The urgency of the Gospel

’I think the key to this gospel is the first words of the passage: “as the time grew near for Jesus to be taken up to heaven”. In other words there was no time left. There was an absolute urgency and immediacy to Jesus’ last days. There was no time but the present and there wasn’t time for hesitations and excuses and delays.

’When it comes to thinking of reasons to put off the urgent demands of the gospel of Jesus - the requirements that go along with calling ourselves ‘followers of Jesus’ – there are weak excuses and also fairly good excuses for not putting Jesus’ message first. But that irrespective of the reasons, Jesus’ gospel has an urgency that demands first priority.

’The gospel today also raises the really important question of the extent to which we are capable of fooling ourselves. Jesus wants us to be honest and clear-sighted about our lives and our motives and priorities. Let us never underestimate the power of self deception. It is the extent to which we are capable of fooling ourselves. Jesus wants us to be honest and clear-sighted about our lives and our motives and priorities. Let us never underestimate the power of self deception. It is in opposition to the light and openness and generosity of the gospel of Jesus.’

Excerpts from a homily by Fr Paul Kelly, Maryborough Qld

DID YOU KNOW?

• A very key theme in Luke’s writings is that of journey. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem is the vehicle for his preaching and for the formation of the disciples in what it means to be a follower of Christ.

• Luke’s second volume is the Acts of the Apostles. In this book, the message of Jesus is taken by the Church outward from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

• There existed an ancient rivalry between the Samaritans and the Jews, which caused each group to be suspicious of the other. The area of Samaria lay between Galilee in the north and Judea in the south.
PLEASEREMEMBER TOREMEMBER FORPRAYERRECEIVED: Father Val Shoolepoff, Michael Hayes, Keven Rodgers, John Sant, Eileen Bradley, Sr Agnes Downing, Charlie Bartolo, Mary Kane, Betty Wright, Alisa Rey, Peter Landers.


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Evangelista Gauci, Sam & Mary Scriha, Salvatore & Teresa Zammit, Doris & Sam Sciberras.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:
Monica Hayes, Gail Fallis, Barbara Sands, Les Shaw, Teresa Skully, Jim Bartolo, Amanda Chetcuti, Pat Frainey, Jim Hanks, all the sick of the parish.

Catholicism is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series and multi-media Study Program being released by Word On Fire in September of 2011. The ten, 60-minute DVD episodes take viewers around the world and deep into the Faith, spanning over 50 locations in 15 countries – stunningly filmed in high-definition.

Commemering 11th of July 2013 at 1:30pm At the Adult Faith Centre, Macalister St. 
A series of 22 sessions planned with Fr Peter Tonti and Fr Terry.
A great opportunity to know and discuss, what Catholics believe.

Expression of Interest is welcome to determine time for repeat evening sessions at St Joseph's church, North Mackay.
For more details / queries contact: Leenore Reddy, 0422105971, or email: marieleenore110@gmail.com

Date Claimer Reflection Day - Come and see.
On the 30th July 2013 from 10am to 2pm By Margaret Hallinan, at the Adult Faith Centre Special invitation for R E Teachers, anyone is welcome.
Please bring a friend.
Morning tea will be provided. BYO Lunch.
RSVP to Leenore Reddy: call 0422105971 email: marieleenore110@gmail.com

AN INVITATION is extended to all to attend the Ordination to Priesthood of William Senn at St Joseph’s Cathedral, William Street, Rockhampton on Wednesday 03 July, 2013 at 7:00pm followed by refreshments in Our Lady’s Hall TCC
The Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at St Francis Xavier’s Church West Mackay on Friday 5 July at 7pm and will be followed by supper in St Francis Xavier’s Hall West Mackay.
ALL WELCOME!!

ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD
Are you an instrumentalist or singer who would like to assist with the music for the Ordination of Rev Bill Senn?
Practice will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 3 July (just prior to the Ordination). If you have any queries please contact Claire Stitt on 0407144736. Thank you.

The Mackay Maltese Club is holding a Luncheon at Wests Leagues Club, Branscombe Rd, Walkerston on Sunday 14 July at 11.30 am. Order your meal from the a la carte menu board - no set cost. Bookings are essential. Please phone Joan Bezzina on 49574990 by 9 July to secure your reservation.
ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

Each year the St. Vincent De Paul Society assists in providing the finances to educate children in overseas countries.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to assist a student for one year. An education grant of $70.00 goes towards enabling a young person in a developing country to receive one year of education.

The whole amount given will be received by the student's family. NO administration costs are deducted.

Application forms are available from the paper counter or notice board.

ENVIRONMENT

HUMANITY HAS NO FUTURE UNLESS IT CARES FOR CREATION

‘St Francis, faithful to Holy Scripture, invites us to recognise that nature is like a marvellous book speaking to us of God, of His beauty and goodness. Francis used to ask the friar who tended the convent garden to leave space for a rich flowerbed so that passers-by would raise their thoughts to God, Creator of such beauty.

‘The Church has never ceased to remind people that by respecting the mark of the Creator in all creation, we achieve a better understanding of our true and profound human identity. Respect for the human being and respect for nature are the same thing, they grow and find their just measure if we respect the Creator and His creation, both in the human creature and in nature.’

