

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
YEAR C**

SUNDAY May 26 2013

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

In an Aesop's fable about a stubborn mule, a farmer was driving his mule along a country lane on the way to town to get supplies. Because there was no burden on the mule's back going into town, the beast was allowed to move along as it wished. The mule wandered further and further away from the path until, finally the farmer noticed that the mule was headed for a high cliff. He ran to the mule, grabbed him by the tail, and tried to hold him back. But the mule wilfully resisted and continued toward the cliff's edge. Not wanting to be hurled down the steep incline himself, the farmer let go of the mule's tail. As the mule went hurtling over the cliff, the farmer called after him: 'Well, if you will be the master, you will have to continue on alone.'

If we were to be masters alone of continuing Jesus' mission, we would, indeed, be hurtling over a high cliff. Jesus' mission is a lofty one – no less that bringing salvation to the world, making known the presence of our triune God among us. But Jesus does not leave us alone – he sends his Spirit to be with us and through the Spirit God's life dwells within us.

The Spirit not only guides us to truth, but bears what we cannot bear on our own. Jesus' mission, then, is not entirely on our shoulders. Jesus, through his Spirit, is still present to us; it is always Jesus' mission. We are disciples doing what he commanded – teaching others what he declares to us by the Holy Spirit.

The indwelling of the Spirit assures us of the triune God's working within and through us: the Father's love, the Son's mission, the Spirit's truth so we do not need to fear that we have plunged off a high cliff to take up the Son's mission.

The Trinity is, indeed, a lofty mystery which comes down from the 'heights' when we ourselves make God's presence known by the way we live. The triune mystery is revealed in our own loving others, in our doing good for others, in our being persons of integrity and truth. The mystery of the Trinity is concrete when we act out of the dignity which has been bestowed upon us – those who carry divine Life within them.

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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
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

May 25 and 26

Vincentians will hand you a Winter Appeal Envelope when you come to Mass. **Please take the envelope home and put it on the plate when you come to Mass next time.** We will also have a **leaving collection after Mass** for those who prefer to give money straight away. Blankets, rugs, and tins of soup etc can be left in the Hamper Food Bins at the back of the Labrador and Mary Immaculate Churches. Many people we visit on the Gold Coast are struggling to stay warm and have a roof over their heads this Winter. Bad weather for labourers or getting sick means those in casual work to supplement their Centrelink, lose income if they stay home. We visit people living in cars, garages and homes without heating. Parents skip or skimp on meals so children can take lunch to school. Those in "safe houses" fleeing domestic violence arrive without warm clothes, food and blankets. Elderly people shiver as they save on heating to pay power bills.

Donating money gives us the flexibility to give the most appropriate hand-up to those calling on us for help: we spend time with them – often several home visits - sorting through issues to work out how to get them back on track and in control of their budget and their lives. Time, compassion and the right hand-up can deliver hope, dignity and respect to people who feel they have no value. **We thank you for giving so generously to those less well off than ourselves. When we assist those in need we come closer to God.** Please pray for them. We keep you, your families and those we visit in our prayers.

Pope Francis, the poor, and us. What does it mean for us to be a 21st century Australian to walk in the footsteps of the Poor Man of Nazareth. Now we have a Pope who's always talking about the poor, nudging the Church, and all of us, into picking up where Jesus left off. In our heads we hear Francis saying that any follower of Jesus worth their salt has to feel the sting of poverty personally. That's challenging.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST—OCEANIA CONFERENCE



Everyone's invited to the CFC Oceania Conference, Moved by the Holy Spirit, one with the Catholic Church. Couples for Christ is a united global community of family evangelizers that set the world on fire with the fullness of God's transforming love. The Oceania conference is an annual gathering of its members and guests all over

Australia and Oceania region including PNG, NZ, Vanuatu, & Samoa for a spirit-filled weekend of inspiring Christian talks & sharing, singing praise & worship with pure passion and joy as one community.

The culminating Mass on Sunday will be officiated by Fr. Peter Dillon which includes a renewal of marriage vows for couples.

SOUTHPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 6 Lawson St. Southport.
Friday, June 28, from 7.00pm.

Saturday June 29, 8.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday June 30, 8.00am to 1.00pm. Mass at 11.00am

Conference Cost: \$80/person (kit & Sat-Sun meals)

Children welcome @ \$25.00 all meals.

For program details & registration contact Len 0438724053,
len@amores.com.au

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS NEEDED

Hospital Chaplains are needed to visit patients in the new Gold Coast University Hospital at Parkwood, which opens in September 2013.

To discuss **Opportunities, Qualifications** and **Training** please contact Norm Harding on either 55 198 415 (Gold Coast Hospital direct line) between 8.30am and 12.30pm Tuesday to Thursday or 0421 125 575. All enquiries will be treated with respect and in the strictest confidence.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS NOT YOUR TROUBLES

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN?

Traditionally, the Archdiocese has conducted four in-parish appeals to raise funds for the Holy Spirit Seminary, the Priests Foundation and Centacare. In addition, parishes conducted other appeals for Caritas, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul and various other ministries and programs throughout the year. The Annual Catholic Campaign is a single fundraising program, held over a number of weeks.

It seeks support for five principal beneficiary areas of: Centacare—Priests Foundation—Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund—Holy Spirit Seminary—Religious Works.



