

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year A**

SUNDAY May 4 2014

What makes a meal memorable for you?

Many newspapers and magazines publish "Ratings" for restaurants and cafés. Whenever I read a rating and skim the list of criteria; food, service, value, location and ambience I am amazed that no mention is made of the people with whom the meal was shared! I feel the people present at a meal, 'the company' could be included in the list of criteria used for rating every dining experience.

Today, The Gospel of Luke recounts the amazing story of two disciples on the road to Emmaus and how they shared a meal with 'a stranger'. When the two disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to share their experience of meeting Jesus again they probably didn't comment on the service or the ambience in the tiny Inn at Emmaus! Every time the story was retold the disciples focused on the person, 'the stranger' with whom they shared stories and a simple meal, a meal of bread and wine.

After their initial encounter with the unknown traveller the disciples felt consoled and they asked him to share bread and obviously more conversation. Gradually as they shared their doubts and questions with their fellow traveller their minds and hearts were opened and they understood Jesus was with them again!

The commentary in "*Break Open the Word*" mentions that whenever we hear this story our eyes are opened to recognise that what happened at Emmaus is what happens when we meet for Eucharist; we gather, listen to the word of God, share bread and wine and go forth 'with the burning desire to share the good news with the world'.

I wonder why the ending to our experience of Eucharist seems to differ so much from the way the encounter of the two disciples ends in Luke's story? One commentator believes that our own community experience pales in comparison because we lack an important component of the Easter story; people telling each other of their experiences.

That comment brings me back to the new criterion for rating restaurants and cafés. Although the ideal memorable meal may differ for each of us, surely 'the company', the people who gather are more important than the food, service or the setting. Jesus continues to share His presence with each of us, not through startling appearances and extraordinary gestures, but through words shared when people gather. As the earlier commentator suggests; "The resurrected Jesus fulfils the needs of the human heart but we will only discover this by sharing with, and listening to, the stories of each other. If our faith seems weak maybe it is time for some vigorous discussion."

What better place to begin than by sharing a meal?

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,
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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

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

**THE FIRST PARISH SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR
"Lavender and Lace"**

HIGH TEA



Spend a lazy Sunday afternoon outdoors sipping tea/coffee whilst indulging in scrumptious afternoon tea delicacies surrounded by landscaped gardens. Sip on CHAMPAGNE and mingle with fellow Parishioners.

Join in TEA TRIVIA for a bit of fun.

Dress up in your smart attire to qualify for the SMARTEST DRESSED COUPLE award.

At just \$10 per person you will be in for a treat of an afternoon.

TEA TRIVIA – RAFFLES – LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

Sunday June 1. 2.00pm to 5.00pm

2/13 Burwood Court, Labrador.

Bookings: Phone the Parish Office 55 102 222 by Monday May 19

TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

An amazing trip is planned for September this year to visit all the places in Ethiopia that our parish raises money for. We will visit Dr Hamlin's Hospital, attend the graduation ceremony and visit projects of the Franciscan Nuns. Included will be a trip to the historical north of the country including the Simeon Mountains. We need a minimum of 12 people to make it happen. The trip is for 18 days. The total cost is \$5,700 (\$2,200 air and \$3,500 land) with extra time is available in Dubai or Ethiopia.

For more details contact Stuart at

stuart@integritytravel.com.au

or Judy McMonagle at jamcmonagle@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children are invited to join Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday during school term at Mary Immaculate.

Three groups will resume this Sunday, May 4, during the 8.30pm Mass. New children and new helpers are always welcome for Children's Liturgy.

Please contact Sister Helen helenw@scp.org.au

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next monthly meeting of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Friday, May 9 in the meeting room at Guardian Angel's church, at 11.00am, followed by Mass and lunch. New members and any visitors would be most welcome. Phone Anne 55 392 707.

MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

Celebrate Fatima Day at Marian Valley, Canungra, on Tuesday May 13. and the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on Saturday, May 24. Bus will leave Sacred Heart church, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters, on both days at 8.15am. For bookings call Viviane 55 359 623.

