

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

SUNDAY March 16 2014

Heads Up and Listen

A few days ago on the 7th of March I participated in the World Day of Prayer that was held at the Anglican Church, Biggera Waters. I was pleased to pray with ladies of our parish on this day for the Christians who live in Egypt and the Middle East region so much affected by religious and racial conflicts. On entering the church every one was given a booklet which would help people to be involved with their minds and hearts while praying together. After a short introduction we moved to the Scripture passages and prayers which have been composed by the women of Egypt. During this part the church was filled not only with the Word of God and the prayers written in Egypt but also with ... the sound being produced by turning pages as the participant followed the printed text in their booklets. This sound was like a refrain in the responsorial psalm being performed on one command.

While moving from page one to fifteen I thought to myself - are we listening to the proclaimed Words of God and prayers from the pulpit or just individually are we reading the text like the commuters on morning the bus or train?

Towards the end of today's Gospel of Transfiguration we read this line: **"This is my beloved Son; he enjoys my favour. Listen to Him"** then in the collect we pray; **"O God, who has commanded us to listen to his beloved Son... , we pray, nourish us by his word"**.

All church's prayers and celebrations are in its essence a dialogue; Saint Bernard of Clairvaux said "The Christian faith, however, is not a 'religion Book', but of the word of God not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living". We tell God about our lives and we listen to Him when His word is proclaimed from the ambo. The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in our assemblies as Word. In actively listening to the Word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshipper. However it is like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. Hearing the Word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

We will hear the Word of God with better attention if we are prepared. People can read the texts prior to Eucharist and pray over them throughout the coming week. Then our ears will be opened to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads, and our hearts will be joined as one community of believers. When the Word of God resounds in our assemblies - heads up!!!. And listen.

Father Jan

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 of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

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THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

There will be Eucharistic Adoration at Mary Immaculate Church, every Thursday during Lent from 4.15 to 5.15pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held each Friday of Lent at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador. at 7.00pm.

COME AND SEE

At the beginning of March, 80 children were presented to our parish community during their Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation and First Eucharist. These children will be introduced to the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the communal rite on Thursday 27th March in Mary Immaculate church Ashmore.

On **Saturday March 22 9.30am—12.30pm** all these children will come to the parish Resource Centre Ashmore for their first "Come and See" gathering to finalize their preparation for Reconciliation and to receive their Bibles and Eucharist Books.

All parishioners are encouraged to pray for these children and their families during these important months of preparation.

Sister Helen

CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK

Lent has started and preparations are under way for the ceremonies of Holy Week. As you will see from the list we need MANY generous people to volunteer. If you are able to help, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office 5510 2222 or by email lis@scp.org.au as soon as possible indicating which ministry and which day you are available.

HOLY THURSDAY: 2 Altar Servers; 3 To carry the Oils; 4 Readers; 12 for the Washing of the Feet; 6 Ministers of Eucharist; 1 for the Thurible.

GOOD FRIDAY: 2 Servers; 6 Readers; 6 Ministers of Eucharist; 6 – 8 Collectors;

EASTER VIGIL: Eddie Banas to prepare the Fire; 2 to carry Paschal Candles; 2 Servers; 1 to look after Thurible; 6 Readers; 6 Ministers of Eucharist.

Please be generous in your offering to be involved.

WORDS OF THE FATHER

More than any other part of the body, the face reveals the person through the words spoken and through facial expression. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus did not simply reveal his mind, will or character. He went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem—his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke to Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved son; listen to him.

INTERIOR PENANCE

Interior penance is the moment of a contrite heart, (Psalm 51:19) drawn by divine grace to respond to the merciful love of God. This entails sorrow for and abhorrence of sin committed, a firm purpose not to sin again in the future and trust in the help of God. It is nourished by the hope of divine mercy. C C 300

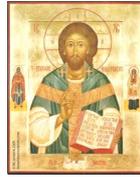
THE FRANCIS EFFECT

Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel.

Pope Francis, November 24, 2013.

NEW BISHOP FOR ROCKHAMPTON

Father Michael McCarthy has been appointed the new Bishop of Rockhampton. Between 2009-2013 Fr McCarthy was Dean of Brisbane Northern Rivers Deanery and Parish Priest at Redcliffe. Prior to this Fr McCarthy was Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary Brisbane. The 63 year old priest has been, until now, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Parish Priest of Hendra and Northgate. He said he was looking forward to many years of service to the people of Rockhampton.



