

**Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year B**

SUNDAY January 25 2015

I am, you are, we are Australian

Nearly 30 years ago, Bruce Woodley and Dobe Newton penned the words for the song which will be sung at many Citizenship ceremonies, family barbeques and community gatherings on the 26th January.

On Monday, as we celebrate Australia Day 2015, many parishioners will sing the familiar words of the chorus:

*"We are one
But we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We'll share a dream
And sing with one voice
I am, you are, we are Australian"*

A few days ago, I read Ron Rolheiser's article *Understanding and Appreciating Our Differences*. As we prepare to celebrate Australia Day, the following paragraphs from that article seem to offer a new understanding of the concept 'unity in diversity'.

"It's common for us to see God's grace and blessing in what unites us. But what if what separates us, what if what makes other persons, churches and faiths seem foreign and strange is also a grace, a difference intended by God? Can we think of our differences, as we think of our unity, as a gift from God? Most religions, including Christianity would answer affirmatively.

Father Rolheiser continues; in the Jewish and the Christian scriptures there is a strong, recurring motif that God's message to us generally comes through the stranger, the foreigner, from the one who is different from us, from a source from which we would never expect to hear God's voice. So God often comes to us through the unfamiliar.

Real transformative growth happens and real grace breaks in when we have to deal with what is other, foreign, different. What's unfamiliar, frightening, and uninvited will stretch us in ways that the familiar and secure cannot.

Seeing things differently does not mean that we are not seeing the same things. Accordingly, different notions about God and different ways of speaking about God do not mean that we're speaking of a different God.

Father Rolheiser concludes: our differences are part of the mystery of our unity. Real unity, does not exist in uniformity but only in bringing into harmony many different gifts and richness. This has implications for every area of our lives, from how we receive immigrants in our countries, to how we deal with different personalities inside our families and places of work, to how we deal with other Christian denominations and other religions.

God loves us all equally. Difference, then, can be understood as part of the mystery of unity. Perhaps, thanks to Father Rolheiser, on Australia Day we'll sing with new understanding and appreciation:

*"We are one
But we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come..."*

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am & 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Tomorrow Monday being a
Public Holiday, Mass will be at
9.00am

Wednesday-7.00am

**Each Friday-10.30am
Mass at Gold Coast
University Hospital**

**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

The Church is open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10.30am to 1.30pm

A Priest will be in attendance for
Private Prayer, Pastoral needs

**Mary Immaculate
Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm Last Saturday
of the Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 5.30pm

**Holy Hour. First Thursday
of the Month 4.15pm**

Reading Tomorrows Australia Day Gospel from Luke 12:22-40 reminds us.

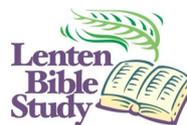


God has given so much for this country, and thus it is fitting that we celebrate this Australia Day, not only as a citizen of this country, but as Pope John Paul II wrote the Church in Oceania in his Apostolic Exhortation in 2001 (*Ecclesia in Oceania*), we as a

Church in Australia are to ponder on God's 'generosity in Oceania and to his infinite love for its peoples' and to ask ourselves: 'How can we fail to give thanks to him from whom every good gift comes?' (*Ecclesia in Oceania par. 53*)

In other words, in line with our celebration of Australia Day and to celebrate being an Australian, we are to be mindful that everything we have, and all that we have enjoyed, which obviously not many people in the world have the opportunity to get hold of, are God's gifts for all of us. And these gifts are not meant to be kept selfishly but to be shared generously to those who have little and to those who have none. It is part of our mission to remind Australia that it is not by accident that we are called 'the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit', but that it is all part of God's plan for this country. It is our mission therefore, as Christian Australians or as believers and followers of Christ living in Australia, to show to all of Australia that God is the meaning of our lives."

Lenten Studies



Ash Wednesday is on February 18. (The beginning of Lent) Sr Elisabeth is offering to run Lenten Studies once a week. If you are interested in joining the sessions, please contact sister at the Parish Office,

55 102 222 or by email, lis@scp.org.au as soon as possible so books can be ordered and a meeting day and time arranged.

