



The Fisherman



St Peter the Fisherman Family Church - Anglican Parish of Bramble Bay - Easter Edition

FROM THE RECTOR

Living in the Light of Christ

During the Middle Ages, a story circulated about Martin of Tours, a Christian after whom Martin Luther was named. It was said that Satan appeared to Martin in the guise of Jesus. Martin was ready to fall to his feet and worship this vision. But then he noticed that the vision's hands and feet didn't bear the marks of crucifixion. "Where are the nail marks?" Martin asked. At that, the apparition vanished.

The suffering crucified Christ is always at the centre of true Christian living. But people sometimes get the idea that if they would just give their lives to Christ, they will no longer experience problems and difficulties. But suffering is a part of life, and the Bible gives us numerous examples of godly people who endured tremendous pain and suffering.

But this raises the question: how can we embrace joy in a world filled with pain and suffering? and is it right to be joyful in a world of hunger and violence and injustice?

But it is precisely here that we make one of the most surprising discoveries: often it is the people closest to suffering who have the greatest joy. People who were friends of Mother Teresa never remember her being overwhelmed by the suffering around her. They said she always glowed with joy as she went about her ministry of mercy.

One of the English officers imprisoned at Flossenbug with the famous German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, during the Second World War, said that Bonhoeffer always seemed to "spread an atmosphere of happiness and joy over the least incidence and profound gratitude for the mere fact that he was alive."

True joy, as it turns out, comes only to those who have devoted their lives to something greater than personal happiness. This is most visible in extraordinary lives, like saints and martyrs. But this doesn't stop ordinary people like us from experiencing this very same joy.

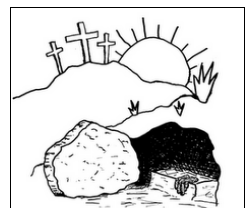
One test of authentic joy is its compatibility with pain. Joy in this world is always joy "in spite of" something. And this Joy can only be maintained by Jesus being at the heart of everything we say, do and think.

Luke's gospel records the appearance of the Risen Christ to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-34). At first it sounds like a story of sheer despair. He whom they had set their hopes on as the Redeemer and the deliverer of Israel had been hounded to a cross, and it seemed that all their hopes were dust and ashes. But the point of the story is that they were still talking about Jesus. Bewildered they might be, but they could not forget. Their world was shattered, but somewhere at the heart of it all there was Jesus. There are times when people cannot understand; there are times when life is a dark mystery when there are problems which are so immense that they defy all solution. But if at the heart of our personal world we can still see Jesus, if he is still quite unforgettable, if he is placed at the centre of our hearts and minds, then in the end he will come to us — and the darkness we see will be replaced with the joy of his glorious light.

My family and I wish you, and those you love, a very Happy and Holy Easter.

With Easter Blessings

Fr Gary



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LADIES' GUILD

Our A.G.M was held 20th February chaired by Fr. Gary Atherton. The same committee was re-elected plus the added position of an Assistant Secretary. The committee being President Diana Borger, Vice President Jennifer Felgate, Secretary Iris Stephens, Assistant Secretary Anita Blent, Treasurer Eileen Jones, and Supplies Purchaser Jan Tattam.

Shrove Tuesday 12th February Guild members helped with the making of pancakes, serving a variety of pancakes and fillings for Lunch. Karen Atherton had a fun Bible Quiz and then we had the tossing of pancakes with two relay teams. This was a very happy luncheon with the proceeds of \$170-00 going to Clontarf High School Chaplaincy. In January we were saddened by the passing of two of our former parishioners, Arthur (Charlie) Wells and Doug McNiece. Refreshments were served by the Ladies Guild after each service.

The Talent Tables held the first Sunday of each month after the 9am service continue to be a great fund raiser, thank you all for your support.

A Deanery Clergy meeting was held at St Peter the Fisherman Church Thursday 7th March. The Guild Ladies served the morning tea and provided lunch for this occasion.

The Garage Sale held Saturday 9th March was a great success with the proceeds being \$2002.

Thank you for your many donations towards this. Thank you also to those who set up the tables, helped on the day or packed away afterwards, this was very much appreciated.

The Ladies Guild has given funds to the Parish as required. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at Morning Tea Sunday 24th March.

