

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C**

SUNDAY February 24 2013

ASK GOD TO OPEN OUR EYES

In St. Luke's Gospel pericope, Jesus invites Peter, James and John, to go with him for a prayer session on the mountains. The mountain is a place of encounter with God. Elijah encountered God on the mountain and so did Moses. As Jesus was praying, the spiritual eyes of the apostles were opened and they caught a glimpse of the true reality and glory of Jesus, they had never witnessed. Peter in his confusion said Lord it is wonderful for us to be here. Then they heard the voice of the invisible God, "this is my son the chosen one, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). This was all the confirmation they needed. Now they would follow him all the way to his suffering and death.

The appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain, represent the law and the prophets which Jesus upholds. Moses received from God the commandments or the law, which regulates human actions, while Elijah represents the prophets, who constantly remind people their duties to God and humanity. The bright cloud that shrouded the mountain signifies the presence of God. In (Exodus 13:21) God guided his people through the desert with a pillar of cloud.

In the Gospel of Luke, prayer precedes every important event that takes place in the life of Jesus; his Baptism, his choosing of his apostles and his miracles. During this Lenten season, let us create more time for prayer so as to experience the spirit and presence of Jesus in our lives.

At times in life, we experience the absurdities of life such that our minds are filled with doubt and we ask, "Where is God?" Think of people who are traumatised by their experience of social injustice and discrimination or many who are undergoing personal and family crisis, such as terminal illness or breakdown of relationship between couples or friends. Sometimes we feel like the world is crashing down on our heads.

At this point we need to go to the mountain of prayer and ask God to open our eyes so that we may see him as he really is and be blessed in his presence. Bearing in mind that his grace is enough for us

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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

**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 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Lent, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore, from **4.00 pm every Thursday**, until the commencement of the 5.30pm Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador at 7.00pm.

WHO WILL VOTE FOR THE NEXT POPE

As Cardinals from around the world gather in Rome to elect Benedict XVI's successor, it is interesting to note that the conclave will have 117 members. There are 61 European, 19 Latin Americans, 14 North Americans, 11 Africans, 11 Asian and one from Oceania, (our own Cardinal George Pell). The country with the greatest number of cardinals-electors is Italy with 21

PARISH MUSICAL PLAYGROUND

This new Ministry for Parents/Carers and children aged 0-5 began last Thursday. We are so grateful for the donations of toys, musical instruments and helpers from all our three churches. The Playgroup is now FULL. Special thanks, to all our helpers. Please keep us and the children in your prayers as we strive to make their world a safer and more beautiful place. Theresa, Anna and Jo. (organisers)

GET IN EARLY—AVOID THE RUSH

As we begin the Lenten season and preparing ourselves for Easter, once again our thoughts go to Sacrament of Reconciliation.



With Easter on our door step our thoughts turn to planning for the coming weeks and Easter. The Lenten period includes time for charity, fasting, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (commonly called Confession) is one of seven sacraments of the Catholic Church in which the faithful obtain divine mercy for the sins committed against God and neighbour and are reconciled with the community of the Church. By this sacrament we as Catholics believe we are freed from sins committed after Baptism. The Sacrament of penance is considered the normal way to be absolved from mortal sins. Mortal sins are a "grave violation of God's law" that "turns man away from God". For mortal sin to be present three conditions need to be present. These being: grave matter (look to the Ten Commandments), full knowledge (we know it is wrong and we know we are committing the act) and full consent (to commit the sin voluntarily). (from liturgy lines in Catholic Leader)

To help with your planning and preparation for Easter our parish offers a number of times in the coming weeks to avail yourself of this Sacrament. In your planning for this Easter the times for the 1st Rite of Reconciliation will be each Saturday at 4.30pm at Guardian Angels in Southport. Further, another opportunity for this Sacrament is offered at 10am Saturday March 23, at Labrador.

A Mass of Reconciliation will be held at Ashmore, 5.30pm Tuesday March 19. This Mass will hold prayers and intercessions of reconciliation.

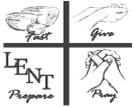
POPE'S LENTEN MESSAGE 2013

Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. Faith, which sees the love of God revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus on the Cross, gives rise to love. All this helps us to understand that the principal distinguishing mark of Christians is precisely love grounded in and shaped by faith.

QUOTE

'I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much.' Mother Teresa.

