

**Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A**

SUNDAY February 9 2014

Be Involved in Your Parish life

Towards the end of last month the Holy See requested parishes to provide the statistic in regard to sacraments celebrated in 2013. A few days ago our parish office sent these figures to the Bishop's administrative centre in Brisbane. Today I would like to publicise these figures in our newsletter too, so that you might see that the Sacramental life is at the centre of our Parish activities. So these are the numbers:

Baptisms 221— First Holy Communion 85—Confirmation 86—Weddings 19—Funerals 71

These figures show us today (Sunday, February 9 2014) that in 2013 the Southport Parish, under the leadership of Fr Peter Dillon and his team, shared "the joys and the hopes, the grief and the anxieties of the Gold Coast people, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted." (*Gaudium et spe* #1)

But these statistics don't display the whole life of the Southport Parish, because we need to add to them hundreds of visits to the sick people who stay in hospitals, nursing homes and in their homes. We need to add to them thousands of hours of the dedicated work carried out by so many parishioners who offer their time and talents in various areas of our parish life and ministry: very often in a quiet and discrete way. These hours won't be recorded in the Vatican statistics office but God has his own records and these figures are already there. Without those thousands of hours of your work, the sacramental celebrations wouldn't have happened because your ministry is as essential as presiding at the weddings or funerals. Today I'd like to say **Thank-You** to you all for your enthusiasm and dedicated work in 2013 and I am sure that 2014, which is ahead of us, will be another year of growing in faith and continuing the mission that Jesus left his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28.19)

From this starting point the Church has grown not only in her numbers but also in diversity of ministries which continue Jesus' mission today in different structures of the Church: for instance Catholic Schools, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages, Orphanages etc...

In today's Gospel Jesus says to us: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." (Mt 5.13-16)

Can we apply these words to the Southport Parish?. **Yes, We Can.**

I know, one month in a new place is not long, but the realities of light and salt we recognize at once. If something is salty we say straight away; it is salty and the same can be said about the light, which shines in the darkness.

With Frs Dom and Teri I am looking forward to working with you in spreading across the Gold Coast God's light and "salt" and I ask you for your help and involvement in our Parish life, especially through the Stewardship Program. On my first visit to the Parish Fr Peter gave me a handbook on Stewardship, and when I went through this brochure I counted 102 boxes that can be ticked as an indication of your will to be involved, so plenty of opportunities, from prayer to the financial support, that wait for your response. "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world" (Mt 5. 13-16)

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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
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

WE MUST ADD FLAVOUR TO THE WORLD

Salt is a basic and essential item in our diet but it had a particular value in ancient culture. It is a purifier, a seasoning and a preservative. This was especially the case in the days before refrigeration...What Jesus emphasised is its distinctive taste. We often judge food by saying it has too little or too much salt. Christians then, by their Gospel-centred lives, are to give a distinctive taste to society. Those who really have the spirit of the Beatitudes will permeate the world, renew it and retard its social and moral decay.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a *human act*, that is, an act of the intellect of a person—prompted by the will moved by God—who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also *certain* because it is founded on the Word of God; it works “through charity” (Galatians 5:6) and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE AND ANOINTING

Christ, the physician of our soul and body, instituted these sacraments because the new life he gives us in the sacraments of Christian initiation can be weakened and even lost because of sin. Therefore, Christ willed that his Church should continue his work of healing and salvation by means of these two sacraments.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

A renewal of preaching can offer believers, as well as the lukewarm and the non-practising, new joy in the faith and fruitfulness in the work of evangelization. The heart of its message will always be the same: the God who revealed his immense love in the crucified and risen Christ. God constantly renews his faithful ones, whatever their age.

Pope Francis, November 24, 2013

DO YOU KNOW?

Pope Francis will visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem in May, and the eyes of the world will be on the Holy Land.