Retreat at St Mary's Church Upper Coomera "Inner Peace in Divine Love"

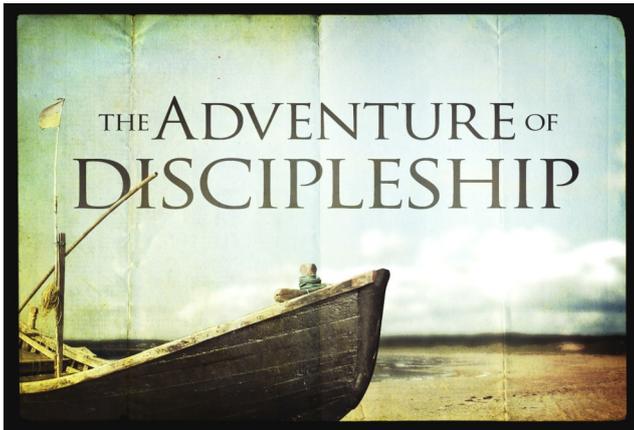
Commencing on Monday, February 2, and made over four weeks in daily life. Grounded in key Gospel texts and based on St Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises, participants are led in a simple and creative way to develop and experience a deep and intimate connection with God. Meeting on five consecutive Mondays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for prayer and conversation.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Helen Goldsmith on 0412 894 356 or email helengoldsmith@bigpond.com

Would you like to travel overseas to see the life-changing work of the Church



In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus invites a couple of fishermen to 'Come and see.' The same invitation is extended to you in 2015: 'Come and see' how the church is making a difference, through the service of faith-filled missionaries, in places like India, Jamaica and Timor Leste. If you would like to know more about immersion programs, contact the Brisbane Office of Catholic Mission, during office hours 3336 9239



The essence of this week's Gospel from Mark 1: 14-20

Australia Day

Each Australia Day invites us to reflect upon how well we are living our shared national values.

Since 1788, the landing of Captain Arthur Phillip on January 26 has been celebrated and mourned by settlers and indigenous Australians.—Throughout the early nineteenth century it was known as Federation Day.—In 1824 Charles Tompson, reputed to be our first Australian-born poet and son of a transportee, described Foundation day in a poem.—In 1838 the first public holiday ever marked in Australia was announced for January 26, beginning a tradition which has lasted to the present.—In 1911, Sydney Archbishop, Cardinal Moran suggested 'Australia Day' as an alternative to Empire Day.—In the Sesquicentenary year 1938, Australia had found agreement on the name, timing and nature of the day's celebration. Aborigines have a different view of the celebration calling Australia Day a 'day of mourning'.—Australia Day 1988 saw the re-enactment of the arrival of the First Fleet in Sydney Harbour, witnessed by two million people. We should all remember that we are disciples of Jesus but also citizens of our world and not living in a Christian ghetto. We are the people of this land Australia and called to work together, with all our differences to live out our humanity with respect for all.

AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

God of Australia.. We bring you our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people; for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys, and vast plains; for its riches of mine and agriculture, forest and grazing land; for the first Australians, who know and love this continent with intimate, profound sensitivity; for the courage, vision and sacrifice of the early settlers; for the diverse races who call Australia home; for these and all your gifts we offer you, O Lord our joyful, thankful hearts. Amen.

Mass on Australia Day

Parishioners are reminded that Mass on Australia Day Monday, January 26, will be at St Joseph the Worker Labrador at 9.00am. Come along, bring your favourite Aussie fare to share after Mass to celebrate this great day.

The Francis Effect

In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastor, are called to hear the cry of the poor.

Pope Francis 2013

There will be a Lenten Program at De Paul Villa Aged Care on Tuesdays during Lent at 10.30am in D Wing Lounge. Relatives welcome. Contact Carol on 55 827 250 if you wish to attend.



**GUARDIAN ANGEL'S CHURCH
MULTI-CULTURAL MORNING
TEA STARTING FEB 8, 2015
(2ND SUNDAY QUARTERLY)**

Share your 3T's (time, talent and treasure), share your culture by sharing a plate and your recipe.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Kingston Luiz Duce, son of Anthony Duce and Reinaliza Sabas

Eden Lily Jones, daughter of Heath and Kristen Jones

Madalynn Rose Lucht, daughter of Rodney Lucht and Peta Balkin

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

Recently Deceased: Anne Volp, Catherine "Kit" Parker.