ON SUNDAY APRIL 6

AT THE 8.30AM MASS

AT MARY IMMACULATE

FATHER JAN BIALASIEWICZ

WILL BE INSTALLED AT A EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION BY

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

AS PARISH PRIEST OF THE SOUTHPORT PARISH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN WITH FATHER JAN

TO CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION

THIS WILL BE A MULTI-CULTURAL MASS, WITH MANY OF THE DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS IN OUR PARISH

TAKING PART

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER MASS AND

SPEAK WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

WE ASK THAT EVERYONE BRINGS A PLATE OF THEIR

NATIONAL DISH TO SHARE FOR MORNING TEA

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Your Planned Giving Envelopes are now ready for you to collect from the table at the church entrance.

Please do not take anyone else's envelopes.

As you collect your envelopes, please be aware that the numbering has been re-allocated, so you will not have the same number as last year. This is because the response this year has been poor compared to previous years. Something like 70 people have not renewed their pledge.

If you feel you would like to join the Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office, or there are cards on the information trolley at the door of the church.

DROUGHT APPEAL

Next weekend at the conclusion of each Mass there will be a **Retiring Collection** taken up as we leave the church. This appeal is to help in some small way the plight of the people suffering from severe drought conditions in the west of the state. Please come prepared to give generously.

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

At Guardian Angels church.

Help Please! We require a Volunteer for after the 10.00am Sunday Mass: To pack up chairs—Check through the pews for anything left behind—Make sure the lights have been turned off. If you can help, please ring Leanne at the Parish Office 55 102 222.

BIG BREAKFAST AT BERNIE'S PLACE

It's on again on Saturday May 3.

THE BIG BREAKFAST AT BURNIE'S PLACE

Commencing at 7.30am at 8 Reynolds Avenue, Labrador

Funds raised go to the Hamlin Fistula Hospital and the

Franciscan Missionary of our Lady centres in Ethiopia.

Call Judy on 56 795 370 or Katherine 55 321 939.

S.P.Y. COFFEE AND TEA FUNDRAISER

Grab some healthy coffee, green tea or hot chocolate and support S.P.Y. get to the **World Youth Day** in Poland in 2016.

Available this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate and the 10.00am Mass at

Guardian Angels



PARISH BUS TRIP

Wednesday, March 19.

Bus will leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.15am. Pick up at Queen Street, Scarborough Street and departing from St Joseph the Worker at 8.45am



Today we welcome into God's Family

Ivy Olivia Burgess, daughter of
Alexander and Michelle Burgess

Sienna Rose Piezas daughter of
Bhobhetz Piezas and Anallie Lumapas

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barbara Vessey-Brown, Peace Thorn, Nigel Joynton-Rolf, Domingo Soo Hyun Kim, Carmen Tabone, Baby Jacqueline Colella, Joan George.

ANNIVERSARY: Margaret Degan, Lloyd Williamson, Jim Porter, Stephen Ballard, Guy Gaspard

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: 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, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Natasha Byrne.

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

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 17, St Patrick

Tuesday, March 18, St Cyril of Jerusalem

Conflict between Cyril and neighbouring Bishop Acacius led to the former being accused of insubordination and of selling church property to help relieve the poor. Probably, however, a theological difference was also involved. Whatever the reason, Cyril was condemned and driven from Jerusalem. In fact, half his time as a bishop was spent in exile (his first experience was repeated twice). He finally returned to find Jerusalem torn with heresy, schism and strife, and wrecked with crime.

**Wednesday, March 19, St Joseph, Spouse
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

WORTH A SMILE

Mick, from Dublin, appeared on 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 Euros. "You've done well" said the presenter "but for a million Euros you only have one life-line left, phone a friend. Will you give it a go?" "Sure" says Mick. Which of the following birds does not build a nest? Sparrow, Thrush, Magpie or Cuckoo? Mick call up his mate Paddy and tells him the circumstances. Mick, Paddy cries, that's simple its the cuckoo. "are you sure?" "of course I'm sure." Mick hangs up and says "I'll go with cuckoo". "Is that your final answer "That it is" says Mick. There was a long pause and the presenter says, "cuckoo is the right answer! Mick, you've won One million Euros! The next night Mick invites Paddy for a drink. "Tell me Paddy? How in heavens name did you know it was a Cuckoo that doesn't build a nest?" "Because it lives in a clock, Mick" says Paddy.

