

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
YEAR C
Mother's Day**

SUNDAY May 12 2013

When To Let Go

I do hope that you have known at least some great teachers in your life. What a joy it has been to enter the classroom of someone who wants to really teach. Not waffle or lead discussions of the mutually ignorant but rather wants to *teach* you. Some people can work hard and become great teachers, but there are those who were born for it. At every stage of life, I have found it hard to give up a great teacher and move on. But as every teacher worth their salt will do, at some point, their students must be freed to test what they have learnt and so make it a part of their own lived experience.

Deepening faith is perhaps like that. Jesus at His Ascension said to his friends: "It is for your own good that I should go." Perhaps we might say to Him that we would rather that He be right here with us as He was then, with skin on. But Jesus, being the model and the greatest of all Teachers, was trying to show that unless His friends make His teaching a part of their own experience, and keep up the daily search for God, remembering what we have been taught and at what cost, it will not be a very deep kind of faith that they know. In fact, His Spirit has brought Jesus very close indeed, as close as our own breath, for His Spirit breathes in us and through us to the world around us.

On this Mothers' Day, we also note that Mothers and Fathers by their very vocation are teachers of their child in every way and for all of life, yet even that deep bond of Parent must change to free the child to take responsibility for all (s)he has learned, to take chances safely and grow through successes and failures alike.

These words of the medieval English mystic, Julian of Norwich, make me think of motherhood and the beginnings of our life in the womb. "As the body is clad in the cloth, and the flesh in the skin, and the bones in the flesh, and the heart in the trunk, so are we, soul and body, clad and enclosed in the goodness of God." Whether our Mothers are alive or dead, they are all as close as God and God is close indeed.

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St Joseph the Worker Church
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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
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

MAY— THE MONTH OF MARY

Devotion to Mary.



The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration of everyone who in and through the Church seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of

the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vilified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vilified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter with Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother, so he also is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious members. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us.

WEEKEND BY CFC-SINGLES FOR CHRIST

“Princess Dairy and Knights Tale”

All Catholic single men and women ages 21-40 are invited to a weekend of fellowship with CFC-Singles for Christ (Qld). This retreat aims to help women: Understand and appreciate their identity as a woman created by God, discover how their womanhood reveals God to the world and desire to live out their special calling as women in intimate union with Jesus. For men: help them to understand the true definition of manhood and challenge the men to live as modern-day knights and challenge the men to live the cause of Christ.

Friday, May 17, 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Saturday, May 18, 9.00am to 5.00pm. At the Resource Centre, Mary Immaculate Church. No fees involved. Teas and lunch served.

RSVP: by tomorrow Monday, May 13, to Len 0438 724 053 or email len@amores.com.au

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice will re-commence on Monday, May 20.

7.00pm to 8.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church.

This will give Sister Elisabeth time to prepare all the new hymns to be learnt. Anyone interested in joining the Choir would be most welcome.



A Great Big Thank You to everyone who helped make the breakfast at Bernie's Place last Saturday such a success both socially and financially. Our Ethiopian recipients will be most appreciative.

HELPERS WANTED FOR FIRST COMMUNION DAY

Sister Helen is seeking helpers to assist with the special morning tea for the children and their families, when on Sunday, May 26, 85 children in our parish will celebrate their First Communion at a special 10.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. There are many ways to help. * **Be in the meeting room by 10.00am to receive items of food from families.** * **Prepare cordial for the children.** * **Serve tea and coffee after Mass.** * **Pass around the food,** * **Cut the special cake.** * **Send a plate of food to share.**

Please email Sister Helen helenw@scp.com.au if you will assist in this special parish celebration.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Parishioners are encouraged to pray for all the children and their families preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist in our parish.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 23, at 7.00pm and First Eucharist on Sunday, May 26, at 1030am Mass.

Dear Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

GRATITUDE FOR OUR MOTHER

Today we turn to you, Lord to give thanks for our Mother.

With your gift of life, she bore us in her womb and gave us life. She tenderly, patiently cared for us and taught us to walk and talk. She read to us and made us laugh. No one delighted in our success more, no one could comfort us better in our failures. We are so grateful for how she mothered us and mentored us, and even disciplined us.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged. Most of all Lord, on this Mother's Day, give our Mother the grace she most needs and desires today. We ask this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.



A POEM TO MOTHERS

You painted no Madonna on chapel walls in Rome.
But with a touch diviner you lived one in your home.
You wrote no lofty poems that critics counted art.
But with a nobler vision you lived them in your heart.
You carved no shapeless marble to some high-souled design.
But with a finer sculpture you shaped this soul of mine.
You built no great cathedral that centuries applauded.
But with a grace exquisite your life cathedraled God.
Had I the gift of Raphael or Michelangelo,
Oh, what a rare Madonna my mother's life would show!



Congratulations to two of the real stars of our parish Nellie and Jack Fitzpatrick who believe it or not celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday May 1. They were married at St Cecilia's Church Hamilton in 1943. Nellie attends the 7.00am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador most Sundays. A really great achievement, the parish wishes you many more.

YOUR PARISH

A house of welcome to all.

The parish is the Church placed in the neighbourhoods of humanity. Oftentimes the social context, especially in certain countries, is violently shaken by elements of disintegration and de-humanization. The individual is lost and disoriented, but there always remains in the human heart the desire to experience and cultivate caring and personal relationships. The response to such a desire can come from the parish, when, with the lay faithfuls' participation, it adheres to its fundamental vocation and mission, that is, to be a "place" in the world for the community of believers to gather together as a "sign" and "instrument" of the vocation of all to communion, in a word, to be a house of welcome to all and a place of service to all, or, as Pope John XXIII was fond of saying, to be the "village fountain" to which all would have recourse in their thirst.

