

## Second Sunday of Easter Year B

SUNDAY April 12, 2015

### **“If you can’t learn how to weep, you’re not a good Christian.”**

Tragedies like the militants’ attack on Christian students at a Kenyan university, the continuing crisis in the Middle East and the death of young children in Wyndham Lake can quickly disappear from the headlines of our newspapers and become ‘yesterday’s stories’. But for individuals, families and communities the consequences are ongoing. They can last a long time long after the initial Media headlines.

Most people cannot read those reports without feeling deeply moved; but does an emotional response have any value? Might heart-felt tears themselves be a prayer, leading to further supportive action? Perhaps Pope Francis’ words help to answer those questions. Pope Francis provides us with the beginning of an answer when he tells us, **“If you can’t learn how to weep, you’re not a good Christian.”**

He was speaking to 30,000 young people at a meeting with Filipino youth, when a 12-year-old girl came onto the stage. She sobbed and covered her face as she put a simple but profound question to the pontiff. Referring to the devastating typhoon where many children suffered, she asked **“Why did God let this happen to us?”** and **“Why are so few people helping us?”**

The Pope was visibly moved and told the vast crowd of young people to pay attention because she asked the only question that does not have an answer..., **“Why do children suffer?”** But he finds an answer not in the head, but in the heart. “Only when the heart is able to ask the question and weep can we understand something and come close to answering the question.

Pope Francis noted that Christ cured the sick and fed the hungry; and so should we. But, he adds, “It is only when Christ wept that he understood our dramas.” Francis then presented a challenge by asking the young audience, and us, “Have I learned to weep when I see a hungry child, a homeless child, an abandoned child, an abused child, a child used as a slave by society?” Do those of us who lead a life more or less without needs, know how to weep? Or do we only weep when we want something for ourselves?

Christ wept on many occasions but nowhere do we find an explanation for the mystery of evil. ‘God’s way is to join us in our suffering. Instead of preaching from the sidelines, he gets down in the dirt and suffers with us.’

*(Adapted from NCR article by Thomas Reese Jan.23, 2015, Faith and Justice)*

Sister Helen RSM

#### **St. Joseph the Worker Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

##### **Masses**

Sunday 7:00am

Sunday 8:30am

##### **Weekday Mass**

Monday 7:00am

Wednesday 7:00am

#### **Gold Coast University Hospital**

##### **Weekday Mass**

Friday 10:30am

#### **Guardian Angels’ Church**

99 Scarborough St., Southport

##### **Masses**

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am

##### **Weekday Mass**

Friday 12:30pm

##### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:30pm

(The Church is open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10.30am to 1.30pm.

A priest will be in attendance for  
private prayer and pastoral needs.)

#### **Mary Immaculate Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

##### **Sunday Mass**

8:30am, 6:00pm

##### **Korean Mass**

Sunday 3:00pm

6:00pm

(Last Saturday of the month)

##### **Weekday Mass**

Tuesday 9:00am

Thursday 5:30pm

##### **Holy Hour**

First Thursday of the month  
at 4:15pm

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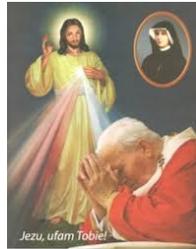


### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

On Easter Sunday millions of Catholics gathered with family and friends to celebrate the day when Christ conquered death and rose from the dead. But that's not the end of the story.

Held a week after Easter Sunday, the understanding of Christian life reaches its completion on Divine Mercy Sunday when faithful are reminded of the mercy afforded to them by Christ's life, death and resurrection. On the spiritual level, Divine Mercy Sunday this year also marks the ten year anniversary of St. John Paul II's death. This occurred on the vigil of Divine Mercy April 2, 2005 and without St. John Paul the feast would not have been recognised today.

The devotion of Divine Mercy was spread by a Polish nun that the late Pope canonised before his death. St. Faustina Kowalska shared the message that **Christ's love and mercy are stronger than sin**. Mercy will reach an important juncture this year when the Vatican will officially proclaim a **Year of Mercy** starting on December 8, 2015 and concluding on November 20, 2016. Pope Francis announced the need for Christians to be a witness to mercy.



On March 13, he said **"This is the time of mercy. It is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments."** **"I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this Jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time."**

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### **ANZAC Peace Prayer**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015** marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ANZAC Day with the landing at dawn of Australian and New Zealand troops on the shores of Gallipoli Turkey; a place now known as Anzac Cove. On this day many Australians and New Zealanders will gather on those same shores **to honour the memory** and sacrifice of so many who died so young.



