

The Baptism of the Lord Year C

SUNDAY 13 Jan 2013

Life's great happiness is to be convinced we are loved. Victor Hugo

Our expectations can have a profound effect on what we allow to happen in our lives. If we have no expectations, believing that nothing can change, nothing will. If we expect the worst, we will do nothing to stop it happening. If our hopes are overly grand and unrealistic, we are building our lives on sand. The trick then is to have expectations that offer true hope yet which are anchored in reality.

Jesus emerged amongst a people who had great expectations. Having experienced centuries of oppression, with the appearance of John the Baptist, they sensed change was coming. Naturally they looked to this dramatic fiery prophet and wondered, "Was this the Anointed One? Was this the new Moses who led them anew out of slavery?" They expected and wanted a great dramatic leader – as did John himself – someone fiery who would denounce evil and stand up to their enemies. But they got Jesus - Jesus who in being baptised in the midst of the people began his ministry by identifying with them in their sin and failure. Jesus, who largely preached out in the countryside to ordinary people telling them that the Kingdom of God was in their midst. Jesus, who forgave sins and assured people that they were dearly loved by God. This is not what they expected.

Rather than being a leader up there, out front, Jesus led in their midst, as he does in ours. This calls for a radical review of our expectations. The transformation he offers is not outside us. Rather he stands with us and wants us to hear the words that were spoken to him by the Father, "This is my Beloved." In hearing those words and believing them in our hearts, our expectations will be changed. We will begin to wonder what could such a loving God expect of me...and then we will truly have accepted Jesus as the leader He desires to be.

This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role our baptism has played in our lives. It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God's kin-dom.
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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

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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 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

Message from Townsville Diocese

“As the Acting-Vicar General for the Diocese of Townsville, it is my saddest duty to report the following to you on behalf of Bishop Michael Putney.

The bishop has learned from his doctors that biopsy results have shown that his cancer has spread to his liver. As such, it is completely untreatable and incurable, and so his condition has become terminal.

He will not be proceeding with any surgery, but will undergo a course of chemotherapy to manage the symptoms. However, the reality is that he has only “a matter of months rather than years” left to him.

Bishop Putney is very calm and peaceful about his condition and entrusts his future to God. He will return to Townsville next week to resume his ministry here until it is not possible for him to continue.

This is very swift and tragic news for him, for our diocese, and for the wider Church which he has loved and tirelessly served. I am sure your prayers and support will bring him comfort and strength in these days.

Mary, Help of Christians, Patron of Townsville Diocese and Patron of Australia, pray for us.”

Rev Michael Taylor
Acting-Vicar General
Diocese of Townsville”

Are you searching? Do you want to know more about God?

The Archdiocese is offering a course in “**Beginning Theology**” The course offers the opportunity to:

Consider who is God and how we experience God. The nature of the God we believe in, our relationship with God and the problem of evil and suffering.

Explore the inspired Word of God, key themes of the Old and New Testaments, Jesus' identity and the titles given him.

Delve into the church as the community of God's people, the sacraments and the Holy Spirit, origins of the Church, images of Church and its mission.

Investigate what it means to live in God's love; what the church teaches about contemporary ethical issues; What is Christian morality? For more information go to: <http://ife.qld.edu.au/content.php/beginning-theology> or phone 3336 9167.

Catholic Leader Returns

After few weeks break over Christmas the popular Archdiocesan newspaper is available for sale (still only \$2) this weekend .Two interesting articles, one on the famous Spanish pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, and another by Elizabeth Harrington from Liturgy Brisbane on the Sacrament of Penance, plus lots of other interesting items. Try to read the Leader each week to keep up with happening in the local and international church.

Confirmation and First Eucharist 2013

Our parish will celebrate Confirmation on **Thursday 23rd May 2013** in Mary Immaculate church Ashmore. Children will receive their First Eucharist on **Sunday 26th May**. Parents wishing to prepare their children for Confirmation and First Eucharist next year are encouraged to bring their children to Mass on Sundays. The children are invited to join in Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday during school terms. The annual enrolment ritual for Confirmation and First Eucharist will be at 8.30am Mass on Sunday 3rd March at Mary Immaculate church. Families are asked to make these three important dates in their 2013 planner.

Sister Helen

Rosters

We are now preparing the rosters for all ministers for the month of March, April, May, if you have any changes, or if you have a new email address or you were not on the last roster and would like to go back on this next roster please contact the parish office on 5510222.

