

Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

11 October 2009

FALLING CHURCH ATTENDANCE?

Much is made of statistics about falling church attendance. Detailed examination of recent statistics argued that churches that taught and practised an orthodox and traditional faith did not decline – in fact they grew.

This was true for both evangelical and more catholic congregations. The fact is that the whole church is one generation away from extinction, which means that mission must be at the heart of every church community. It must look out and seek to meet the needs of the

community it serves in and with Christ. In all this we must remember that the Church is Christ's Body and He is its head. Everything we do together must be rooted and fed by Him. Without

Him we can do nothing. It may be that you feel powerless in the face of the decline of your church community. You may not be an evangelist or have special gifts for ministry, but every single reader can pray to the Lord to send

labourers to harvest His crop. All of us too can ensure that we play our part in the worship that is in spirit and in truth, in a setting that is welcoming to others.



Study, therefore, to be established in the doctrines of the Lord and the apostles, that so all things, whatsoever you do, may prosper both in the flesh and spirit; in faith and love; in the Son, and in the Father, and in the Spirit; in the beginning and in the end. ... Be subject to the bishop, and to one another, as Jesus Christ to the Father, according to the flesh, and the apostles to Christ, and to the Father, and to the Spirit; that so there may be a union both fleshly and spiritual.

*S. Ignatius of Antioch (Saturday's saint),
Letter to the Magnesians*

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THE PARISH OF BRISBANE
All Saints' Church,
Wickham Terrace
A FORWARD IN FAITH PARISH



Parish Priest: Canon Richard Martin SSC

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11TH OCTOBER 2009

HYMNS AT LOW MASS - 7.30am

ENTRANCE: 395 God of mercy, God of Grace
OFFERTORY: 420 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
COMMUNION: 598 Jesus, good above all other
RECESSIONAL: 398 Happy are they, they that love God

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

Setting: Merbecke

INTRODUCTORY RITES

RITE OF SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

The priest sprinkles himself, his ministers and the people with holy water to remind us of our Baptism in which we were joined to the dying and rising of Christ, our sins were washed away, and we became part of his priestly people.

Antiphon: Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps.51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*People: **And grant us thy salvation.***

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

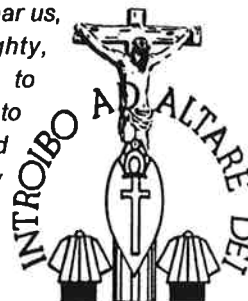
*People: **And let my cry come unto thee.***

Priest: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And with thy Spirit.***

Priest: Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy Holy Angel from heaven; to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this holy place. Through Christ our Lord.

*All: **Amen.***



HYMN

On this day, the first of days,
 God the Father's Name we praise;
 Who, creation's Lord and Spring
 Did the world from darkness bring.

On this day the eternal Son
 Over death His triumph won;
 On this day the Spirit came
 With His gifts of living flame.

O that fervent love today
 May in every heart have sway,
 Teaching us to praise aright
 God, the Source of life and light.

Father, who didst fashion me
 Image of Thyself to be,
 Fill me with Thy love divine,
 Let my every thought be Thine.

Holy Jesus, may I be
 Dead and buried here with Thee;
 And, by love inflamed, arise
 Unto Thee a sacrifice.

Thou, who dost all gifts impart,
 Shine, sweet Spirit, in my heart;
 Best of gifts Thyself bestow;
 Make me burn Thy love to know.

God, the One God of my heart,
 I am thine, and mine thou art,
 Dwell within my heart alone;
 Take me blessed One in Three;
 Here I give myself to Thee.

THE INTROIT OF THE MASS

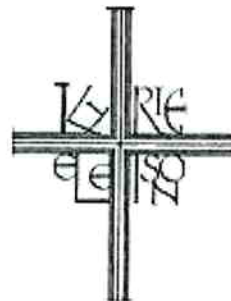
The choir sings: If thou O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it: for unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel. *Ps.* Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice. Glory be. *Psalms 130:3,4, & 1,2*

KYRIE ELEISON *All sing:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *All sing:*

Priest: Glory be to God on high

All: and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT*Priest:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray. O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us: and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray; may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.***The people SIT***LITURGY OF THE WORD****THE FIRST READING** *Wisdom 7:7-11*

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.****THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *90 13—end***R: Lord, thou hast been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**

¹² Teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. ¹³ Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last * and be gracious unto thy servants. **R:**

¹⁴ O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. ¹⁵ Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us * and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity. **R:**

¹⁶ Shew thy servants thy work * and their children thy glory. ¹⁷ And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us * prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work. **R:**

THE SECOND READING *Hebrews 4:12-13*

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.****ACCLAMATION** *The choir sings:*

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head: that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard. Alleluia. Alleluia. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me O Lord. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Alleluia. (*Psalm 133:1-2, 23:4*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17-30**Deacon:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And with thy spirit.***Deacon:* The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.*People:* **Glory be to thee,
O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.****THE NICENE CREED***Priest:* I believe in one God

People: **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By**

whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, *(All KNEEL)* and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: *(All STAND)*

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church:

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SERMON *The people SIT*

The choir sings: Remember me, O Lord, King of all power: and put a well-ordered speech in my mouth that my words may be pleasing in thy sight. *(Esther 14:12,13)*

HYMN

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the Faith which saints believed of old,
Back to thy Church which still that faith doth keep;
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

- an interlude is played on the organ -

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.



INVITATION TO PRAYER

† *Priest:* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.



People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, and to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.