



Welcome to
Eastern Hills Anglicans
9 October 2011
28th Sunday of the Year
Web Page Edition

Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a
king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

NEXT SUNDAY: Festival of St Francis of Assisi
Earth Mass & the Blessing of Animals
8am Sunday 16 October
Guest Speaker Don Gibson



Pets are an important part of our life.
They bring joy, happiness love
and affection.
Through them we connect
to God's wonderful creation.
So gather on this festival day
to give thanks to God
for our pet companions.

Bring your family pets along
Followed by a BBQ Brunch

PARISH AGM: Sunday 6 November.
To Elect the Parish Council for 2012

The Next Morning Tea

Will be on the **19th October at 10.30** a.m. in the
Coffee Lounge of East's League Club, Main Road, Coorparoo.
Come along, bring a friend and enjoy a social time together.

Martyn's Mutterings – Teaching & comments by Fr Martyn Lepanto. Lepanto is not the name of a manufacturer of undergarments but a battle fought in 1571 - but first, a little historical background information. The Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent (1494 – 1566) launched a military expansion into Christian Europe and annexed Rumania and Hungary. Austria was next on his shopping list but fortunately, he was defeated in the siege of Vienna in 1529. He failed again in 1532. Suleiman also failed tried to take Malta in 1565. That was close and a serious wake-up call to Europe! However, that did not stop him as he conquered the Christian kingdoms of Georgia and Armenia and then pushed into Iran. Suleiman's son, Selim II, decided on a different approach. His intentions were to build a massive fleet and attack Rome. His boast was to put minarets around St Peter's Rome as his predecessors had done to the cathedral of the Holy Wisdom in Constantinople. He built a great fleet in the Gulf of Corinth at Lepanto. The European leaders could see the seriousness of the threat when Selim's fleet took the island of Cyprus. The time had come to act and Pope Pius V brought into an alliance Spain, Venice and Genoa who put together a sizable fleet but much smaller than the Turkish fleet. The command was given to the young Don Juan of Austria, the brother of King Phillip II of Spain. Apart from the military preparations there was the Pius V encouraging everyone to pray the rosary in great processions around the city of Rome. The Battle of Lepanto was a victory for Christian Europe and the decisive turning point, which stopped the advance of Islam into Europe. In the Roman Catholic Church and many Anglican churches, 7th October is commemorated as the Feast of the Holy Rosary, in remembrance of the form of prayer that was offered on that day 1571.

All of this seems like history with no relevance for today until you notice this conversation in 1999; Archbishop Giuseppe Bernardini, an Italian Franciscan who heads the Izmir Diocese in Turkey, recalled a conversation he had with a Muslim leader for the Synod of European Bishops, which was gathered in Rome. That leader told him, "*Thanks to your democratic laws, we will invade you. Thanks to your religious laws, we will dominate you.*" In 2011, it has happened, as politicians continue to dismantle the place of Christianity in Europe Islam marches in. - **continued next page**

In France, while 64% of French people describe themselves as Catholic, only 2.9% of the population actually practice the faith. That compares to 3.8% of the population who practice the Muslim faith. There is price to pay when history is ignored.



Festival of Our Lady of Walsingham
The National Pilgrimage led by Bishop Lindsay Urwin,
The Administrator of the Shrine at Walsingham, England
10.30am Saturday 29 October St John's Cathedral
 Eucharist, BBQ, workshops, Healing ministry, Evening Prayer)
 See www.stjohnscathedral.com.au for more details.
6.30pm Evensong at All Saints Wickham Terrace

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We did labour under some difficulties last Sunday. First was **Robyn and Bernie Casey's** dash to Maryborough to visit their eldest daughter Kathryn, who crashed her car (she is OK) - so two of our key caterers were out of action. Therefore, a big thank you to **Wayne Elliott** who struggled on alone to put on the BBQ. Our second difficulty was the school holidays. We had, unavoidably, to shift the date for this event. The consequences were we landed on the last Sunday of school holidays and this meant several families being away.

However, there were some bonuses that came out of this Sunday - **Cecil the Lost Sheep**. We had, as one of our plans for this year, to start including a segment for children. The *Lost Sheep*, series of books for children are excellent and now their author is offering the series in a multimedia presentation. He especially wrote a book for the Gospel for BATC Sunday, "Through the Roof", which also included activities for children. So, we will see more of Cecil and his friends in the coming months.



Saint of the Week, 29 September

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln

Grosseteste means 'large-head'! It had nothing to do with the size of his head but his immense knowledge. He was born at Stradbroke in Suffolk in about 1175. He studied at Oxford and Paris and held various posts until, after a grave illness, he returned to Oxford, where he taught at the Franciscan house of studies in the university. He became Bishop of Lincoln in 1235, then the largest English diocese. He visited every corner of this vast diocese and began a programme of renewal and reform. In this he met with opposition especially from the clergy at his own cathedral at Lincoln, who saw themselves as beyond his jurisdiction. The affair was settled in 1245 when the pope issued a ruling giving the bishop full power over the Cathedral Chapter. He was also vigorous in opposing the misrule of Henry III and of Boniface of Savoy – the most unpopular Archbishop of Canterbury. However, his intelligence gave him little patience with fools, including the Archbishop. Despite being an excellent pastor and a commentator on scripture, theology and Greek philosophical works, he was best known by his contemporaries for his mathematical and scientific knowledge. Many English scientists today see him the real founder of the tradition of scientific thought in medieval Oxford, and in some ways, of the modern English intellectual tradition". In 2006 the newly founded *Bishop Grosseteste University College* at Lincoln recognises his achievements in education and learning. He died on this day, 9 October in the year 1253.



BIBLE & BRUNCH 23 October: Kingship in Israel

Every King in Israel was anointed as 'the Lord's anointed' and that is the meaning of the words "Messiah" and "Christ". Obviously, the hope of a Messiah had a lot to do with expectations for a Messiah in the time of our Lord, which caused him many problems and conflicts.

Thanksgiving & Commitment Sunday 13 November

Some of you will remember my reporting on the previous Diocesan Treasurer's comments six years ago on the parish and its future. He was opposed to the appointment of a new rector at that time as he saw no future for the parish and predicted its immediate demise. Fr John Campbell, who looked after the parish prior to my arrival and had a great affection for it, also had a similar prediction – and he was qualified in business management. However, six year on and we are still here! Praise God. However, things are not so good this year. Our budget has blown out due to repairs and maintenance. First, was a significant repair to the roof of the Old Rectory and then came the white ants – so we were down around \$8,000. We were also down on our Sunday collection by around \$4,000 to date. We now have an additional blow of Spiritus moving out of the Old Rectory, which means we have no more rent for the immediate future from that source. We have a property management company on the look-out for new clients and he feels confident that new tenants will be found. So there is a lot to consider, plan and pray about!



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Regular Sunday Services.

8am PowerPoint Mass. 9.30am Sung Mass

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