Coming Events:

April 7th Talent Table – Sunday after 9am service.

April 20th Messy Church.

April 25th Anzac Day Service, Woody Point Memorial Hall – Serve refreshments.

May 5th Talent Table – Sunday after 9am service

May 11th Cent Auction – Saturday 9am for 10am start.

May 23rd Biggest Morning tea -Thursday 10am. - Proceeds for Cancer research.

June 2nd Talent Table – Sunday after 9am service.

Volunteers are always greeted with open arms, so if you would like to help with cleaning brass or arranging flowers please let us know. Please start looking out for all those gifts big or small that can be donated for the Cent Auction in May. Many thanks to those who have already given items for this.

Diana Borger.

GARAGE SALE



EVENING GUILD

Fr Gary Atherton chaired our A.G.M. on the 20th February, 2013.

The following office bearers were elected.

President	Nell Stanaway	Vice President	Gill Bust
Treasurer	Gail Symons	Deputy Treasurer	Norma Shoobert
Secretary	Sherryl Catchpole		

Our usual water aerobics didn't happen because of the rainy weather.

We are planning a Mother's Day raffle after Easter, and mark your Calendar for our not be missed Pasta Lunch on the 26th May, 2013.

I wish you all a holy Easter season.

Nell Stanaway

COMING EVENTS

23RD MARCH

8.00AM PARISH BREAKFAST

28TH MARCH

6.00PM SEDA MEAL

29TH JUNE

20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

30TH JUNE

20TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

31ST AUGUST

PARISH FETE

MU (Mothers' Union)



Mothers UnionFr Gary began the year off for us with the Commissioning of the new committee. On Friday 1st March the World Day of Prayer was held at St. Mary's and our members assisted with the readings. The Deanery Lenten Quiet Day was held at the church on the 8th March. Reverend Libby Crossman led the quiet day with reflections on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. Thank you to Linda Sutherland and Flo Wanka who made some lovely flowers for Mothering Sunday and Anita Blent, Cath Hoyes & Iris Stephens who made the Simnel cakes.

We wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter.

Karen Atherton



Cath Hoyes presenting Charlie Kirkland with the MU gift.

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THURSDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

I would like to thank the members of the twice monthly Friendship Group for continuing to support it with me as their leader. I was a little bit worried at the beginning of the year that the numbers would decrease but should have known that the Lord would provide and I am pleased to say that we are continuing on with some new members and all of the old ones. We have been joined for morning tea by Fr Gary and the male wardens who as you are aware enjoy their cuppa. May they also continue to support us. I now feel sure that we will go on in Friendship for many years to come.

Anita Blent

"It's the best chat group in town.
Leaves Facebook for dead!"



Betty Jeffery in her yearly report thanked everyone for their support over the past 9 years that she was leader. It was a very rewarding experience for her and she wishes the group much joy, satisfaction and friendship.

PARISH GROUPS

Bible Study: Tuesdays 9.30am

Mothers Union: Second Friday at 9.30am

Ladies Guild: Third Wednesday at 11am

Evening Guild: Third Wednesday at 7pm

Women's Group: Thursdays at 7pm

Thursday Friendship Group: First and Third Thursday at 9am

Caring & Sharing: Fourth Wednesday after 10am service



WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS?

Answers given by primary school age children when asked the following questions.

Why did God make Mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.

How did God make Mothers?

1. He used dirt like the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of string.
3. God made my mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

(Taken from the Fisherman 2005)

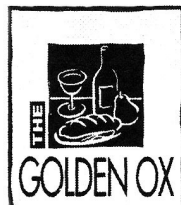
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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Our 20th Anniversary preparations are well under way. We will be having a Dinner at the Bramble Bay Bowls Club on the 29th June and a Service on the 30th June. Bishop Jonathon will be joining us at both these celebrations. The committee are putting together Memorabilia and would appreciate any photos (especially of the building of the church, dedication and consecration services), articles, old Pew Sheets, Fishermen etc. If you can think of anyone who might like to be invited to the celebrations please let Karen know by the 13th April so we can include them on our invitation list. It's going to be a great opportunity for us to look back and see where we've come from so we can capture a vision of where the Lord might be leading us in the future. For more information please phone the office on 07 3883 2378.

