

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

SUNDAY 27 Jan 2013

Losers Can Grin Too

As our nation slowly comes to realise that as much as we are a “sports mad” country, we are not always the winners. This last summer has shown us that others can beat us at cricket, tennis, golf, football and a dozen other endeavours where we have prided ourselves on being “simply the best”. But one of the most positive outcomes of these mild defeats is the emergence of that cherished Australian spirit, of recognising and applauding excellence and endeavour wherever it is found. It seems clear that we are a surprisingly tolerant and accepting group, such that when division breaks out in our communities, we speak out against it, and embrace the fact that although we are many, we are one, and we can live with ambiguity and uncertainty.

One of the signs of a healthy spirituality is tolerance, that is, the ability not to jump to conclusions. This means we are slow to judge people and situations. Rather we are able to live contentedly with loose ends, ambiguity and diversity in our lives.

When faced with ambiguity most of us find it hard to be open-minded. Generally we prefer a world that is divided into neat compartments labelled good and evil, right and wrong, black and white. We crave certainty.

Ambiguity is a reality of daily life, and a healthy culture and spirituality, knowing this, fosters open-mindedness and patience. It reminds us that certainty is not necessarily a goal of life. Anthony DeMello, SJ, warns us “Certainty is the sin of bigots, terrorists, and Pharisees”

Jesus certainly appreciated the ambiguities of life. On more than one occasion, he urged his disciples to keep an open mind and not jump to conclusions. (Lk 13:8-9- The parable of the barren fig tree, and Mt 13:29-3. - Wheat and weeds growing together).

Jesus, too, appreciated and celebrated the diversity in people. In the gospels we see him choosing a diverse group of men to be his apostles. Several were fishermen, one a tax collector, one a religious zealot. A few were outspoken while others were reticent.

Nor did he limit discipleship to men only. He invited women to be his followers as well, even choosing them to be the first recipients of the good news of his resurrection. Jesus looked beyond the differences of personality, occupation, age, and gender and race and saw only the oneness of humanity.

But it is in his teaching on love that Jesus addressed the challenges of diversity most directly. We are not only to love our neighbours, which is often not all that difficult, since our neighbours are often people like ourselves. But then he gives us another commandment: we are to love our enemies, those individuals that we perceive as totally different, as “other”, as “them”. This commandment, to love our enemies, is nothing less than a call to tolerate maximum diversity. It’s a command to give others- even those who oppose us, or look or speak differently, whose history, food, music, clothes and culture is new to us- the rights and opportunities that are freely available to all who call this great brown land their home.

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St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade,
Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Australia Day - Monday 9am
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

AUSTRALIA DAY:

Our Australia Day Mass will be on Monday, **January 28** at **9am** at **Labrador**. We will have Morning Tea afterwards, so if you would like to bring some Aussie food to share we would be grateful. Some suggestions are: lamingtons, anzac biscuits, damper and golden syrup, meat pies (small ones!), sausage rolls, vegemite sandwiches & Tim Tams, or anything else that takes your fancy! We will have some Aussie tunes so bring your singing voices too.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - THANK YOU!!

Parishioners - you have again excelled in your generous response to our Christmas Appeal. A wonderful \$7,919.40 was given to the Appeal by Labrador and Ashmore Parishioners, and our Catholic Women's League. Along with the beautiful donations of food, toys and gifts for the Christmas Hampers from Parishioners, our Catholic schools, Numinbah Women's Prison and many others, this made Christmas a much happier time for 130 families in our area. Your donations enable us to continue to give an appropriate "hand up" to the many families we visit in their homes. Times are tough for many of us, so your generosity and willingness to think of those in need and share your time and possessions with them is much appreciated by Conference members and the families receiving your gifts and help. Please keep them in your prayers. Blessings to you and your families - Mary Immaculate St Vincent de Paul Conference.

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. by **31st January 2013**

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!

RCIA

Meetings will recommence on Thursday **31st January 2013** at **7 pm** in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate.

Altar Servers

St Joseph the Worker church is looking for altar servers to serve at the 7am and 8.30am Masses on a Sunday. Please call the parish office on 55102222 if you are able to serve in this ministry.

Name Badges

There are a number of name badges that have not been collected from Guardian Angels Church. Please collect yours at the back of the church on the table.

Youth & Children's Ministry Training Day 2013

"All I want to know is Christ"

Saturday **February 2**. Australian Catholic University, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo. **8.30am to 4.00pm**.