The parishioners of Southport Parish will also join them, in spirit, to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. We will remember those who lost their lives at Gallipoli **by praying for peace in our world** and by striving to be peacemakers in our own communities. All our Sunday Masses on **26<sup>th</sup> of April** will be marked by this prayer.



Many parishioners may recall the doves that were in our piety stalls for sale as Christmas gifts. As you know those doves have come from the Holy Land which has been marked by war and suffering for so many years. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April, as we honour the memory and sacrifice of those many Australians and New Zealanders who died and were wounded at

Gallipoli, **please bring to our Churches those doves**. We are going to bless and hold them in our hands as we pray for peace in our world.  
Father Jan

### **Meraviglioso**

If I want to summarise in one Italian word these 15 months with you in Southport Parish it is meraviglioso. This period of my life has been wonderful. When I came to Australia nearly two years ago I felt like a fish out of water. Day after day, I began to settle in and I have enjoyed this marvellous country and this beautiful part of the world: the Gold Coast. Now, Southport is a familiar place for me. I am not wrong if I say I have felt at home among you.

My dear friends of the office, volunteers of the three churches, men and women, children and teens, students, street friends and emigrants, sick and poor people, you have all been so wonderful to me. I've really enjoyed my time in the presbytery with my brother priests. To be with priests from different countries is an enriching experience.



Here, I have found ***'that the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true'***. Before I came here, my dream was to have an experience of church in a country where many people from different parts of the world call home. In the Southport Parish, I have experienced this. People from different nationalities, colours, traditions and backgrounds filled the masses. It was wonderful. In these 15 months, I have baptised more babies than the previous 12 years. Quite often I had four children from four different nationalities. It was marvelous.

Through all of you, I have experienced the goodness of God. Thank you to each one who has been a sign of **God's favour**. My gratitude extends to all the sick people I have met in the hospitals and nursing homes. To care for them was a great blessing for me. Despite their sufferings and pain they have witnessed to me the power of the Resurrection.

The list of the people to individually thank is too long. I summarise all of you in one name: **Father Jan**. He represents the whole parish. I was really blessed to work and to live with Fr. Jan. His faith, commitment, service and tireless work are a great inspiration for my priesthood. Thank you for trusting in me despite my Italian style. After this experience, I like more and more my vocation. I am so happy to have been a companion and a priest with you and you all have been a wonderful help to me. It is sad to leave; however, that is our life as a priest. Now that we have met one another, **we are friends forever**. God is wonderful.

The memory of Southport and its wonderful people are marked in my heart forever and it will always be a glimpse of paradise. I hope that I see you somewhere around the globe. God bless you meravigliosi (wonderful people). **Pray for me.**

Grazie tanto e arrivederci!!!

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### **Farewell and Thank You**

This Sunday we say our goodbye to Father Domenico who is going to begin his new ministry at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia.



On another sad note, next Sunday April 19, after 8.30 Mass at Mary Immaculate we will say our goodbye to Sister Lis who finished her work in Southport Parish on Easter Sunday. We are **much appreciative** of Sister Lis' contribution to the liturgical life of our three churches. I **invite all parishioners** to come and **say thank you to Sister Lis**. We wish her all the best as she takes on another adventure of ministering to the sick in the hospital chaplaincy.





## Today we welcome into God's Family

**Oliver** Corrigan son of Marcus Albert and Marta Gutfranska  
**Francesca** Louise Klinge daughter of Daniel and Louise Klinge  
**Natalie** Rose Albertini daughter of Jonathan and Courtney Albertini

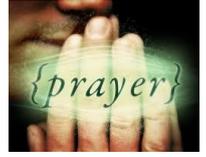
### Your Prayers are Requested for Those Who have Journeyed to the Father

**Recently Deceased:** Peggy Carter, Lynn Fairbrother

**Anniversaries:** Ray Harris, Barry Stanfield

**All Parishioners and Friends Who are Sick and in Need:** Gary O'Connell, Barbara Phillips, Brenda Will

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*



### Cathedral ANZAC Day Mass

An ANZAC Day Mass will be held on **Saturday 25 April** at 8:00am in the Cathedral of St. Stephen. All are welcome to celebrate the **100th anniversary** of this solemn day in the life of our country which will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the cathedral. On this day we greet many veterans and their families as well as dignitaries from government and defence services. The car park will be open until 1:00pm to allow people to attend this Civic Ceremony.

### Planned Giving Envelopes

Your Planned Giving Envelopes are now in the churches ready for collection. They are on the tables at the entrance to each Church.

**Please collect them at your earliest convenience.**

### Hospitality Needed

The famous **Notre Dame Folk Choir** from the University of Notre Dame du Lac, Indiana, USA will visit Brisbane in June. Billets are required for choir members from the evening of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to the morning of Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> (3 nights).