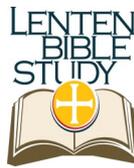
Br Peter Brady, FSC, EdD, from Bethlehem University, said a degree of understanding of the situation in Palestine would be helpful. Bethlehem University is truly a beacon of hope in the Holy Land. There, 75% of the students at the University are female and 70% are Muslim. Christian and Muslim students learn together how to be leaders in a land torn by religious intolerance.

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Pope praised religious sisters: A church without religious sisters would be ‘unthinkable’. Pope Francis said, while honouring the contribution consecrated men and women make to the Church and society. ‘Every consecrated person is a gift to the people of God on pilgrimage.’ he said. Think what would happen if there weren’t any sisters, no sisters in hospitals, no sisters in the missions, no sister in the schools. Think what the Church would be like without sisters—no that’s unthinkable.

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Queen and Prince Philip to meet Pope: Buckingham Palace has confirmed that the Queen is to meet Pope Francis on April 3. In 1980 the Queen became the first British monarch to make a state visit to the Vatican and two years later made history again when she welcomed Pope John Paul II in London during his British visit.

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Oldest Cardinal at 98: Later this month Pope Francis is to make Archbishop Loris Capovilla the former secretary to Pope John XXIII the worlds oldest cardinal. This is believed to be a tribute to Blessed John who will be canonized on April 27.

LENTEN STUDIES



Many of us are still recovering from Christmas and the start of the new School Year, but we also have to turn our minds to Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5.

During Lent in our Parish we have Lenten Studies groups. If you would like to join a group, or lead a group, please contact Sister Elisabeth (55 102 222 at the Parish Office or lis@scp.org.au) as soon as possible so she can order the necessary books. It is essential you have a book, it is a very helpful reflection for the Sundays of Lent. Cost \$8.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—2014



Parents are reminded of the information gathering this coming **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 **today** to let her know the time you wish to attend.

PAWS ON THE PEWS

Some of you may remember seeing Quinn the Guide Dog Puppy at Mass on Sundays at Mary Immaculate during 2013. Quinn was placed with the Carson family for his Guide Dog Puppy Training. Quinn was returned to Guide Dogs Queensland in the latter part of last year to complete his training and will be graduating from Puppy School later this month. Quinn passed everything with flying colours, thus making him suitable as a stud dog. So for now he has the life! Then later he will begin his working life as a Guide Dog. We look forward to seeing all of his offspring in future years, via updates on the Guide Dogs website. It was a great experience for the Carson family and thanks to the parishioners for their support on Quinn’s journey.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The first monthly meeting for 2014 of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women’s League, will be held next Friday, February 14, at 11.00am in the meeting room at Guardian Angel’s Church, Southport, followed by Mass and lunch. New Members and any Visitors would be most welcome. Phone Anne 55 392 707.

ALTAR SERVERS AT SOUTHPORT

The Parish has an urgent need for Altar Servers at the 7.00am Mass at Guardian Angels, anyone able to assist please contact the Parish Office on 55 102 222. Training will be provided.

SPY - SOUTHPORT PARISH YOUTH

Need your Help

As part of their long term plan for our Parish Youth, **SpY** will be running a charity fundraiser after both the 8.30am and the 6.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate today and for the remaining Sundays of this month. They will be selling a gourmet range of coffee, tea and hot chocolate by the cup and by the box. Please give them your support.

ETHIOPIA MISSION

Judy McMonagle and her ladies from the Ethiopian Mission Group, have once again produced a number of Quilts which will soon be taken to Ethiopia and presented to the midwifery graduates from Dr Katherine Hamlin’s Fistula Hospital. These Quilts will be on display next Sunday, February 16, after both Masses at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore and again on Sunday March 2, at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus spoke on Vocations: “You are the salt of the earth, You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father.”



