

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C**

SUNDAY March 10 2013

“Create Your Own Easter”

That is the slogan printed on large, colourful banners outside a popular chain of grocery stores in our parish and in many other areas of Australia. What do the words on those banners imply? Can we really create our own Easter?

With only three weeks left of Lent 2013 this seems an appropriate time to refocus on the real meaning of Easter; the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. Christians throughout the world believe in Jesus’ Resurrection and celebrate Easter to mark that event. Belief in the Resurrection is central to the Christian faith. For Christians Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. ‘Throughout Lent we have been encouraged to prepare ourselves to rise again with Jesus Christ in new life at Easter’.

Is that what the words on those banners really imply?

Most chain stores throughout Australia started selling hot cross buns a few days after Christmas! Have you started eating hot cross buns yet? Lent is not only about fasting from food. Lent in 2013 could be marked by a family deciding ‘to fast’ from watching television sometimes or ‘to fast’ from playing computer games during the weekends! This Lent many families, children and parents, have decided to try to observe a ‘Digital Sabbath’ and refrain from using all forms of digital equipment for a whole day.

Perhaps refocusing on the real meaning of Easter involves reminding ourselves of the words used on Ash Wednesday “Turn away from sin and believe the good news”. Last month, Archbishop Mark Coleridge urged parish priests to encourage parishioners not only to believe the Good News but also to live the Good News! In recent years many theologians have stressed the turnaround today’s Christianity needs is a return to Jesus Christ.

In 2010 the Spanish theologian Jose Antonio Pagola stated: ‘after twenty centuries of Christianity, the heart of the Church needs purification and conversion and, at a time that unprecedented socio-cultural change is taking place, the Church needs an unprecedented conversion, a new heart to generate in a new way the unchanging faith in Jesus Christ, but in modern society this time’. How could we begin to return to Jesus Christ and be ‘good news’ during these remaining days of Lent?

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade,
Labrador

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

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Lent, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore, from **4.00 pm every Thursday**, until the commencement of the 5.30pm Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador at 7.00pm.

ODD JOBS IN OUR PARISH

Each week we will make you aware of jobs in our parish that need a volunteer to undertake. Being the good stewards that you are, we call on your time and talent to volunteer for these jobs.

We are still looking for our **PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER**.

Someone who can take photos at all the special parish functions and ceremonies. We would like some who can edit the photos they take so that they are ready to be uploaded on the parish website and can be used for the printing of posters.

This week a more technical job. We need a person to produce a relevant DVD for each Sunday of the month

The method used now is to gather images relevant to the day; gather suitable music; and create a slideshow with the images (each of about 10 minutes) add the music: export to make a wmv file; convert file to avi; then convert avi to DVD You may be able to do it better. Easy if you know how!

If you think one of these could be your ministry, contact Leanne at the Parish Office.

ENROLMENT OF NAMES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2013

More than 85 children preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist in our parish were presented to the community at the annual Enrolment of Names during Mass last weekend. Some families gathered at Guardian Angels church for Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday. Many other families presented their children during the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate. All parishioners are encouraged to offer prayerful support for those children and their families during the next three months of preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

Our Archdiocese of Brisbane Sacramental Policy recommends all children have an opportunity to participate in a communal reconciliation before reception of Eucharist. All families with children preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist are reminded to join our parish community at a special Mass of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 19 at 5.30pm in Mary Immaculate church.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Children in primary school are invited for EASTER CAPERS in our parish resource centre on **Friday, April 12**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun and be involved in informative sessions about the great Easter Season. Please register your child's name with Sister Helen helen@scp.org.au before the end of March as places are limited.

PARKING ON YELLOW LINES

Unfortunately this notice in last weeks newsletter had NO effect. Cars were parked on Yellow Lines blocking the entrance to De Paul Villa as well as outside the Church.

It is with regret that we have to continually remind parishioners attending the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate that Parking on Yellow Lines is **ILLEGAL**.

Further, in the case of the church grounds at Mary Immaculate parking on the yellow marked lines is dangerous and potentially life threatening. On occasions access to De Paul Villa has been blocked by parishioners attending mass, restricting access for ambulance and Fire Brigade. **Please consider others before illegally parking your car while attending mass.**



CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday, March 28.

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore
Mass of the Lord's Supper—6.00pm

Good Friday, March 29.

Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Stations of the Cross—10.00am
St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador
Stations of the Cross—10.00am
Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore
Passion of the Lord—3.00pm

Holy Saturday, March 30.

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore
Easter Vigil—6.00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31.

Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore, Mass, 8.30am— 6.00pm
St Joseph the Worker Labrador, Mass, 7.00am—8.30am
Guardian Angels Church, Southport Mass, 7.00am-10.00am

The Easter Vigil at Ashmore on Holy Saturday Night, begins outside the Church. The Church will be closed. So we will gather on the lawn at the front of the Church.

Note: No 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Southport

Make sure you collect a Book Mark advertising all the Easter Ceremonies from the table at the entrance to the Church

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

A Mass of Reconciliation will be held at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore at 5.30pm, Tuesday March 19. Reconciliation will be each Saturday at 4.30pm at Guardian Angels in Southport. A further opportunity for this Sacrament is offered at 10.00am on Saturday March 23, at Labrador.

LENTEN PENANCE

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by "preaching a baptism of repentance". Christ began his ministry on earth with the exhortation to repent. Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with God. Penance is the concrete expression of repentance. It takes the form of prayer, self-denial, and works of charity. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour.

By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Penance is the proof of our repentance. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going features of Christian living. Penance has to be constant, even a daily, practice in our lives.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving Envelopes will be ready for Collection at all three churches from Tuesday next March 12. Please make sure you collect your envelopes, having to post them to you is a drain on parish resources. We have received only 3 new responses from the recent planned giving promotion. Is yours still coming?





Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Harry and Tom O'Dwyer, sons of Daniel and Nicole O'Dwyer
Suhani D'Costa, daughter of Francis and Sonia D'Costa
Kyson Tj Handford, son of Joel Handford and Ashleigh Luck
Archie Jack Verheijen, son of Phillip and Rebecca Verheijen
Thomas Matthew Crain, son of Matthew and Sally Crain

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Mahoney, Br Luke Coyle, Ian Coupland, Martiana Nunez

ANNIVERSARY: Margaret Degen, Ray Fletcher, Abraham

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Gary O'Connell, Ross McApline, Will Connell, Arthur and Peter McConnell, Lyn Maranta Natalie Silver-Oyarzun, Gloria Gaskin, Sharon Fraser Ron Grice, Noelen Grice, Lyn Cooper, Merv Warren, Christopher Mendoza, Kathy O' Neill, Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, Jane Garcia, Patrick Guillon, Norma Bailey, Jacqueline Melvold, Narelle Bickerstaff, Lyn-Marie Tuivasa, Fay James, Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Neil Comick,

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

Parishioners are reminded that name of our friends who are sick will only remain on the Sick List for one month. If further prayers are required, please contact the Parish Office each month.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan," (Joshua 5:12)
Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed throughout the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruit of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

WORTH A SMILE

An old priest was dying. He sent a message to his banker and lawyer, both church members, to come to his home.

When they arrived they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room the priest held out his hand and motioned to them to sit on either side of the bed. The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time no one said anything. Both the banker and lawyer were touched that the priest would want them with him in his last hours. They were puzzled; the priest never gave them any indication that he liked them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable sermons about greed, covertness, and avaricious behaviour that made them squirm in their seats. Finally the banker said, "Father, why did you ask us to come?" The old priest mustered up his strength and then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go."

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The Ladies of the Southport Branch of the Catholic Women's League, have to be congratulated on their hosting of this year's 'World Day of Prayer'. The text this year was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in France. The theme was "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" The parishioners of Southport Catholic Parish prayed with members of the other participating churches, St Peters Anglican, St James Anglican, Uniting Church's of Southport and Ashmore and the Salvation Army. Two wonderful guest speakers spoke, Mrs Pierette Serra and Mrs Marie Bensoussan, gave interesting talks on France. Mary Immaculate Church, was decorated with a French theme, and morning tea was served with French delicacies. As well as our own parishioners some 76 others attended and the collection managed \$361.80. next year the host church is St James, Biggera Waters. The country is Egypt.

Do your best and God will bless your efforts

Mary of the Cross MacKillop

CROCHET CLASSES AT LABRADOR

A talented teacher is offering to conduct Crochet Classes for beginners to experienced crafters. In the "Annex" at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. Numbers permitting the classes would begin in early May, Tuesday, 9.30am to 11.30am. The term would be for 8 weeks, the cost \$10, plus \$10 for a manual. To register your interest in this community building activity contact Leanne at the parish office before April 20.

LENT RECOLLECTION

Do yourself a favour this Lent; slow down and relax. Spend a weekend of reflection and inner healing that you may re-discover God's love and find inner peace.

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Saturday, March 23, 8.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday, March 24, from Mass at 8.30am to 1.30pm

Morning tea and Lunch both days. Fee for expenses \$20

Register by March 21. len@amores.com.au or 0438724053

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Canacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

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.

Friday, **March 1**, World Day of Prayer, Mary Immaculate 9.30am Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.

Saturday **March 2**, and Sunday **March 3**, enrolment rite for families for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Wednesday, **March 13**, Parish Bus Trip to Ipswich.

Monday, **April 29**, Aquinas College new enrolment meeting.

Sunday, **March 31**, Easter Sunday.

Thursday, **May 23**, Confirmation will be celebrated.

Sunday, **May 26**, Children will receive First Eucharist.

Sunday, **July 14**, Parish Gold day.

Sunday, **July 21**, The ARTICO Ensemble will present a Concert in Mary Immaculate Church. 'M' for Mozart.

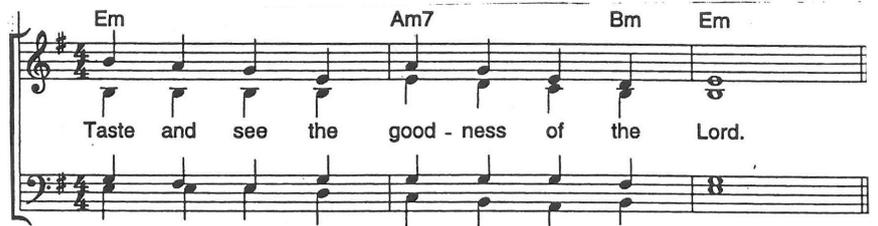
BIBLICAL QUIZ

Last weeks question: **What was the 9th plague upon Egypt?** Answer: Darkness. This weeks first reading is from Joshua. Question: **Who led Israel into the Promised Land**

QUOTE

The real hero of the story of the Prodigal Son is the provident father. He loved both his sons, despite their flaws. In the boys, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father we see God. Fr Richard Lonsdale

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

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus:

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus:

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

GIFTS PROCESSION

TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Refrain:

Taste and see, O taste and see.

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Glory, Glory to God most High,
Glory, Blessing and Praise.
With one voice, O People,
Rejoice in our God,
Who hears the cry
of all in need.

Who has fashioned earth and sky,
Who created the deep,
Who exults the lonely
And sets captives free,
Who opens the door to all those who seek.

O, the love of God,
Becomes the flesh of our flesh.
So that we might live in Glory.

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

We proclaim your death O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you
come again.

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**

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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary,
worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that
life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him
my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till
trav'ling days are done.

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**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11**

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