LENT



Cardinal George Pell in his Pastoral letter says: "The beginning of Lent, once again, sets us on the journey to Easter. We often associate Lent with Our Lord's Forty Days in the desert. This is appropriate because Lent is meant to be a time of trial and testimony. It is also meant to be a lean time, to help trim down our fat, relentless egos, to allow some of our selfishness to die. Easter is about new life. So I ask the question: **what am I doing for Lent?** It is far better in Lent to do more rather than give up something."

WELCOME FOR BAPTISM FAMILIES

On Sunday **March 17**, during the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate church, families with babies baptized in recent months will be welcomed into our faith community. All children and their families walk on the journey of faith together with other families and members of the community. If any parishioner knows a baby who was baptized recently please encourage the family to come with you to our parish Mass of Welcome and to join the community for morning tea. Invitations will be sent to parents of recently baptized babies inviting them to present their babies to the community on Sunday March 17, at the 8.30am Mass. Sister Helen

AQUINAS COLLEGE—2015

Important Meeting for Parents and Guardians

The principal of Aquinas College warmly invites all parents of students who will be commencing Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015 at Aquinas College to an information meeting:

Monday, April 29, 9am to 10am or 7pm to 8pm at Aquinas Drama Centre

You need to attend only one of these meetings. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the process of enrolment, orientation and the content of Secondary Education at Aquinas College.

All parents who are intending to enrol their child in Year 7 or Year 8 2015 are encouraged to attend this event.

WE ARE ACCEPTING 2015 ENROLMENTS NOW

Enrolment Applications can be downloaded from the College website www.aquinas.qld.edu.au

Aquinas College, Phone: 55 102 888 ext.1 email info@aquinas.qld.edu.au Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore.

PARISH BUS TRIP

Yes it's on again, our Parish Bus Trip, **Wednesday March 13**. We will travel to Ipswich where we will have morning tea and visit the Japanese Gardens. From there we go to the Historic Rosevale pub for lunch and be entertained by the proprietor. Leaving Ashmore Plaza, Cotlew Street at 8.30am. From there we will pick up in Queen Street, opposite "The Anglers Arms." Then to Railway Street and Labrador, leaving there at 9.00am Cost: \$45 all inclusive. Ring Pat on 55 395 849 for bookings. Tickets available for collection at all Masses next week-end.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our parish will host a World Day of Prayer celebration in Mary Immaculate church on **Friday March 1**, at 9.30am. World Day of Prayer is a world-wide ecumenical initiative. Parishioners are invited to join with members of other local Christian communities, and to share morning tea afterwards. World Day of Prayer this year is being prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of France.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT

The Little Black Books have arrived. They have daily six minute meditations on the Sunday gospels of Lent (Cycle C). We also have a few purple books for children. Available at all churches. \$5 each



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Liam Vittorio Proia, son of Maurizio and Cynthia Proia
Cooper Cleary, son of Michael and Jodie Cleary
Fletcher Christian Lever, son of Andrew and Paula Lever
Leo Oscar MacHunter, son of Adrian & Bernadette MacHunter

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shirley Elbert, Dorothy Rodriguez, Lucy Fernandes, George Pollock

ANNIVERSARY: Marie Binnie, Tom Peter, Barry Galton, John O'Neill, Ryan McGarry.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Natalie Silva-Oyarzun, Gloria Gaskin, Sharon Fraser, Ron Grice, Noelen Grice, Lyn Cooper, Merv Warren, Christopher Mendoza, Kathy O'Neill, Maria Tocco, Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, Jane Garcia, Patrick Guillon, Norma Bailey, Jacqueline Melvold, Narelle Bickerstaff, Lyn-Marie Tuivasa, Fay James, Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Neil Cormick, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, George Ovens, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Isla Dodge, Jacinta Crohan, Margaret Young, Sheila Grieve, Ray Jarrett, Carmel Donnelly, Anne Volp, Bill Farmer, Pricilla Bussac, Andrew McCurdy, Nicole Elliott, Lisa Magill, Marie Hancock, Michael Hammond, Brent Pratt, Carol Little, Joan Martin, Vickie Hall, Teresa Taylor, Angela Taylor, Gie Ubaldo, Mary Ng, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Kitty Ferguson McGeown, Michael Skinner.

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's second reading we learn that one of St Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that St Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendship with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your journey of faith?

LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of items left in the church at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. Check at the Piety Stall, if you are missing anything.

