

**Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY February 15 2015

My brother is an only child

In the seventies Rino Gaetano, an Italian singer and composer, wrote a beautiful song entitled: *My brother is an only child*. His music was very popular among the teenagers of that time. After his sudden and tragic death, his songs have been revived and appreciated a lot and still are popular today. Through his satirical language, his songs were an incisive analysis of what actually was going on. He criticized the corruption and the attitudes of a society which had lost its real values. He was a voice outside of the choir with his mix of folk-rock and his paradoxical language. The title and the meaning of this song is a paradox: *My brother is an only child*.

Who is the protagonist (or subject)?

In his song Rino told us of the men and women who were like an only child for his society. He identified two types of people. First: those who were different and alternative because, they didn't follow the crowd or fit the usual mould. The second category was formed by those who didn't have a voice or power because they were poor, sick or persecuted.

At the end of his song Rino gives a sign of hope: ***despite everything and everyone I love you: brother or sister, whoever is an only child for the rest of the world.***

Nowadays, if we look around us, the people of these two categories are still on the borders of our society. In the last newsletter we read about human trafficking, this is an example. Many people are still marginalised due to their beliefs, attitudes and lifestyles. A few weeks ago many leaders of the world went to Paris to protest against terrorism. At the same time thousands of people were killed in Nigeria. However, this news isn't given a big space in our media. It has been the same for the Christians killed in the Middle East. A few months ago Ebola was the central topic of the news. We took many precautions to prevent any cases coming into our countries. Nevertheless, in Africa many villages have been totally destroyed or are still decimated by this terrible disease. They don't make the news in the western world. Many emigrants have drowned in the ocean or sea. However, they are less eminent than our own wealth and security. It happens within our small community as well. When we have prejudices for those who look different from us. Sometimes even in our family our siblings are less important than our success and business.

During Jesus' time, a leper was an outcast - someone who was marginalised. They were forced to live in the bush; they couldn't stay in the villages with their families. They were affected by this terrible sickness and they couldn't be part of the public life as well. In the Gospel we hear that Jesus healed the leper. However, this miracle was more than a healing of the body. Jesus gave him a new dignity as a man and son of God.

Christ came to heal us; to touch our lives. He reveals to us the real face of God. His steadfast love and mercy gives us new dignity and a new identity. We are no longer *an only child*. Wherever we live and whoever we are if we love we recognise in the face of every man and woman, a brother and a sister. Despite our differences each one of us has the same dignity of children of God, the Father.
Father Dom. Ciao Ciao !!

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Things to do for Lent

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 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.

The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food.

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

Mass times for Ash Wednesday February 18

St Joseph the Worker, Labrador: 7.00am

Guardian Angels, Southport: 12.30pm

Mary Immaculate, Ashmore: 5.30pm

Mass Times: Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane

8:00am; 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm

The Sacrament of Penance will not be heard on Ash Wednesday

St Patrick's Fortitude Valley— 7:00am & 11:00am

The Francis Effect

Our commitment to the poor does not consist exclusively of activities or programs of promotion and assistance; what the Holy Spirit mobilises is not an unruly activism, but above all an attentiveness which considers the other, in a certain sense as one with ourselves.

Miracle helps the secret get out.

Today's Gospel story may be an early version of the story of the ten lepers. However the point is quite different. In this version the leper, far from not thanking Jesus, goes about the land and expresses his gratitude to all who would listen.

In a culture that had a firm mistrust of change, they had an obligation to reject anything that changed what they believed was God-given lifestyle. When Jesus touched the diseased man, he 'took' the disease upon himself. He changed the status of the 'unclean' to 'clean' and became polluted. He made himself rejected, so the leper could become accepted. And he did it willingly. He took death upon himself, so all might have eternal life with God.

Vatican calls for greater role for women

A new Vatican report has warned that the Church's image of women does not correspond to reality, and calls for them to be given decision making roles. The authors of a discussion document for the Pontifical Council for Culture's women's issues meeting this week, are warning the Church against using "rhetoric and clichés" to portray women as an "army" of teachers, catechists, mothers and grandmothers—a deception it says that seems to bring to a small ancient world that is disappearing.

Ministers Rosters are ready for collection from the table at the Church entrance.

Stations of the Cross
will be held each Friday of Lent at
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at 7.00pm
commencing next Friday, February 20.



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, during Lent each Thursday from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to pray and be present before the Lord in these days leading us to Easter.

Join a Lenten Study Group

Evangelisation Brisbane Family Lenten Program

Since 1976 the Archdiocese of Brisbane has produced quality programs for adults to enter deeply into the Church's season of Lent. This year's Lenten program "Rich in Mercy" continues this tradition.

Evangelisation Brisbane, the Archdiocesan agency to support parishes has also produced a family resource, "Families Living God's Mercy" with the intention of encouraging and assisting families to engage fully in the Lenten Season. Copies of this resource can be found on the table at the Church's entrance, or on the website, www.lentenprogram.com

Parish Social Function—Bare Foot Bowls



The first Parish Social Function of the year will be Bare Foot Bowls at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club on Sunday, March 8.

