

**Third Sunday of Lent
Year A**

SUNDAY March 23 2014

BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS.

There is a big difference between ‘what is happening’ and ‘what is going on.’ When Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well little seems to happen but there is a lot going on. One of the most broken women in the Bible meets the most whole man in all of history and healing takes place.

It was noontime, and nobody goes to draw water when the day is hottest, unless she wants to avoid meeting people. She wants to avoid people because deep down she feels unloved. She had tried to find love in relationships with at least six men but because she was trying to grab love in loneliness she stifled and killed it in the very act. And then, like all of us in pain, she denied it and denied who she was; ‘I have no husband’ she said. It was a lie that was true.

This woman for the first time in her life meets a man who is truly loving. Beneath her façade Jesus sees a beautiful human being and he reaches out in love to re-create her. She in her craving for love had flaunted the laws of sexual propriety and then flaunted truth to deny her true self. Jesus flaunts the human laws that set barriers between people. She breaks the right kind of law for the wrong reason, while Jesus breaks the wrong kind of law for the right reason.

Then Jesus said, ‘If only you knew the gift of God! If you only knew who it is that asks you for a drink ... the water that I shall give you will become a spring welling up to eternal life.’

And so it was for the woman. When Jesus had restored her dignity and self worth she went ahead into the town. This woman is a real woman and a symbolic woman. She is a symbol of what is in all of us: loneliness, fear, anger, guilt, incapacity to forgive and so incapacity to love.

Unlike the Samaritan woman at the well, we will not come face to face with Jesus at a well to have a chat about identity and everlasting life. But we do meet him every time we gather for Eucharist and listen to his word and feast at his table. True encounters with Jesus never leave anyone the same.

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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 of the
Month 6.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm



CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday, April 17.

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

Good Friday, April 18.

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, April 19.

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore
Easter Vigil—6.00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20.

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

Parishioners remember to collect your Easter Bookmark from the table at the church entrance. It contains all the Easter Celebration times.

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

We will celebrate the **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** at 5.30pm on Tuesday, April 8, at Mary Immaculate.

Individual Reconciliation: After Mass at Guardian Angels on Friday, April 11.

Usual Time 4.30pm at Guardian Angels on Saturday, April 12

After Mass at St Joseph the Worker on Monday, April 14

After Mass at Mary Immaculate on Tuesday April 15

WHAT IS THE "SECOND RITE"?

The "second rite" combines a common preparation with individual confession and absolution. This way of celebration the sacrament of reconciliation respects both the privacy of each penitent, and the communal nature of the sacrament. It invites us to express our sinfulness as persons and as a community, as well as our need for ongoing conversion both as individuals and as a community.

The great beauty of this form of celebration is that it provides a context for reconciliation within the gathered assembly of Christ's faithful.

The Church offers this form of celebration of the Sacrament of Penance to better highlight the communal nature of sin and reconciliation.

This form has a basic structure which needs to be faithfully maintained. The following elements are constitutive of this second form: **introductory rites, greeting and opening prayer, celebration of the Word of God, homily, examination of conscience, individual confession and absolution, personal or communal penance, as appropriate and communal thanksgiving and dismissal.** While celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish we will be following this structure and principals of the "second rite".

YOU ARE INVITED
to the
Installation of
Father JAN BIALASIEWICZ
as Parish Priest of Southport
during a Eucharistic Celebration by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Sunday April 6 at the 8.30am Mass at

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.
Mass will be followed by morning tea in the meeting rooms. Please join us for Mass and morning tea to celebrate this occasion and the opportunity to speak with the Archbishop.

DRAUGHT APPEAL

Today 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 give generously.

PALM SUNDAY

We will be reading Matthew's account of the Passion at each Mass on Palm Sunday, and besides the usual Readers on that day we will need 2 Readers for each Mass to read the Passion with the celebrant. If you can help, please contact Sister Elisabeth urgently on 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au If you have your own favourite Palm Tree at home and would like to make a cross from it or bring a branch, have it blessed, and take your blessed palm home and keep it in your favourite place, you are very welcome to do so.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Sister Elisabeth would like to thank those people who have offered to Read, be a Minister of Eucharist, or do any of the other Ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil. So far she has covered only 5% of what is required. So please if you can help, contact Sister Elisabeth, 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au 12 people are needed for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, so if you are not a Reader or Minister of Eucharist, you might like to volunteer for this ministry.

ARE WE READY TO TAKE UP OUR MISSION

It's a long Gospel this weekend. That might make it harder to absorb, when hearing it proclaimed (but like Father Jan said in our front page last week. 'Heads up and Listen') but it shouldn't take away from the significance of its message. In it, Jesus is demonstrating how we are to do Mission: One relationship at a time, one encounter and conversation at a time. The true power of this week's Gospel is how it models the process of evangelisation—a question is asked, a response is provided, a life is changed!