Snippet from Fr John Clarkson published in the June 1993 Fisherman: Like the first followers, we need "re-charging", and we need sending forth" In this particular stage of our Parish's corporate Journey, we are responding to the going forth. We are leaving the familiar and the secure and embarking upon a whole new phase of our evangelism....We need to learn to trust Him in a whole new way too... He will be our strength, and He will bring fruit to our efforts expended in His Name. We don't have to know the future and all the corollaries of this initiative; they are in His Hands - and they couldn't be in a better place.

YOUTH GROUP

We are off and running again with about 12 children on our books.

All our nights start with 5 minutes of meditation where the children sit quietly (most nights) and in their own minds are saying the words "Maranatha" meaning "come Lord". As the children are usually very excited to see each other when they arrive and very energetic this has been a great way to start the night off. We have a short break from activities during the night to share prayers and pizza. It is wonderful to listen to their prayers and it shows how in touch they are with what is happening in the world around them.

Our planning meeting at the beginning of February is always a great night where the children get together in smaller groups to discuss what activities they would like to do throughout the year. Once they have some ideas down on paper we all get back in one larger group where the ideas are tabled and it is always pleasing to see how easily the children work in with each other sharing their ideas and it doesn't take them long to work out the year's activities.

We had our first activity night on 1 March, this was our "Spotlight/Short film making Night". Unfortunately due to the wet weather we postponed our "Spotlight" section of the night but thought we could do this activity to coincide with our Easter Celebrations on 5th April. Our short film making was rather interesting. Fr Gary and Karen kindly brought in their puppet collection for the children to work with. Fr Gary explained to the children the best way to use the puppets to "bring them to life" when working with them. The children all selected a puppet to work with that night and they put together some very interesting skits. Karen was our photographer and film maker for the night and the children got to take home a copy of the skits as Karen copied them on to their USB sticks they brought in.

We have many wonderful activities planned for the year and welcome any new children to come and join in. Please do not hesitate to call me on 0409 156 946 if you have any questions or would like more information.

Kirstyn Morris



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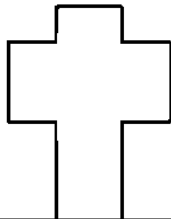
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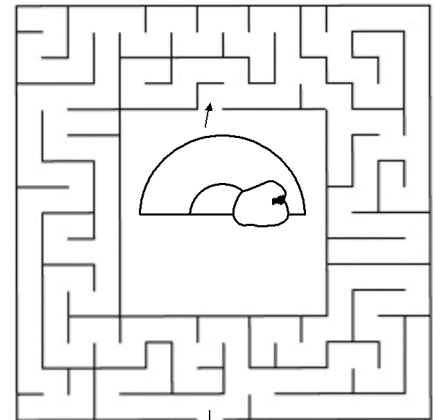


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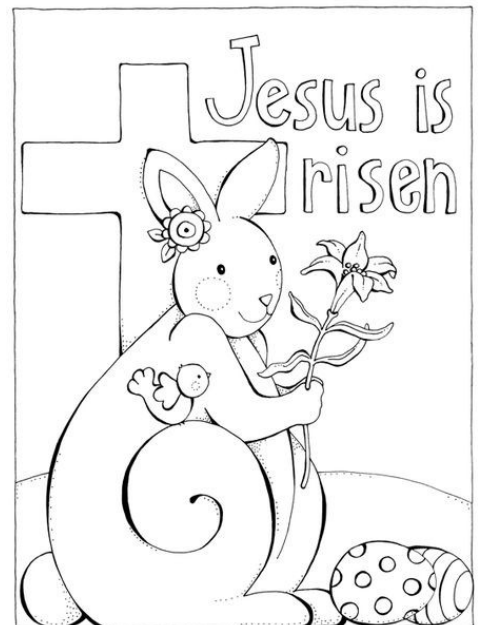


sacrifice
 sin
 son
 stone
 thorns
 tomb

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb.



so he can tell
 the disciples
 he's alive!



CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Kids Club: Every Sunday at 9.00am
Little Fishers: Second Thursday of month
 at 9.30am
Pete's Club: Thursday 3.30pm
 during school term.
Youth Group: First Friday of month
 at 6.pm

Come join
 us at

Crafts

For all
 the family



Songs

Saturday 20th April

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Come along and have
 some fun -

Bring your friends
 Children must be

accompanied by an adult

Games

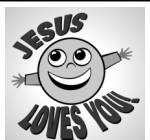


How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?
It might crack up

Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot!