The 48 student choristers who are all over 18 need to be billeted in same gender pairs. There is also a married couple and a family with 13-year-old twin girls and a 10-year-old son. Basic, clean accommodation and a simple breakfast is all that is required. Choir members will also need to be taken to (or helped to get to) and picked up from a central meeting point (probably the cathedral) each day.

Please contact Ms Carmel Taffa, ACU Identity and Mission, if you are willing and able to assist; by phone: 02 9739 2380 or [Carmel.Taffa@acu.edu.au](mailto:Carmel.Taffa@acu.edu.au)

### Rosters

The rosters for June, July and August are presently being prepared. Anyone who has any changes, please call the office and let Daloras know before the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If anyone has changed their email address, also please let her know.

### Social - Bridge Club

The Mary Immaculate Church Bridge Club is offering a new Beginners Course. For more information and to enroll for lessons, telephone Cheryl on: 55388821.

### Easter Raffle

The winner of the Easter Sunday Raffle was Xavier Rico.

### Worth a Smile

- If you need time alone, try cleaning the house.
- People laugh because I'm different. I laugh because they are all the same.

### Parish Date Claimers For 2015

**Morning Tea.** On the first Sunday of each month, at the "Annex" after 8:30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker.

**3C - The Catholic Connect Group.** Our group meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:30am in Guardian Angels Church for prayer, bible sharing and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Allan and Eleanor Amores by phone on: 0438 724053.

**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 of the month, followed by Mass at 7:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker.

**Catholic Women's League.** Meeting second Friday of each Month, 11:00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass and lunch.

**Care and Concern.** Meet fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10:30am

**Young Adults Group.** Meet in the Parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7:00pm

**Confirmation.** Thursday, June 4 2015

**First Eucharist.** Sunday, June 7 2015



### Can You Help?

A lady parishioner from 6 Kurrajong Avenue, Hollywell requires a lift to 8:30am Sunday Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador.

If you can help, please phone: 5577 3540.

### Holy Land Doves

There are still a number of doves for sale in our piety stalls. Those parishioners and visitors who would like to participate in our prayers for peace on Sunday April 26 (commemoration of 100th ANZAC landing and sacrifice) are encouraged to bring them along to our Prayer for Peace Mass on that significant day of Australian history.



### Little White Books

Have you been using the Little Black book during Lent? The Little White book for Easter (reflections on the Resurrection) is now available at all three churches. Price: \$4 each.

# **HYMNS**

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

### **Baptised In Water**

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit.  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise.  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit.  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit.  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, we are his children.  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

## **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.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good his  
love is everlasting.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas because you  
have seen me; happy those who have not  
seen me, but still believe!

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

#### **THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Acts 3:3-15, 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5  
Luke 24:35-48

## **GIFTS PROCESSION**

### **Without Seeing You**

#### **Refrain:**

***Without seeing you, we love you;  
Without touching you, we embrace;  
Without knowing you, we follow;  
Without seeing you, we believe.***

We return to you deep within,  
Leave the past to the dust;  
Turn to you with tears and fasting;  
You are ready to forgive. **R**

The sparrow will find a home,  
near to you O God;  
How happy, we who dwell with you,  
for ever in your house. **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, 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**

### **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.

## **Our Supper Invitation** (Kevin Bates)

Take of my bread and eat,  
drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live,  
branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now;  
eat, take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream;  
love has its will.

Take up your burden now,  
walk 'til you find  
Just what the journey means;  
walk while there's time.  
Food for the journey will answer  
your need.  
Don't be afraid to walk;  
love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat,  
drink my new wine.  
Be a sweet nourishment  
to good friends of mine.  
Let me befriend you now;  
eat, take your fill.  
Share with your people,  
that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,  
drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live,  
branch of my vine.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

### **Glory Be To God in Heaven**

Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love you well:  
On the earth let all your people  
speak your grace, your wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
Hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring!

Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away.  
Now with God in triumph seated,  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour you are God alone.  
In the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three in One!

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### **Parish Social Committee** **2015 Coming Events**

#### **May**

**1<sup>st</sup>** St Joseph the Worker - TBA  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Autumn Melodies

#### **June/July**

**TBA** Artico  
**TBA** Volunteers Thank You BBQ

#### **August**

**15<sup>th</sup>** Feast of Assumption (Mulled Wine Evening)

#### **October**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Low Tea (NRL Grand Final on the big screen)

#### **December**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Parish Christmas Party

Note that TBA indicates that an exact Date/Info will be  
advised in the Newsletter prior to that month.

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