Found

A child's bracelet and a ring has been handed in to the parish office anyone who has lost either of these please call the office on 5510222

Invitation to Join our Parish Baptism Team

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism is about being made a member of the community of faith; it is not a private family occasion. Today members of our parish community are encouraged to reflect on how they use their own gifts to serve the community of faith.

Here are some ways members of our parish Baptism Team help parents prepare for the Baptism of their children:

- Welcoming parents and godparents to preparation gatherings
- Facilitating preparation sessions
- Providing hospitality during gatherings
- Offering to journey with a family preparing for Baptism
- Greeting families and visitors before Baptisms on Sundays at Mary Immaculate church

Today parishioners are invited to consider how they could contribute to this vital ministry in our parish. A preparation session for new team members will be in mid-February.

Please contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au by 3rd February to join our parish Baptism Team.

St Vincent de Paul Mary Immaculate Conference – Food Hamper Recipe Book

Thank you Parishioners for your very generous donations to our Christmas Appeal – we are still counting and more than \$4000 will have been donated along with many, many baskets of food and gifts – your kindness and concern for others who needed a hand-up over Christmas knows no bounds!

We welcome Fr Geoffrey Agu as our Conference Spiritual Director and look forward to receiving his spiritual guidance and leadership.

Our regular food hampers containing your food donations to the Hamper Bins at the back of the Labrador and Ashmore churches continue all year – your gift of a tin/packet of food helps us create the hampers we take to the families we visit. They are so grateful to receive these hampers and to have food on the table that night, especially when parents have gone without food to feed their children. **We have updated**

the Hamper List so you may wish to take a List from the Hamper Bins or St Vincent de Paul Information stands at the back of the two churches. Our Hamper Team is creating a Food Hamper Recipe Book using Hamper foods plus other inexpensive easy to buy foods as ingredients. We will provide the Recipe books to the families we visit... and of course will make them available to you and others (a small donation to the Conference would be appreciated). **Your own Recipes are welcome! Please submit your Recipes to us at P.O. Box 107, Ashmore City 4214 OR the Parish Office OR nerida.smith@griffith.edu.au. Thank you!!**

Relocating ?

Have you relocated recently? If so, please let the Parish Office know of your change of personal details, telephone number, email, and address.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Isla Pearson daughter of Andrew Pearson & Carolyn Rotolo

Ava Rose Ross daughter of Kimball & Jodie Ross

Ben William Ross son of Kimball & Jodie Ross

Ariella Christelle Rita Troumboukis daughter of George & Kathleen Troumboukis

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

Laureen Hewson, Bradley Sheppard, Dolores Urquijo, Ethel O'Malley, John Walton, Niko Mladovic, Rose Heany.

ANNIVERSARY: Ken Hunter, Glenn Pile, Brian Dalton, Marie Sheppard, Christina Harkins, Nucifora family, Zane Melvold

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Jane Garcia, Patrick Guillon, Norma Bailey, Jacqueline Melvold, Narelle Bickerstaff, Ashley Lafferty, Jean Cowles, Lyn-Marie Tuivasa, Fay James, Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Julie Watkins, Neil Cormick, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, Judy Crane, George Ovens, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Jacob Redman, Isla Dodge, Ken Knowles, 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, Bernadette Towson, 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.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR-2013

Sunday **20th January** Confirmation & First Eucharist preparation forms available

Monday **21st January** 10.30am Care & Concern meeting.

Wednesday **30th January** school resumes.

Saturday **2nd February** De Paul Manor Estate Open Day

Saturday **2nd February** Children's Liturgy Volunteers' Training Day ACU

Sunday **3rd February** Children's Liturgy "sign-on"

Sunday

Monday **4 February** Choir practice 7.00pm Mary Immaculate, Ashmore.

Wednesday **13 February**—Ash Wednesday

Wednesday **20 February** GIRM workshop at Clear Island Waters

Friday

Friday **1st March** World Day of Prayer.

Saturday **2nd March** Repertoire, Renewal & Formation Day at Clear Island Waters

Day at Clear Island Waters

1st & 3rd Thursday each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6-7pm in the Mary Immaculate Library.