Anniversary: Trevor Fletcher, Carmen and Philip Zammit.

All Parishioners and Friends who are sick and in Need: 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, January 27, Sts Timothy and Titus

Wednesday, January 28, St Thomas Aquinas.

Did you know he was a priest and doctor of the Church and patron of all universities and students? In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two year period to break his commitment to renouncing the things of this world, even sending an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the "Angelic Doctor".

WORTH A SMILE

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Clause turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

Secular Franciscan Order

The Message

The message of Francis is quite simply the message of Jesus. His passion for the Gospel stands out as uniquely characteristic of his spirituality. He lived the Gospel as no one else has ever done. For Francis, the greatest medium for communicating God's message about poverty, suffering, hope and joy was Christ Himself. His life was the embodiment of his saying, "Preach the Gospel always, when necessary use words"

Next Fraternity meeting is Wednesday January 28,

12.30 to 3.30pm, Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. All welcome. *Sister Clara Condon*

Mass for the People

In an effort to take Mass to the patients of Nursing Homes in our Parish, who do not have the opportunity or ability to attend Mass, Father Jan, together with Frs. Dom and Huong have decided to take Mass to the people in need.

Starting next month Mass will be celebrated each Thursday at 10.30am on,

1st Thursday of the month **De Paul Villa.**

2nd Thursday of the month **Domain Nursing Home.**

3rd Thursday of the month **Ozcare, Usher Ave, Labrador.**

Last Thursday of the month **De Paul Villa.**

Parishioners who have family or friends in any of these Nursing Homes are welcome to attend.

The first Parish Social Function of the year will be Barefoot Bowls at Musgrave Hills Bowls Club on Sunday, March 8 Buffet lunch available from 12noon, for \$12. Fee for hire of bowls \$2. Courtesy bus available.



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

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm.

Wednesday **January 28,** School Resumes at Guardian Angels. Prep Students: **Girls** on Wednesday 28. **Boys** Thursday January 29.

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

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

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

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

2015 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 from St Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Order:*

Prayer of the Saints.

"O gracious and holy one, give us the wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you and a life to proclaim you"

Have your say

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the preparation for the next Synod on the Family. We have prepared a questionnaire sheet which can be found on the table at the church entrance. Please have your say and show your care. More details can be found on the Archdiocesan website : brisbanecatholic.org.au/Vatican-invitation-synod

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**

GLORLY 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**

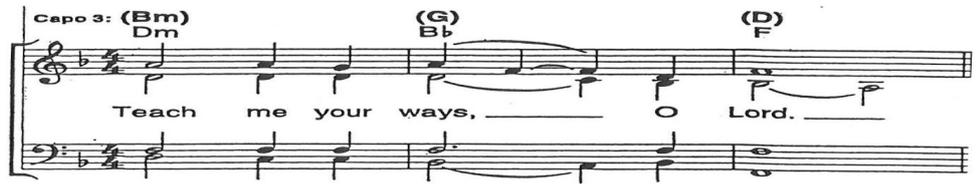
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

Alleluia, Alleluia,
The kingdom of God is near; believe the
Good News.
Alleluia.

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GIFTS PROCESSION

TO BE YOUR BREAD (- David Haas)

Refrain:

**To be your bread now,
be your wine now,
Lord, come and change us,
to be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken,
poured and flowing,
Gift that you gave us,
to be your body once again.**

We come to your table
with our lives as they are.
Heal us, Lord, for we are broken,
Make us one again. **R**

Lord, we stumble through
the darkness of night,
Lead us now, O Lord, we follow,
Bring us home to you. **R**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SHALOM)

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

THE SUMMONS

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

EAT THIS BREAD (Taize)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I must clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close
Lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into,
evening shadows one more time!

Refrain

**So I leave boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!**

In my memories I know
how you send familiar rains;
Falling gently on my days
dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more
In the fortress of my mind:
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry! **R**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28