PROJECT THANK YOU

COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to Thank You for supporting Project Compassion this year. If you still have your

Project Compassion box at home please bring it back next week. To date our parish had donated \$8655.90., a wonderful effort. **Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.**

DROUGHT RELIEF— BUSH DANCE

Guardian Angels School are holding a Bush Dance to raise funds for drought effected farmers.

Friday, May 16, 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

Guardian Angels School Hall. Cost \$10 per family BBQ available from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Tickets available from the school. All tickets and food orders to be paid for before the night.

SPY: Southport Parish Youth will be selling Healthy Tea and Coffee after the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate and the 10.00am Mass at Guardian Angels, to raise funds for the Youth of the Parish. Please support them.

LET'S DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP

If you have ever had a visitor who has enriched your life, with his/her presence, you will know that it is often hard to bid farewell to that same individual. We feel enriched by having them around. The disciples in this weekend's Gospel experienced such emotion as they walked the dusty road to Emmaus. A simply random encounter, an exchange of gossip and news and a gesture that leads to recognition: How much we can learn from this simple process. The Emmaus story is a tale we should never tire of hearing. Luke's account of what took place on the road to Emmaus inspires us each time we hear it. It is told, that later generations of believers may share the experience of the first disciples of Jesus, as they learned to make the Risen Lord the centre of their lives.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

The church's joy in communicating Jesus Christ is expressed both by concern to preach him to areas of great need and in constantly going forth to the outskirts of its own territory or towards new socio-cultural settings. *Pope Francis, Nov. 2013*

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Who is the Minister?

Christ has entrusted the ministry of Reconciliation to his apostles, to the bishops who are their successors and to the priests who are the collaborators of the bishops, all to whom become thereby instruments of the mercy and justice of God. They exercise their power of forgiving sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Catechism n. 307.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Universal: That the media may be instrumental in the service of truth and peace.

For Evangelization: That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations always falls on the fourth Sunday of Easter, next Sunday May 11, which is also called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel readings.

However this year it also happens to be Mother's Day. How can we celebrate these two important days together in a harmonious way? We can start by remembering the words of Pope Saint Pius X, "Every vocation to the priesthood comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother."

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION SERIES

Focus Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) Tomorrow Monday, May 5, with Fr Anthony Mellor, Academic Dean, Holy Spirit Seminary. 9.30am to 12 noon. Repeated 6.30pm to 8.30pm. **In-service** for teaching staff of Brisbane Catholic Education 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Continue series with follow up small group discussions.

Monday, May 12, to Monday, June 2. 10.00am to 12 noon. Repeated 6.30pm to 8.00pm Parish Hospitality Centre. Gold coin donation. RSVP: Graham Bousen via Surfers Paradise Parish office 55 725 433.

Complete series with EConference, Wednesday, June 11, 10am to 3.00pm. Registration essential with Graham Bousen via Parish Office 55 725 433.

GOOD FRIDAY— HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

Each Good Friday a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. This year our Parish collected \$2,395. Thank You for your generosity



Today we welcome into God's Family

Locke Jamie Alex Clark son of Alex Clark and Kiana Vella
Sol Damiano Marando son of David and Chloe Marando
Hunter Edwin Ellwood son of Craig and Lisa Ellwood

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Susan Doherty, Denice Watson, Elisha Neave.

