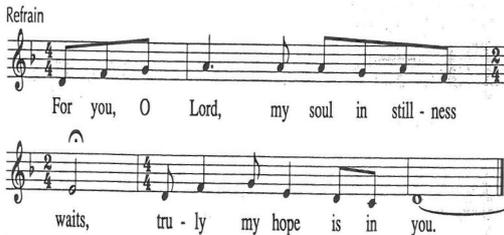
Refrain: *Your light will come,
Jerusalem;
for on you will dawn the glory
of the Lord,
and all nations will walk in your light,
alleluia, alleluia.*

Christ is the light of the world,
A light dispelling the darkness.
May we, his body reflect that holy light. **R**

His light is mercy and peace,
A peace surpassing all telling.
May we, his body, be instruments of
peace. **R**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

My Soul in Stillness Waits 280



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Capo 2: (D) E (D/C#) E/D# (G/B) A/C# (G) A (A) B (Bm) C#m (Asus4) Bsus4 (A) B (Dsus4) Esus4 (D) E

Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

GIFTS PROCESSION OPEN THE HEAVENS

Refrain
*Open the heavens, Lord,
Come to your people,
Hide not your face, O God.
Open the heavens, Lord.
Come to your people,
Open the heavens and come.*

Lift up your eyes to the heavens today.
Listen to hear when he comes.
Know that salvation will break like the dawn,
Open the heavens and come. **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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AMEN

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

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**

COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

IMMACULATE MARY

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendour with Jesus our King.

Refrain

*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be **R**

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son **R**

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,
Most Blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived. **R**

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son;
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come. **R**

God help us to change. To change ourselves and to change our world. To know the need for it. To deal with the pain of it. To feel the joy of it. To undertake the journey without understanding the destination. The art of gentle revolution. Amen