Today we welcome into God's Family

Ashley Raquel Doyle, daughter of
Janice Valdez and Bradley Doyle

Eli Lucas Janovsky, son of Kate and Ryan Janovsky

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Silas Murphy,

ANNIVERSARY: Rudolph Adams, Kevin Dolan.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Yvonne See, Helen Wilson, 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.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 10, St Scholastica



St Scholastica, twin sister of St Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and

the nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening sat down to take their reflection. St Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St Benedict refused to spend the night away from his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunder storm burst and neither Benedict nor his companions could return home. They spent the night in prayer. Three days later St Scholastica died and her brother beheld her soul in a vision ascending into heaven. Benedict sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid her in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543 and Benedict followed her soon after.

Tuesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes is the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary invoked in honour of the Marian apparitions which occurred on numerous occasions in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes, France. The first apparition was on February 11, 1858, when a 14 year old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous admitted to her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle. Bernadette was later canonized a Saint. In 1862 Pope Pius IX authorised the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. This Marian title, *Our Lady of Lourdes*, has been widely copied and reproduced, often in shrines or homes, mostly in garden landscapes.

WORTH A SMILE

The pilot came over the intercom to report trouble with engine number one. "No cause for alarm," he said "but because I'll have to shut it down, our arrival will be delayed an hour." Minutes later, the pilot reported an oil leak in engine number two. "don't worry he said a jumbo jet can fly on two engines. But there will be a further delay in arrival." A few minutes later, it was the pilot again. Their arrival was being pushed back one more time due to problems with the third engine. 'Great!' a passenger grumbled aloud. "If the fourth engine goes, we'll be up here all night.

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

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

Tuesday, **February 11**, Information gathering for Parents of Children joining Sacramental Preparation Program Mary Immaculate Church 4.00pm and 7.00pm Wednesday, **March 5**, Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent. Thursday, **June 12, 2014**. Confirmation Sunday, **June 15, 2014**. First Eucharist Sunday, **In July**, ARTICO Concert.

TRAINING SESSION

For Readers and Minister of Eucharist.

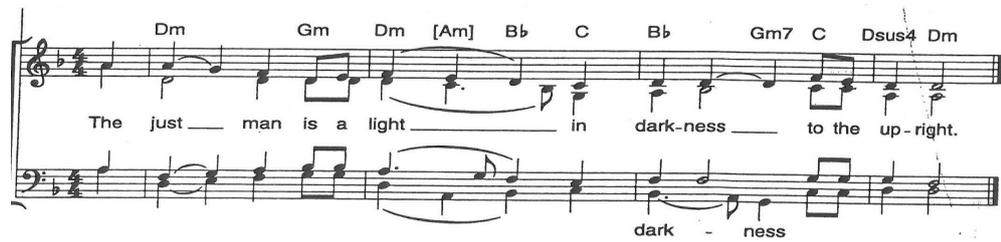
Sister Elisabeth will be holding Training Sessions at Mary Immaculate of Saturday February 15 for anyone interested in becoming a reader or Minister of Eucharist. Readers 9.00am Ministers of Eucharist at 10.00am. If you would like to attend please contact Sister Elisabeth 55 102 222 or email lis@scp.org.au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

NAME BADGES

Are you wearing your Parish Name Badge? If not, why not? Name Badges are very important when meeting new parishioners or greeting old ones, you can call them by name. If you have lost yours or have never had one, there are sheets on the table at the entrance to all three churches. Just add your name to the list and one will be ordered for you. Cost \$10. Payable on collection.

APHORISM: Money will buy a fine dog... But only kindness will make him wag his tail.

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**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others.
Walls made of living stone. **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

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GIFTS PROCESSION

WE GATHER HERE, O LORD.

Refrain:

We gather here, O Lord,
to hear Your saving word.
To feast upon this finest bread,
this richest wine out-poured.

Come, set our hearts ablaze!
Come, fill our nights and days
with purpose strong and vision clear
and songs of thankful praise!

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

TABLE OF PLENTY (D Schutte)

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven
and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that
we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table,
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed
your spirit
With faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of
gladness
To flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil. **R**

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary,
worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life
giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him
my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling
days are done.

RECESSIONAL

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

(Graham Kendrick)
Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with
the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations
with grace and mercy:
Send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **R.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

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