ANNIVERSARY: Thelma Kerwin, Loris Westwood, Jose, Lucia, Florencia, Feliciano Jaca. Antonio and Filomena Ocariza Norman Hodgetts, Alfonso and Teresa Tocco. Thomas Jewell.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Jack Keniry, Michael Murray, Noel Mahoney, Albert Bussac, Don Shipman, Alex McKinnon, Colleen Blanch, Tony Sheehan, Joe Vohar, Karen Percic, Susanne and Peter Turner, Tim Howard, Michael Skinner, Angela Taylor, Barbara Bill Welle snr. Trudi de Vries, Doss O'Niell, Yvonne See, Helen Wilson, Jack Kennedy, Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Sheila Galvin, Dean Lewis, Kitty McIntosh, Susanne Howarth, Patrick Guillon, Phyllis Miller, Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, John Stowers, Ross McAlpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Peter Platell.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thursday, May 8, St Maria Magdalene of Canossa
Magdalene was born on March 1, 1774, into an ancient and prominent Veronese family. Her father died in 1779 and her mother abandoned the family two years later. In 1791 she spent time in a Carmelite monastery but discerned that this was not her vocation. After leaving the cloister, Magdalene saw a city in which the poor were suffering extreme poverty, which was only made worse by the social upheavals in Italy. Using her inheritance, Magdalene began charitable work among the poor. On April 1, 1808 she was given an abandoned monastery where she took in two poor girls from the slums to care for them and provide them with an education. On the following May 7, she moved out of her ancestral palace and moved into the monastery, now called the Convent of St Joseph, where she was joined by other women, with whom she formed the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity. The new congregation started to care for poor children and served in the city's hospitals. As their work spread, there were requests to start new communities in other cities in the region. Soon there were convents of the Canossian Sisters established in Venice, Milan, Bergamo and Trent. Magdalene drew up a Rule for the congregation, it was approved by Pope Leo XII in 1828. She died on April 10, 1835. Beatified on December 8, 1941 by Pope Pius XII and Canonized on October 2, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

WORTH A SMILE

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering then, just how serious is my condition because the prescription is marked, nil repeats."

SPY EASTER RAFFLE

Thank You to everyone who supported the group by buying a ticket. Congratulations to the winner, **Marie Fitzhugh.**

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS 2014

Confirmation will be celebrated in Mary Immaculate church at 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Thursday June 12. Children will receive First Communion on Sunday June 15 at a special 10.30am Mass in Mary Immaculate church. Children are reminded to gather in the parish Resource Centre for their essential "Come and See" on Saturday May 10. The session will start at 1.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. All families are invited to 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate on Sunday May 11 where children will receive the Lord's Prayer.
Sister Helen

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014

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.
Southport Parish Book Club, meets First Monday of the month 10.00am. Mary Immaculate meeting room.
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 at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass at 7.00pm on First Wednesday of the month.
Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, Guardian Angels Meeting Room, followed by Mass
Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am
SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm Sunday, **June 1,** High Tea, 2.00pm.
Thursday, **June 12, 2014.** Confirmation
Sunday, **June 15, 2014.** First Eucharist
Friday, **June 27,** Parish Thank You Social
Sunday, **July 6,** Parish Golf Day at Colonial
Sunday, **July 20,** ARTICO Concert. *'The Art of Song'*
Mary Immaculate Church.
Sunday, **August 10,** Parish Car Rally
Saturday, **September 13,** Music Workshop at Mary Immaculate 9.30am to 4.00pm

SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Catholic Youth Group

For Catholics 18 to 30s to get together and Socialize—Share a Meal—Discuss Faith Topics—Grow in Faith together.

Meeting on Wednesdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Resource Centre at Mary Immaculate

First meeting is on Wednesday May 7, then May 21, June 6 and June 18

For more information call Alice on 0411 449 895

VOCATION VIEW: We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

HYMNS



GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (Bob Hurd)

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

**One bread, one body,
one spirit of love.**

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters, each of us called
to walk in your light. R.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other,
each of the gifts
the Spirit provides. R.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
Waters of mercy, waters of hope
that flow from your side. R.

PENITENTIAL RITE

WATER OF LIFE

**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us,
Raise us up on the last day.**

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.
Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS 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?

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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and Resurrection, you
have set us free.

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 AND EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

**Come and eat this bread,
come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast
our God has spread.
You have promised us
You are here with us
In the breaking of the bread.**

This is the bread of life,
for all to share,
bread of hope and redemption,
Bread to feed a world of hungers. R

This is the cup of Christ's
own sacrifice,
Blood of love and compassion,
Blood to heal the world's divisions. R

Just as the scatter'd grains
become one bread,
Make us one in your Spirit,
all one Body in Christ Jesus. R

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.

RECESSIONAL

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain:

**We are companions on the journey,
Breaking Bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we
share
for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.**

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's House;
We are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care. R

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord:
To act with justice, to love tenderly
And to walk humbly with our God,
To walk humbly with our God. R

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:14. 22-23

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

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