This will be a great opportunity for those who don't usually attend parish social functions to meet lots of new friends.

The day will commence at 12 noon with lunch, available for \$13.50, including sweets.

At 1.30pm its on to the greens for an afternoon of fun. It will only cost you \$2 for the hire of bowls.

For every drink purchased from the bar you will receive a free ticket in a meat tray raffle to be drawn at 4.00pm. Courtesy Bus available to take you home, it leaves the club at 4.30pm.

We need to know who is coming so ring the Parish Office 55 102 222 before Friday February 27, to let us know.

The World day of Prayer

The World day of Prayer for 2015 will be held on Friday, March 6 at St Peter's Anglican Church Southport at 9.30am. All Parishioners are invited to attend. The World Day of Prayer this year is written by The World Day of Prayer Committee from The Bahamas. The theme being Jesus said to them—"Do You Know What I have Done To You".

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult group will be meeting after the 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate on Ash Wednesday, February 18. If you are between the ages of 18-35 ish, we would love for you to come along to share a simple meal and to hear from a guest speaker from Nepal, who works for Caritas. Please email Alice for any additional information at alicemabbutt@gmail.com

A Vocation View: Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ Today?



Today during Mass we welcome into God's Family

Louis Weston Harrison, son of Zolan and Trudy Harrison

Orlando Chanuka Joseph Moraes, son of Joseph and Sudheshini Moraes

Your Prayers are Requested for those who have journeyed to the Father.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Jessie Pittendrigh, Graham Fletcher, Joan Hammond.

All Parishioners and Friends who are sick and in Need: Lawrence Grieve, Pat Wehmeier, Rita Tessari, Trudi de Vries, Tim Howard, Gary O'Connell, Merv Pfiffer, Juilio Ribeiro, Angela Taylor, Sophia Nueva (Fr Teri's Mother).

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.

This Week's Saints

Tuesday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

"In the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century, with the city torn by political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathars, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil, seven men mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers.

"Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario.

"In 1244, under the direction of St Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders."

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday.

A day of Fast and Abstinence.

Worth a Smile

A boy asked his father, "is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replies, "That happens in every country, son".

Then there was the woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late."

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.

If you want your spouse to listen and pay attention to every word you say...talk in your sleep.

There will be a Lenten Program at De Paul Villa Aged Care on Tuesdays during Lent commencing February 24 at 10.30am in D Wing Lounge of Vincentian House. Families welcome. Contact Carol on 55827250.



Sister Elisabeth's Lenten Study group will meet on Tuesday, February 17 in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate after the 9.00am Mass and will meet for one hour. Books have arrived for those who contacted Sister Elisabeth. Price \$7.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 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.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm every Wednesday, followed by Mass at 7.00pm on the First Wednesday of the month 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

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

Wednesday, **February 18,** Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent

Sunday **March 8, Bare Foot Bowls.** 1st Parish Social event of the year.

Sunday, **March 22,** Archbishops Pastoral Visit to the Parish Sunday, **April 5,** Easter Sunday.

Thursday, **June 4 2015,** Confirmation.

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

Year for Consecrated life

In November 2013 Pope Francis announced that 2015 would be dedicated to consecrated life. Over the next few weeks we will share some prayers from those who have helped shape communities of people living a consecrated life.

This week it is a prayer to St Clare of Assisi.

"God of mercy, You inspired St Clare with the love of poverty. By the help of her prayers, may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit and to the joyful vision of Your glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. Forever and ever. Amen"

We haven't forgotten you!

The next Parish BUS TRIP will be Wednesday March 18 to MURWILLMUBAH

To visit the Northern Rivers Art Gallery and the Margaret Olley Studio Lunch at Tyalgum Pub

Bus will leave St Joseph the Worker Church at 7.30am Pick up Southport and leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.00am Price \$50. Call Pat to book 55 395 849.

HYMNS

ALL ARE WELCOME (Marty Haugen)
Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain:
**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and
as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **R**

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain:
**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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to you Lord., in time of trouble, and
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

Alleluia, Alleluia,
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15**

Capo 1: (Bm) Cm (F#m) Gm (G) Ab (A) Bb (Bm) Cm (A) Bb

I turn to you, Lord, in time of

(D) Eb (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb (D) Eb

trou - ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

GIFTS PROCESSION

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.

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

When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup, we proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Shalom)

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

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Refrain:

**One bread, one body,
One Lord of all,
One cup of blessing
which we bless.
And we, though many,
Throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts,
Many the works,
One in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. **R**

WE REMEMBER

Refrain

**We remember how you loved us
to your death,
and still we celebrate,
for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you when
you come in your glory, Lord.**

**We remember,
we celebrate, we believe.**

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning
Just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people,
and hold them to your heart. **R**

Now we recreate your love,
We bring the bread and wine to share a
meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
The presence of the Lord **R**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams of every heart,
Peace beyond all telling,
and freedom from all fear. **R**

See the face of Christ revealed in every
person standing by you side,
Gift to one another,
and temples of your love. **R**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SING A NEW SONG

Refrain:

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains
high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.**

All God's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound. **R**

Rise, O children from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song. **R**