Pope Benedict XVI, Rome, November 28, 2011

CENTACARE AND THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE

Provides services and help families access the range of existing services available to them.

One service offered is FOCCUS pre marriage education. Pre-Marriage Education is a requirement of the Rockhampton Diocese. Services are provided by accredited and registered FOCCUS facilitators who are trained in Marriage and Relationship Education.

For more information about our courses please phone 1300 523 985 or call into our friendly office at 35 Milton St. Mackay.

POSITION VACANT—DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST.

The Diocese is seeking a part-time Archivist to maintain and manage the Dioceses’ Archives. The hours are negotiable and the salary or at least an aptitude for records management and an appreciation of history. To receive the application pack, email the Manager - Employment and Safety Systems on ESS@rok.catholic.net.au or ring Andrew Bourne on 4931 3725.

“Applications will close on 12th July 2013.”

CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS LIFE IN QUEENSLAND

“THEN, NOW, WOW!”

A photographic and interactive exhibition which centres on religious life in Queensland is winding its way around the state to honour the partnerships religious have shared with people in communities in which they have lived and ministered.

It shows that members of religious congregations are alive and well and making a contribution to God’s Mission in today’s world.

Come and see and hear stories of communal life and mission in the 21st century in the church and the world at St. Patricks Hall, River Street, Mackay between 10AM-6PM on Monday 15th July 2013. ALL WELCOME

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH CAR PARK REPAIR WORK

Work to completely re-surface the car park at St. Joseph’s Church began on Monday, 24th June.

The work will be confined to between 7:00am and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

- Alternative parking arrangements will be available at St Joseph’s school, with access via Canberra Street and Ungerer Street.
- Designated temporary access to the Church will be arranged for weekend Masses.
- Morning weekday Masses will be held in the Parish Hall during the works period.
- The project is expected to take four weeks, with completion by Friday, 19th July.

Every effort will be made by the Contractor to minimise inconvenience to Parishioners and school parents.

For further information please contact the Parish Office, on 4957 4855.

RESIDENCE FOR RENT

SEAFORTH

The residence adjacent to the Star of the Sea Church at Seafort will become available for rent from middle of July.

The residence is quite large, with three bedrooms, each with ensuites, large living areas, kitchen / dining area, laundry and two car garage.

Currently the residence is partly furnished. However, it could be available unfurnished.

It is proposed that the tenants would act as Caretakers for the grounds surrounding the Church, as well as observers for the Church building.

Adequate mowing and gardening equipment is available.

A formal rental agreement would be arranged between theFarleigh Parish and the tenants.

Interested persons can contact Ken at the St. Joseph’s Parish Office, on 4957 4855, or email kkstjomyk@bigpond.com

* HOLY CARDS AND FRAMED PRINTS OF POPE FRANCIS NOW AVAILABLE.

Piety Stall open Saturday Mornings from 11.00am to 11.30am and before and after Masses on Saturday Nights and Sunday Mornings.

NORFAIR 2013

WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR

IN THE ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL GROUNDS:

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST at 10am

IT’S TIME TO:

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**Feast Days of the Week**

**Wednesday July 3 - St Thomas, Apostle**

Following the death of Lazarus, Thomas (the name means 'Twin') in a moment of bravery rallies the other disciples to stay by their Master come what may. Later, Thomas misconstrues Jesus' reference to His death and resurrection. St Thomas, however, nicknamed the 'Doubting Thomas', is best remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection. This led to Thomas's wonderful profession of faith, 'My Lord and my God!', the clearest declaration of Jesus' divinity in Holy Scripture.

**Christifideles Laici**

**Lay People – Go Into My Vineyard**

“First of all, the freedom for lay people in the Church to form such groups (for spiritual or apostolic purposes) is to be acknowledged. Such liberty is a true and proper right that is not derived from any kind of “concession” by authority, but flows from the Sacrament of Baptism, which calls the lay faithful to participate actively in the Church’s communion and mission. In this regard the Council is quite clear: "As long as the proper relationship is kept to Church authority, the lay faithful have the right to found and run such associations and to join those already existing."

Extract from Christifideles Laici, Pope John Paul II, 1988 Full text at:

**For what purpose did God create man and woman?**

God has created everything for them; but he has created them to know, serve and love God, to offer all of creation in this world in thanksgiving back to him and to be raised up with him in heaven.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n.67

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http://www.catholicenquiry.com

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**SPOKEN RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**SUNG RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

You, O Lord, are my inheritance.

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**THIS WEEKEND’S RESPONSORIAL PSALMS:**

**1ST RDRG:**

**PSALM:**
Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11. R.c.f.v.5.

**2ND RDRG:**
Galatians 5:1,13-18.

**GOS ACC:**
1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68.

**GOS:**

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**NEXT WEEKEND’S RESPONSORIAL PSALMS:**

**1ST RDRG:**
Isaiah 66:10-14.

**PSALM:**

**2ND RDRG:**
Galatians 6:14-18.

**GOS ACC:**
Col 3:15,16.

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**LITURGY ROSTER—NEXT WEEK-END 6 / 7 JULY 2013**

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