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Have you read our expanded Date Claimer Column? As part of our Parish Stewardship Committee we have been able to form a Social Committee under the chairmanship of Eddie Demarco. Eddie and his team have been working hard to bring you these events. So mark your diaries for some great parish fun to be had over the rest of the year. Firstly they are planning a **High Tea** for 2.pm on Sunday June 1. On Friday June 27 there will be a **Parish Thank You BBQ**. The **Golf Day** is on July 6, **Artico Concert** will be on Sunday July 20. and the Parish . We are having a monster family **Car Rally** on Sunday August 10. Later in the year there is the **Parish Christmas BBQ** on December 5. Remember also all the activities at Aquinas College to mark their 50th Anniversary.

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

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 10.00am to 1.00pm Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

First Wednesday of each month. Rosary and Novena 6.00pm St Joseph the Worker, Labrador

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

Stations of the Cross, each Friday of Lent, 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Wednesday, **March 19**, Parish Bus Trip

Sunday, **April 6**. 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Archbishop, to install Father Jan as our Parish Priest.

Saturday, **May 3**, Big Breakfast at Bernie's Place

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. Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **August 10**, Parish Car Rally

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Last Supper-The Betrayal-The Trial-The Agony
The Crucifixion-The Resurrection

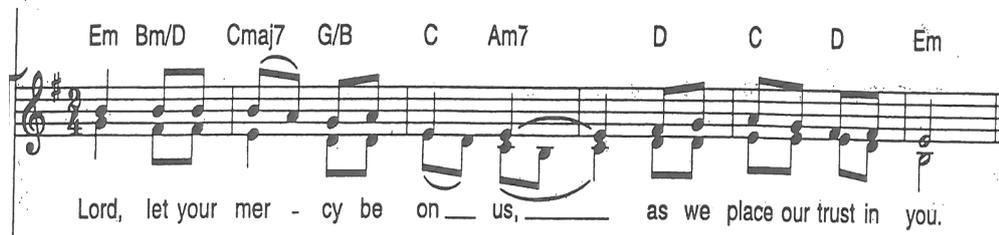
The Iona Passion Play

Good Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, 7.30pm
Iona College, North Road Wynnum West.

Tickets: Adults \$18. Concession \$15. Children \$5.
Children under 5 years Free

For Bookings call 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au
Outdoor performance—bring a chair or rug to sit on

HYMNS



GOD OF ABRAHAM

God of Abraham, lead us,
lead us to your kingdom.
Into fruitfulness, lead us,
lead us together,
lead us to freedom.

God of Sarah be with us,
lead us to your kingdom.
Through our laughter and labour,
lead us together,
lead us to freedom.

God of Moses and Aaron,
lead us to your kingdom.
Out of slavery, lead us,
lead us together,
lead us to freedom.

God of Miriam, lead us,
lead us to your kingdom.
Into songs of hope, lead us,
lead us together,
Lead us to freedom.
Lead us to freedom now

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

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!
No one lives on bread alone; but on every
word that comes from the mouth of god.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

GIFTS PROCESSION

Silence

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

When we eat this bread and drink
this cup, we proclaim your death, O
Lord, 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

MICAH'S THEME

Refrain:

***Hear then what God asks of you:
To live justly, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly
with your God.***

I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive,
Knock, and it shall be yours.

Father, your kingdom come,
May your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow me,
You shall share my life.

I am with you always,
Till the end of time.

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Antiphon:

***I have loved you
with an everlasting love,
I have called you
and you are mine:
I have loved you
with an everlasting love,
I have called you
and you are mine.***

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him;
He will bring you his light
and his peace. (A)

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him;
He will bring you his joy
and his hope. (A)

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him:
He will bring you his care
and his love. (A)

RECESSIONAL

GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of life and blinding light.
Truth whom creatures would refashion,
Force on us the gift of sight. **R**

Refrain

***Truth insistent and demanding,
Love resented and ignored,
Life beyond all understanding,
Give us peace and pardon Lord***

God most holy and forgiving,
Penetrate our pride and sloth;
On a people partly living,
Force the gift of life and growth. **R**

Lord, who out of love consented
To the worst that we could do;
Lord, abandoned and tormented,
Let us love and suffer too. **R**

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**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY**
Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

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