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN 2013**
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge
and The Priests Jubilee Committee
Invite you to join them for**

**The Jubilee Celebration of Presbyteral Ordinations
10.30am Wednesday, June 26 2013
at The Cathedral of St Stephens**

**DIAMOND JUBILIARIANS: Martin Doyle, Bill McKeown,
Frank Shortis O.Carm**

**GOLDEN JUBILIARIANS: Wally Dethlefs, Joe McGeehan,
Leo Skelly, Brian Taylor, John Begg SM, Greg Jordan SJ**

**SILVER JUBILIARIANS: Peter Brannelly, Peter Meneely,
Paul Taubman, Rogasian Msami CSSp**

**And the 40th Anniversary of: James Foley, John Chalmers,
Jim Smith, Kevin Carey, John Dwyer, Adrian Farrelly, Dave
O'Connor, Matthew Mc Phee O.Carm.**

**and recently retired priests, and Jubilarians from other
Dioceses will also be honoured at the celebration.**

RSVP: by Monday June 17 to deveryec@bne.catholic.net.au

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Remember how our parents would teach us rules when we were young? Rules like not playing in the street or not playing with matches. Remember how sometimes the rules seemed like burdens, like our parents must have invented them to keep us from doing the things we really wanted to do—the things we thought would make us happy? As we grow up we learn how important these rules are, how we could have been seriously injured or even killed if we had not obeyed. Like our parents growing up, God gives us commandments to help keep us focused on what is most important and how to stay safe. All of His guidance is meant to keep us safe, help us to stay close to Him and, in the end to give us more freedom and happiness. The word "commandment" might make us think of the Ten Commandments—a list of "Thou Shalt Nots" - God does not only tell us what we should not do, but he also tells us what we should do. His greatest hope is for our eternal happiness, so we can be sure that His commandments are not restrictive rules, but they are divine guidance to protect us from harm and lead us to better ways of living.

WHAT IS DIVINE PROVIDENCE?

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures towards the ultimate end. God is the sovereign master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other,

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Nolan, Anthony McDonald, Keith Hinde

ANNIVERSARY: Keith Smith, Ponciana Illescas, Bishop Aloysius Morgan, Phonse Lakins, Fred Cross.,

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, 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,

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

PARISH GOLF DAY

The Colonial Golf Club—Robina

Sunday, July 14, Tee off at 12noon sharp

Cost \$60 per person— 4 person Ambrose

18 holes of golf—electric cart

Dinner and Presentation

Everyone is welcome even if you have never played golf before. Please RSVP and pre-pay your place in the field with

Roger Fish phone 0419 224 405

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Entries close Sunday July 7 2013

WORTH A SMILE

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital . While on the operating table she has a near death experience. During the experience she sees God and asks if this is it. God says no and explains that she has another 30 years to live. Upon her recovery she decides to stay in hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, tummy tuck, etc. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour. She figured since she's got another 30 years she might as well make the most of it. She walked out of the hospital after her last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrived in front of God and complains. "I thought you said I had another 30 years." God replies, "Sorry I didn't recognize you."

THIS WEEKS FEAST DAY

Friday May 31.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast commemorates the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel had revealed to Mary her role in God's plan. The visit was the occasion of Mary's hymn of joy. The Magnificat, described in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED AT MARY IMMACULATE

We have found another job in our parish that requires patience. We need someone to assist with looking after the Gardens and Grounds at Mary Immaculate. Mainly watering the new plants outside the church.

Planting out new plants, Spraying weeds. High pressure cleaning of court yards. General gardening. Probably two mornings a week. Call Leanne at the parish office if you are the person for this job.,

Many things that seemed unaccountable worries have proved indeed to be hidden blessings.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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.

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: **Where did the people anoint David king over Israel?** Answer: Hebron. This weeks question: **Who wrote Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd"**

MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

Combined celebrations of Fatima Day, Thursday June 13 with the feast of St Anthony of Padua at Marian Valley, Canungra. The Croatian pilgrims will provide succulent food which will be donated to the Shrine. Bus leaves Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. For bookings call Viviane on 55 359 623



Stewardship is a spirituality—a way of life—which calls for our response by: * Receiving the gifts of God with **gratitude**. *Cultivating them **responsibly**. * Sharing them **generously in justice** with others. * Returning the gifts with **increase** to God.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know the truth. So why not talk to the Holy Spirit about your stewardship? Are you sharing your time and talent with God and others? Do you give a fair amount of your treasure to do the work of the Lord? Can you hear the Holy Spirit's answer to those questions in your heart now? What more is He calling you to do?

HYMNS

THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

This day God gives me strength of high heaven, Sun and moon shining, Flame in my hearth, Flashing of lightning Wind in its swiftness Deeps of the ocean, Firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me, Might to uphold me, Wisdom as guide Your eyes are watchful, Your ears are list'ning, Your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me, God's host defends me, Saving from ill. Angels of heaven, Drive from me always All that would harm me, Stand by me still.

GLORY TO GOD

GLORIA

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bo nae voluntatis.

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.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!



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

TRINITY SONG

Father in my life I see
You are God who walks with me!
You hold my life in Your hands!
Close beside you I will stand!
I give all my life to you!
Help me Father to be true!

Jesus in my life I see
You are God who walks with me!
You hold my life in your hands!
Close beside you I will stand!
I give all my life to you!
Help me Father to be true!

Spirit in my life I see
You are God who walks with me!
You hold my life in your hands!
Close beside you I will stand!
I give all my life to you!
Help me Father to be true!

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, 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

FIRMLY I BELIEVE AND TRULY

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.
And I trust and hope most fully
In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly
Do to death, as He has died.

Simply to His grace and wholly
Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, Him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
For the love of Him alone,
Holy Church as His creation,
And her teachings are His own.

Praise and thanks be ever given,
With and through the angelic host,
To the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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 to 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

RECESSIONAL

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

All hail, adored Trinity;
All praise eternal unity.
O God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, ever one.

Three Persons praise we ever more,
And thee the eternal One adore:
In thy sure mercy, ever kind,
May we our true protection find.

O Trinity, O Unity,
Be present as we worship thee;
And to the angels' songs in light
Our prayers and praises now unite.

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17**

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