Early Bird \$35 per person includes morning tea and lunch. Register by December 7. on www.ycm.org.au/training-day or call us on 07 3109 6800. BCE course recognition: 5hrs accreditation to teach religion in a Catholic School. Keynote addresses by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Dr Jill Gowdie.

DE PAUL MANOR OPEN DAY

With only 24 more apartments left to be sold, you need to beat the rush by visiting the Manor on its Open Day on **Saturday February 02 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm**. With the market expecting prices to rise, this may be one of your last opportunities to take advantage of the \$50,000 discount on specially marked down 2 and 2.5 bedroom apartments. This may be one of the last opportunities to buy in at very affordable prices into luxury accommodation. We look forward to seeing you at the Open Day next Saturday.

THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR

The Choir is seeking singers of all parts, but particularly sopranos for its 2013 Choral Season.

The program includes Orff's Carmina Burana, Handel's Messiah, Verdi & Wagner Celebration Concert, singing for Brisbane City Hall re-opening and more.

Performances in the renewed City Hall will be a major thrill. Auditions will be held at the end of January.

Contact us NOW! Full details visit www.qldchoir.com email enquiries@qldchoir.com or 07 3895 8188

RALLY FOR LIFE 2013

The Rally For Life is held each year to show the Parliament that we do not agree with abortion and do not want to see it legalised in Queensland.

Saturday 2nd February Queens Park - cnr William, Elizabeth and George Sts Brisbane CBD

Roby Curtis & Band from 1.15pm

Main Rally for Life event 2pm - expected finish 4pm

Bring hat, water, sunscreen, chair/rug, umbrella, donation - and of course -other People. Bus from the Gold Coast. Pickup/dropoffs at St Monica's Tugun, Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters and St Brigid's Nerang.

\$20 return ticket - contact Fiona 5578 1513 or 0457 781 513

The unborn are depending on YOU to protect them.

FEAST DAYS OF THE COMING WEEK

Monday Jan 28 St Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)

Doctor of the Church, Dominican priest and one of the greatest theologians of the Church, Thomas Aquinas is known as the 'Angelic Doctor', author of the *Summa Theologica*. Born of a noble family in Aquino, a town in southern Italy from which he takes his surname. In the year before his death, he had a mystical experience in the light of which he felt that everything he had written seemed worthless.

Thursday Jan 31 St John Bosco (1815-1888)

Don Bosco was born of poor parents in Piedmont, Italy. Founder of the Salesian Society (named after St Francis de Sales), and devoted to teaching the young especially the poor, Don Bosco believed education to be a 'matter of the heart', and said that the children must not only be loved, but know that they are loved. When declared a saint in 1934, he was given the title of 'Father and Teacher of Youth'.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY QLD

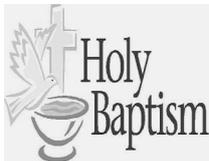
invites you to our **Community Day:**

On **February 2, 2013** the Christian Meditation Community invites you to "The Way of Christian Meditation" at Paloma Reception Centre, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank. Morning tea 9:30 - 10 am

Lunch (BYO, tea and coffee provided) 12:30 - 1 pm.

Suggested donation \$10. Ample parking. Enquiries:

Gabby Nelson 0488 592 770, toga@bigpond.net.au.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Madison Alexandra Becis daughter of Tony & Maria Becis

Charlotte Mary Harding Cochrane daughter of Stephen & Davina Cochrane

Laina Rose Goddard daughter of Matthew Goddard & Andrea Nutley

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

Ken Knowles, Michael Kirton, Stanley Gilbert, Peter McNally, Brock Clayton, Br Matthew Bell.

ANNIVERSARY: Syd Smith, Marie Sheppard, John Raleigh, Philip Zammit, Carmen Zammit, Alya Matseva, Joan Hammond, John Tan.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, 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, George Ovens, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Jacob Redman, 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.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR-2013

Wednesday **30 January** school resumes.

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

Saturday **2 February** Children's Liturgy Volunteers'

Training Day ACU

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

Monday **4 February** Choir practice 7.00pm Mary

Immaculate, Ashmore.

Wednesday **13 February**—Ash Wednesday

Tuesday **19 February**—Confirmation & First Eucharist enrolment sessions for parents.

Wednesday **20 February** General Instruction on the

Roman Missal workshop at Clear Island Waters

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

Saturday **2 March** Repertoire, Renewal & Formation Day

at Clear Island Waters

1 & 3 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

SCP Musical Playgroup

Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am, starting soon.

Donations of the following items in good used condition gratefully received ASAP.