First Sunday of each Month: Morning Tea at the

"Annex" St Joseph the Worker, Labrador after

8.30am Mass

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month:

Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels

Church, 11.30am

Catholic Mission

Want to deepen your faith & see how the Church is making a difference around the world? Got an itch to travel? Then let Catholic Mission help you scratch it. This year, as part of its Getting Involved Globally (GIG) program, we are inviting people to experience life – and the Catholic faith – in Ethiopia and Timor Leste. They are just two of the destinations being offered as part of our annual immersion experiences available around the world. Travel dates are **May 25-April 7** (Ethiopia) and April 15-24 (Timor Leste). There also are trips planned for South Africa later in the year, further visits to Timor Leste and a reflective pilgrimage along the Camino (September 2

Religious Gifts

Our piety stalls at Mary Immaculate and St Joseph the Worker carry a range of bibles and prayer books as well as a variety of pious goods. These "shops" are open on Sundays before and after mass.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will begin again 4th February at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore. Preparation for Easter will begin at this time. New comers and "old hands" will be welcomed with open arms. Please let Sr Lis know your intention to be involved in this fulfilling ministry. Ph 55102222. Perhaps participating in the Parish choir is part of your New Year's resolution!

Care & Concern

First meeting of the year will be Monday 21st January at our usual place (not the Ashmore Tavern) 10.30am start. Don't forget your worksheet, please. See You There!

St Vincent de Paul Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal

Our thoughts are with all the families who have been affected by the fires in Tasmania. Your support will help St Vincent de Paul in Tasmania to assist those who need it during this devastating time.

Please donate to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal, 191 Invermay Road, Invermay Tas, 7248 or by phoning 13 18 12. A money donation is the most practical support that we can provide.

Fatima Day

"No celebration of Fatima day on the **13th of January** and **13th of February** as it is Ash Wednesday. But Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes on **11th of February** at Marian Valley. Bus will leave Sacred Heart at 0815am. For further bookings please call Viviane on 0755359623.

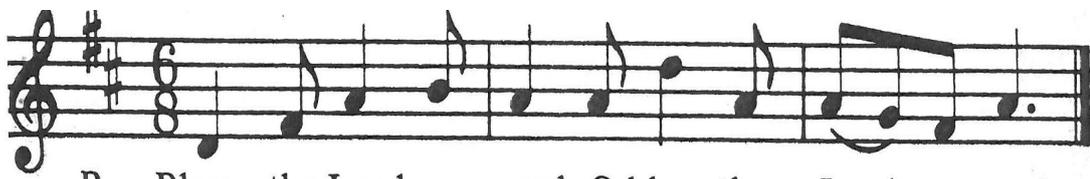
New Ministry- "Musical Playgroup" starting February 2013!!

This new ministry is being set up by 3 Mothers from the Parish to offer support for parents/carers; and music & play for children 0-5 years! Open to all in our parish and wider community- please spread the word. Affiliated with Playgroup QLD Assn.

When: **Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am** starting mid **February 2013**

Where: "The Annex", St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. Interested Parents/Grandparents/Carers with children, or Volunteers willing to serve morning tea/ bake for the group. Please Contact:

Theresa Vossen ctvossen@me.com 0423743616



R Bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord, my soul.

HYMNS

PREPARE THE WAY

There was a man of God
whose name was John.
He came to speak for the light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the lord"

Refrain:

**Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.**

Mountains and hills shall be brought
to the ground,
the winding paths be straightened
and all on earth shall see his face;
prepare the way of the Lord. **R**

He's the lamb of God and you
must follow him who takes the sin
of the world,
for he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord. **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. **R Amen Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Bless the Lord my soul, O Bless the Lord
my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia!
You are born of water and the spirit,
fountain of our dreams. Lord Jesus Christ!
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia

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GIFTS PROCESSION

ALL THAT I AM

All that I am,
All that I do,
All that I'll ever have,
I offer now to you.

Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.

All that I am,
All that I do,
All that I'll ever have
I offer now to you.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Bless'd 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

COME TO THE WATER

Refrain

**Come to the water,
you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing,
I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness
I have to offer! Come listen! Live!**

Why spend your money
on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

Just as the heavens are high
above earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and
know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread,
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled! **R**

BREAD OF LIFE, HOPE OF THE WORLD (Bernadette Farrell)

Refrain:

**Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
Feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.**

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
We remember your promise
to return again. **R**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. **R**

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **R**

RECESSIONAL

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God! **R**

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another;
To walk humbly with God!**

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
So hatred and blindness will be no more! **R**

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk
with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Isaiah 62:1-5.
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11**