THE FRANCIS EFFECT

The drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present.

Pope Francis

PENANCE CAN TAKE MANY FORMS

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. There are many other forms of penance that can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the penitential day of Friday.

Catholic Catechism 301

WORTH A SMILE

A patient sits in a dental chair with severely fractured front teeth. After discussing how they will be restored and the cost, the patient says "Before you begin, Doc, I have to know: Will I be able to play the trumpet when your finished? 'Your sure will' the dentist replies. 'Great' says the patient 'I couldn't play a note before.'



Today we welcome into God's Family

Ethan Heath and Lillyana Grace Schneider
children of Kim and Belinda Schneider

Andre Flordeliza son of Christopher and Maria Flordeliza

Denna Bakos de Assis daughter of
Diogo and Aniko Bokas de Assis

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Warwick Parer

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Little, John Webb, Tony Hiscox

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Alice Ferrero, 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

Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, one of the most important in the Church calendar, celebrates the actual Incarnation of Our Saviour, the Word made flesh in the womb of his mother Mary. In Luke 1:26-38 the Gospel writer describes the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she is to become the mother of the Incarnation of God: 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,' and Mary's response to God's will, "let it be done to me according to thy word." Benedict XVI reflects on the implication of the Annunciation for each of us: Christian life begins with a call and is itself always a response, until the end. The image of the Annunciation to Mary represents much more than that single evangelical episode; it contains the whole mystery of Mary, her entire story, her very being. At the same time it speaks of the Church, of her eternal essence, and of each individual believer in Christ, of each Christian soul which receives the call. The Lord has called each of us; each is called by name. God is so great that He has time for each of us. He knows each of us by name personally. We must meditate on this mystery again and again: God, the Lord has called us. He knows us and awaits our response as He awaited Mary's response, as He awaited the response of the Apostles.

Thursday, March 27, St Lazarus

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, and friend of Jesus. One account has him writing an account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter to Syria. Another story is that, despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sister and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 39 years.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Francis and the Cross.

The love, humility and suffering of Christ drew from Francis the response of a deep unconditioned, and grateful love. The centrality of Christ crucified is well attested in his Francis' life spirituality. Francis prayed for two graces before he died: that he would feel in his body and soul as far as possible, that pain his Lord endured in the hour of His most bitter suffering. That he would feel in his heart the excess of love which inflamed His heart to undertake so cruel a suffering. Towards the end of his life while praying on Mt La Verna, on September 14, Francis received the Stigmata, the marks of his crucified Christ. Francis early followers preached devotion to the Passion by promoting the Stations of the Cross. The next Secular Franciscan Meeting, is **Wednesday March 26, 12.30 to 3.30pm**, Infant Saviour Church, Park Road Burleigh Heads, All welcome.

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.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm on the First Wednesday followed by Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker.

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

Thursday, **March 27**, Children's First Reconciliation

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.

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

Saturday, **May 3**, Deanery Music Workshop conducted by Elizabeth Harrington at Mary Immaculate.

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

CARE AND CONCERN

The Annual General Meeting of Care and Concern will be held tomorrow, Monday March 24, in the meeting Room at Mary Immaculate church. As all positions will become vacant it is important that all members make a special effort to attend to elect a new committee for the year ahead. So don't forget tomorrow, 10.30am start, Mary Immaculate meeting room It's worth coming just for the coffee and cake as you arrive.

HYMNS

Capo 3: (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

If to - day you hear his voice, — hard - en not your hearts.

COME TO THE WATER

Refrain

*Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing,
I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness
I have to offer! Come listen! Live!*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread,
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled! **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

If today you hear His voice
harden not your hearts.

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

BREAD OF LIFE CUP OF HOPE (Bobby Fisher)

Bread of life and cup of hope
we come as gift to you
Change our hearts fill us with peace,
Transform our lives anew
Open our eyes so that we might see
Your presence in one another
Your life, poured out in love today
Unites us all in you

Loving Lord, Creator God
open our eyes to see
The good that lives in each of us
that called the world to be
And when we fail to see the good
When friendships falter and crumble
give us the courage to forgive
That we may live in peace

Living Word, O Son of God,
Your love show us the way
That we may live in harmony
and from you never stray
Wipe all oppression from our midst,
give us a love for all people
Your song of justice sing in us,
to live for peace today.

GRANT TO US, O LORD,

A HEART RENEWED

Refrain:

*Grant to us O Lord,
a heart renewed;
Recreate in us your Spirit, Lord!*

Behold, the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
When I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel. **R**

Deep within their being
I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts. **R**

I will be their God,
and they shall be my people. **R**

And for all their faults
I will grant forgiveness:
Never more will I remember their sins. **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**
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9:1-41

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