Small Keyboard/small instruments, foldable change table blocks, "little people toys", baby toys (washable), cushions, floor mats, and scarves. Please contact, Theresa email ctvossen@me.com 0423743616

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL.- GIVE BLOOD

Australia needs over 27,000 blood donations each week. Be the type to save lives. Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

Quote

'I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbour. Do you know your next door neighbour? The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted.'

Mother Teresa

Confirmation and First Eucharist 2013

'Parents are invited to discern the readiness of their children to begin their very important preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Usually children in our parish are in their 10th year when they celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. Each year our parish offers a family centred and parish based preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The annual enrolment ritual for families will be during 6pm Mass at Guardian Angels on 2nd March and 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate on 3rd March. Families will decide which Mass suits them. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday evening 23rd May and children will receive their First Eucharist on Sunday morning 26th May.

There will be a compulsory Information session for parents on Tuesday 19th February at 4pm and repeated at 7pm in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate church.

Please email Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au before the **12th February** if you would like to enrol your child for Confirmation and First Eucharist this year.

SIGN-ON' SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On Sunday **3rd February**, 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' will resume during the **8.30am** Mass at Mary Immaculate church.

What 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' means

The term 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. The participants are usually children of primary school age. On some Sundays each term, all children will have the experience of celebrating all of Mass with the entire community.

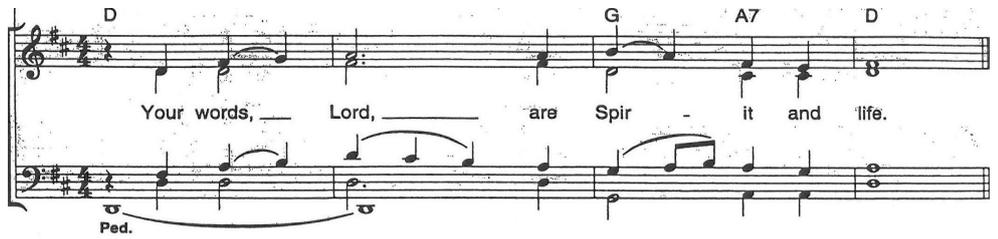
Gathering together with the whole assembly.

When children are to participate in the liturgy of the word in a space separate from the main assembly, they *first gather with the rest of the assembly to celebrate the introductory rites.*

Processing to the place set aside for the celebration of the word.

At the conclusion of the opening prayer, the presiding priest invites the children to come to the front of the church. The *Lectionary for Masses with Children* and a candle are given to two children before all the children and their helpers are formally sent to the place where they will celebrate their own liturgy of the word.

Parents are reminded to bring their children to 'Sign-On' Sunday to enrol their children in Children's Liturgy for 2013.



HYMNS

GATHER TOGETHER- Brian Boniwell

Refrain:

**Gather together, gather as one,
Come as the body of Christ.
Gather to share in the Spirit of love.
Gather together as one.**

Open to all, we gather as one.
Drawn by the light of Jesus the Son. **R**

Called to be bread,
now broken and shared.
Called to be one in the Spirit of love. **R**

Come with your gifts,
the fruit of your lives.
Share in this life, the family of God. **R**

Called to forgiveness, called to be light..
Promise of hope to the lonely and poor. **R**

Let there be dancing, let there be song
Open your heart to the people of joy. **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

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

Your words, Lord are spirit and life: you
have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Refrain)

**We come to share our story,
we come to break the bread,
We come to know our rising
from the dead.**

We come as your people,
We come as your own,
United with each other,
Love finds a home. **R**

We are called to heal the broken,
To be hope for the poor,
We are called to feed the hungry
at our door. **R**

Bread of life and cup of promise,
In this meal we all are one.
In our dying and our rising,
May your kingdom come. **R**

You will lead and we shall follow,
You will be the breath of life;
Living water, we are thirsting
for your light. **R**

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

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**

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LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

(Michael Herry)

Refrain:

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life. **R**

The bread you give is the living bread,
Your flesh for the life of the world. **R**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
A light for my path of life. **R**

RECESSIONAL

GO TELL EVERYONE

God' spirit is in my heart.
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
What I have to do.

**He sent me to give Good News
to the poor,**

**Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no
more, tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free,
and go tell everyone the news that the
Kingdom of God has come,
and go tell every one the news that God's
kingdom has come.**

Just as the Father sent me,
So I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world. **R**

Don't' carry a load in your pack,
You don't need two shirts on your back.
A workman can earn his own keep,
can earn his own keep. **R**

Don't worry what you have to say,
Don't worry because on that day
God's spirit will speak in your heart,
will speak in your heart. **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30**