WORTH A SMILE

Two priests were riding very fast on a motorbike. They were promptly stopped by a policeman who said, "What do you think you are doing? You could have had an accident." The priests says, "Don't worry my son, Jesus is with us." The policeman says, "In that case, I have to book you. three people are not allowed to ride on a motorbike.

THE 'desert' OF LENT

From a special perspective, the 'desert' is that place we enter to be reminded of the One who is truly essential in our lives, when we stand before God with false veneer or pretence. For many of us there can be the 'desert' of illness, of joblessness, of anxiety, of conflict and of doubt; the 'desert' of moving to get back on one's feet after a bewildering setback. And so it is for us during the 40 days of voluntary 'desert' living this Lent. Our prayer, penance and fasting take us to the 'desert' where, stripped of customary comforts and excess, we learn to rely on God alone

EASTER LATE IN THE HOLY LAND

Easter will be five weeks late for Catholics in the Holy Land. Easter Sunday will be on May 5, because the Catholic Church will celebrate Easter according to the Orthodox calendar. For pastoral and ecumenical reasons, the Latin Patriarchate of the Holy land has decided from this year onwards to follow the Orthodox liturgical schedule. The change will come as a relief to many mixed families, whose Catholic and Orthodox members up till now have to celebrate Easter on different dates. It will also help to overcome the impression of division among Christians. A Palestinian man, with a Catholic mother and a Greek Orthodox father, says; "The Muslims ask how many Jesus do we have .

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2013

Families with children preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist in our parish will present their children to the community at the annual Enrolment of Names during Mass. Some families will gather in Guardian Angels church for Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday, March 2. Many other families will present their children during the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate on Sunday March 3. During both Masses parishioners will be invited to take the name of a child and offer prayerful support for that child during their three months of preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

*Francis was overwhelmed by the love of our Crucified Lord
He sought tirelessly to make that love known.*

Next meeting of the Fraternity will be on Wednesday, February 27, at Infant Saviour Church Meeting Room, Park Road, Burleigh Heads, from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Former professed members, all visitors and enquiries are most welcome.

MARIAN VALLEY CARUNGRA

Celebrate Fatima Day at Marian Valley, Canungra on Wednesday March 13. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. Please phone Viviane on 55 359 623 for booking

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Canacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

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.

Friday, **March 1**, World Day of Prayer, Mary Immaculate 9.30am Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.

Saturday **March 2**, and Sunday **March 3**, enrolment rite for families for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Wednesday, **March 13**, Parish Bus Trip to Ipswich.

Monday, **April 29**, Aquinas College new enrolment meeting. Sunday, **March 31**, Easter Sunday.

Thursday, **May 23**, Confirmation will be celebrated.

Sunday, **May 26**, Children will receive First Eucharist.

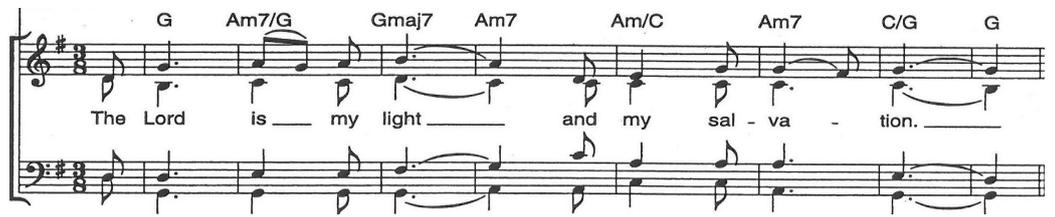
Sunday, **July 14**, Parish Gold day.

BIBLICAL QUIZ

Today's second reading was from Philippians:

Who did Paul report had recovered from his illness and was returning to Philippi? Answer next week.

HYMNS



SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD

Refrain:

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near, Trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives,
Direct us in our calling;
Break the snares the world contrives,
Keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life that Christ by
dying gave us:
Though we faint in mortal strife His blood
will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love we owe
to one another;
How can we love God above and not our
brother? **R**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus:

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard; This my beloved Son, hear him

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus:

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

GIFTS PROCESSION

BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
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.

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

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

YOU ARE MINE (David Haas)

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

Refrain:

***Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.***

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell
in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. **R**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live! **R**

RECESSIONAL

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD.

Refrain:

***Create a new heart, Holy Lord, beckon
our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.***

The heart of the cross,
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising
hope, promising truth. **R**

Restless, the hearts who yearn
for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream. Justice brings life,
justice redeems. **R**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12
Luke 13:1-9

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