St Vincent de Paul Migration Advice Service offers free visa advice to needy people. Call 0487 347 858 between 6.00pm and 9.00pm Monday to Friday for an appointment.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Audrey Willow Sakora and Eden Rose Sakora children of Rupert and Sarah Sakora

Rex Andy Moore son of Clinton Moore and Jessica Anderson

Hollie Ella Joy Lavery daughter of Artie Lavery and Jacqualein Wade

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Salvatore Famularo, Leo Quinn, Angelo-Joseph DeLuca, Theresa Assis

ANNIVERSARY: Jose Jaca, Filomena Jaca, Bruce Thrush, Anne Davenport.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Ed Hands, Mrs. Shannon, Yvonne See, Gary O'Connell, Ross McAlpine, Jim Cliffe, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Vickey Smith, Babes Valenzuela, George Ovens, Iris Rogers and family. Bernadette Gaspard, Matthew Byrne, Queenie Powers, Arthur Hocking, Glenda Donovan Helga Gaspar, Keith Smith, Angela Taylor, Tracy Howars, Michael Skinner, Tim Howard, John Henry, Will Connell, Arthur and Peter McConnell, Lyn Maranta, Natalie Silver-Oyarzun, Gloria Gaskin, Sharon Fraser, Lyn Cooper, Christopher Mendoza, Mikki Holden, Simon Crestani, Jane Garcia.

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:13) These words from the last chapter of the Bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives, in all that we do. Putting God first doesn't mean giving until it hurts. It means giving until we are filled with joy and contentment. This usually means giving more generously, not less.

WORTH A SMILE

A University aged daughter came running to her mother in tears. "Mum you gave me terrible financial advice!" "I did? What did I tell you?" said the mother. "You told me to put my money in that big bank, now that big bank is in trouble." "That's one of the largest and best banks in the country, she said. "There must be some mistake." "I don't think so," she sniffed. "They just returned one of my cheques with a note saying, 'Insufficient Funds'."

BIG EVENTS ARE HAPPENING AT THE MANOR



This is a reminder to everyone who is interested in our FUN FASHION PARADE which is being held at De Paul Manor on **Friday, May 17**, at 10.00am. All are very welcome. Morning Tea is provided free of charge. The Morning will be a fun

affair with Lucky Door prizes. RSVP to the Manor on 55 827 999 no later than tomorrow Monday, May 13.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Members of the Southport Catholic Parish and friends are invited to join with the residents of De Paul Manor for their 3rd Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This year they are having a Mad Hatters theme.

Thursday, May 23, 2013. at 10.00am.

Price is \$10 per person. RSVP essential by May 12, 2013 Any extra donations are welcome to help make the morning a huge success. Whether it is a cash donation to the Cancer Council or by donating goods, vouchers or products, which can be auctioned off or raffled on the day; every donation will help. Please contact Jessica Ford 55 827 999 if you are coming or email;

reception@depaulmanorestate.com.au

If Thursday, May 23 does not suit, you can try

AQUINAS COLLEGE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

at Parklands on Tuesday, May 21, 11.00am to 12.30pm

Cost \$10. RSVP to Kathleen French 0417 863 023.

If you have missed them both there is one more to try

BIGGERS MORNING TEA at Guardian Angels School on

Friday, May 24. 8.30am to 11.00am in the Kombumerri

Centre. Gold Coin donation. All welcome.

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, **May 17**, Miller's Fashion Parade 10.00am at De Paul Manor. All welcome.

Tuesday, **May 21**, Aquinas Biggest Morning Tea Parklands Thursday, **May 23**, Confirmation will be celebrated.

Thursday, **May 23**, BIG MORNING TEA at De Paul Manor Saturday, **May 25**, Fund raising dinner at De Paul Manor

Sunday, **May 26**, Children will receive First Eucharist. Sunday, **July 14**, Parish Golf Day.

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

BIBLICAL QUIZ

Last weeks question: **Who was Joseph's Mother?**

Answer: Rachel. (Gen 35:24) This weeks question: **Who was the mother of Solomon?**

AFRICAN FUNDRAISING DINNER AT THE MANOR

This is a first! The Manor is presenting a lovely dinner to raise funds for a kindergarten to be built at Fort Portal Uganda.

There is such great poverty, but the people are so grateful and joyful despite their poverty. Let us try and help them through this fundraising dinner. You are all welcome at De Paul Manor for this occasion.

Saturday May 25. 5.30pm for 6.00pm

There will be a beautiful two course dinner for only \$15

RSVP call the Manor Reception on 55 827 999 by May 20.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS

2013 PARISH GOLF DAY

COLONIAL GOLF CLUB—SUNDAY JULY 14 2013

Tee off at 12.noon sharp—Registration from 11.00

It's time to dust off those golf clubs, grab a partner and come along to the 2013 Parish Golf Day! Don't have a handicap? NO PROBLEMS. We can allocate you one on the day, it's all about enjoying the outdoors while playing golf at one of Australia's premier resort golf courses.

EVERYBODY is welcome, \$60 per person. Please RSVP and pre-pay your place in the field, with: **Roger Fish**

email: khfishandson@gmail.com Phone 0419 224 405

HYMNS

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory a lone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder
like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation Has redeemed;
us by his blood

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in
sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes,
nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er, shall our
hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you ever more"?

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**

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

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your Words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



GIFTS PROCESSION BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

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

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**

ON EAGLE'S WINGS (Michael Joncas)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock
in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN:

***And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.***

The snare of the fowler will never
capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **R**

For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

RECESSIONAL

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well:
On the earth let all your people speak your
grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring!

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away.
Now with God in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT
SUNDAY
Genesis 11:1-9
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

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