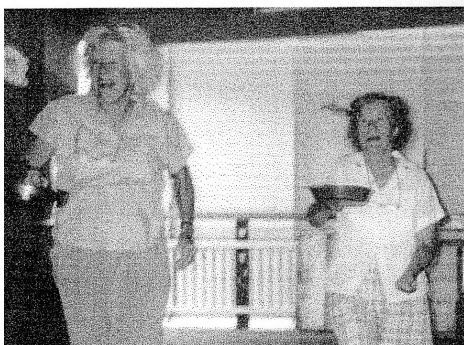
What part did the egg play in the movies?
He was an "Egg-stra"



SHROVE TUESDAY



Vi Horrocks preparing pancakes



The Pancake Races!



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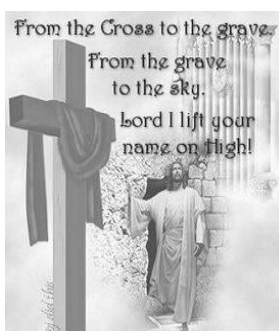
PETE'S CLUB STYLE

FISHERMAN 2003

A father is in church with three of his young children, including his five year old daughter. As was customary, he sat in the very front row so that the children could properly witness the service. During this particular service, the minister was performing the baptism of a tiny infant. The little five year old girl was taken by this, observing that he was saying something and pouring water over the infant's head. With a quizzical look on her face, the little girl turned to her father and asked: "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"



BAPTISM OF CHARLIE KIRKLAND



"Maybe I am thick, but I can't understand a woman who gives up her diet for Lent!"

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The Carpenter

The sun beat down on the village,
And in the open door;
But the Carpenter's hands were busy,
For the Carpenter's folk were poor,
The sweat was bright on His forehead,
As he cut and planed each length,
For, to feed and clothe His dear ones,
The carpenter gave HIS STRENGTH

The carpenter stood in the city,
And the helpless about Him lay,
The lame man shouted for fleetness
The blind man sobbed for the day
And healing flowed from His fingers,
At His touch weak grew brave
For to heal and to help the helpless,
HIS VIRTUE the Carpenter gave

On a lonely hill, Golgotha
Men set the cruel tree,
And crucified the Carpenter
That day, for you and me,
They nailed those hands so Holy,
Those feet they drove the spike-
For, to save the souls of all mankind,
The carpenter gave HIS LIFE

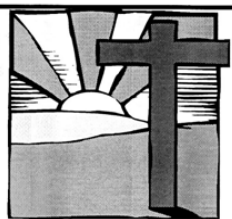
Joan Barter

See!
I will not forget you...



Isaiah 49:15

*I have carved you on
the palm of my hand.*



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Your
Light
Shine

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It is important to have a valid and current Will. Please consider discussing this with your solicitor when next updating your Will. Or you can simply make a Codicil to your existing Will.

Thank You

Christ's Last Will and Testament

He left His purse to Judas;
His body to Joseph of Arimathea;
His mother to the Apostle, John;
His clothes to the soldiers;
His peace to His disciples;
The supper to his followers;
Himself as an example as a servant;
His Gospel to the world;
His presence ALWAYS
with God's children!

Joan Barter.



WALKING THE DOG

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill. When they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!



Jesus came to earth, To show us how to live,
How to put others first, How to love and how to give.
Then He set about His work, That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself; He made us clean and new.
He could have saved Himself, Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin; He paid it out of love.



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WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Holy Communion

Sunday - 7am and 9am

Tuesday – 8am

Wednesday - 10am

Saturday – 6pm

First Sunday of the month combined service 9am only

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Funerals: Arthur Wells

Memorial Service: Doug Mc Neice

Baptism: Eloise Ahier & Grace Schafer



EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday:	28th March	6.00pm	Seda Meal
		7.30pm	Eucharist with Washing of Feet
Good Friday:	29th March	10.00am	Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Eve – Saturday:	30th March	6.00pm	Easter Vigil, lighting of Paschal Candle & Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
Easter Day – Sunday:	31st March	7.00am	Eucharist with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
		9.00am	Eucharist with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows