

One of the most enduring motifs in modern film is the road trip, usually involving two or more travelling companions, sometimes strangers thrown together by circumstance, who must navigate a series of obstacles to make it home or escape to a new life. We need only think of such popular hits as *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, *Thelma and Louise* or *Mad Max: Fury Road*.

Typically, the plot of the road trip movie will follow the protagonists through uncharted or foreign territory, where they will be forced to rely on each other to survive.

In today's reading from Luke (16:1-13), we have a small extract from what is a larger section in Luke's Gospel (Luke 9:51-19:44), which presents Jesus and his companions on Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. Like all good road trip stories, the protagonists are traveling through the foreign territory of Samaria, encountering sights and people that Jews of the day would normally avoid. While on the road, Jesus takes the opportunity to teach his disciples, to prepare them for life after his death, resurrection and ascension – when his disciples will again be in "foreign territory".

Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples for this challenge by teaching them how they should behave when in the future they travel outside their homelands. Some of that advice may strike us as surprising. For example, today, Jesus holds up an unlikely model for emulation, a cunning and self-serving property manager who "cooks the books" and reduces his own profit margin to evade punishment from the land owner. By reducing the debts of his employer's debtors, he gains both the undying loyalty of the debtors and the grudging admiration of his employer.

Luke's Jesus tells this story in the context of the road trip to Jerusalem to make the point that the journey is not a means to an end – to be "saved" or to be successful; it is an end in itself. For Luke, the Church is a fellowship of fellow travellers, for whom money and possessions are merely the "means" to the more important goal of attaining deeper engagement with God and with all of humanity.

This is a life task that is neither complete; nor is it one that we can accomplish on our own. Like the protagonists in a road trip movie, we have been thrown together by circumstance and a shared mission. So, this Sunday why not take the opportunity to engage with the people in the pews around you? Perhaps then we can better prepare ourselves to meet the challenges together of the road ahead.

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**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Masses**  
7:00am & 8:30am

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday & Wednesday  
7:00am

**Gold Coast University Hospital**  
Friday 10:30am



**Before Mass speak with God**

**Guardian Angels' Church**  
99 Scarborough St., Southport

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am

**Mass in Korean** - 5pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12:30pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 4:30pm to 5:15pm



**During Mass, let God speak with you**

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore  
Ph: 5510 2222

**Sunday Masses**  
8:30am & 6:00pm

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Thursday 5:30pm

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**Holy Hour 4:15pm**



**After Mass, speak with others**

**The Parish Grieving Support Group** recently met with Pat Tomlinson from the Burleigh Parish who conducts a Grieving Support Group for that parish. We discussed ideas and different approaches in support for those who have recently suffered loss of dear ones. Our Parish Grieving Support Group was formed by Fr Jan at the beginning of 2018. Its purpose is to:

- Be a presence at Parish funerals as an expression of Parish sympathy and compassion for those grieving;
- Provide follow up contact for those who might need support in their grieving;
- Arrange suitable liturgical and ritual events that commemorate those who have recently died;
- Provide any other assistance that comes to mind in support of those who are grieving

We are only a small group. If anyone is interested in joining, **please contact the Parish Office 5510 2222.**

More facts and myths from the Majellan publication regarding the time of grieving

**Myth:** Funeral services, rituals are expensive and a waste of time.

**Fact:** Funeral services need not be expensive, and they are extremely therapeutic. In her book, *Grief, Death and Dying*. Clinical psychologist Therese Rando, PhD, cites the following benefits of having a funeral service:

- funerals confirm and reinforce the reality of death;
- funerals facilitate the acknowledgement and expressions of feeling over loss;
- funerals offer survivors a tool for addressing their feelings;
- funerals promote recollection about the deceased;
- funerals aid mourners in beginning to accommodate the changed relationship between themselves and the deceased's loved one;
- funerals allow input from the community (**especially the community which proclaims the faith in the Risen Lord**) which, in turn, serves as a living memorial helping grievors develop an integrated image of the deceased whose life continues in the presence of God.

**Myth:** Time will heal.

**Fact.** Time in itself will not heal. With the passage of time some of the pain lessens. However, it is what you do with time which results in healing. This means becoming actively engaged in the recovery process by reading books and articles about grief speaking with and learning from others who have experienced loss. Reprinted after the Majellan publication

**Parish Boat Cruise!** Only two weeks away from our Inland Water Cruise to Brisbane, so its time to collect tickets from Piety Stalls. All day free parking, undercover at Marina Mirage Shopping centre, then assemble at **Omeros Brothers Seafood Restaurant Gate** which will be opened at 8:30am. We go on board and settle in for the day. Bring your own drink mug & save pollution. Any queries please contact Liz 0409 664 590 or Pat 55 395 849.

**St Vincent de Paul** will hold a raffle at Mary Immaculate and St Joseph the Worker Church's over the next couple of weekends. This year there are 8 beautiful hand made items lovingly made and donated to us by a Vincentian aunt. These prizes will make wonderful gifts. The money raised will go towards helping those who need a helping hand, to sustain them in a difficult time in their lives. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn after the **6pm Mass at Mary Immaculate church on the 29th Sept.** God Bless you for your support.



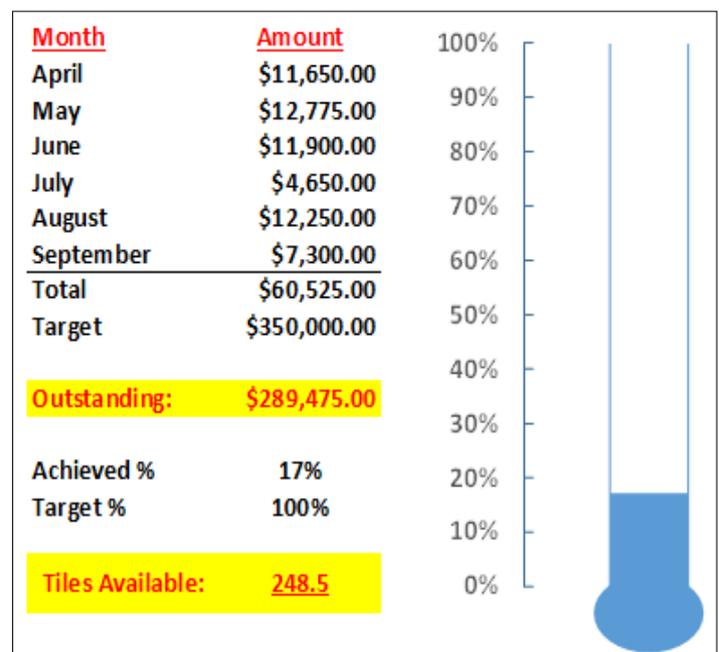
We are “scrubbing-up” this month! **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am** at the Guardian Angels Church- **Sausage Sizzle!** Anyone can help by purchasing a \$2.00 Sausage Sizzle along with free coffee or tea! All profit will be added to the donation for the foundation. **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5pm** at the Mary Immaculate Church – **A “mini” afternoon of entertainment by talented kids for Sick Kids** with an afternoon tea at 4:30pm. We will ask for an Adult Entrance Fee of \$10.00 100% of this will be donated to the foundation (**ScrubUp September for Kids in Hospital**).

No donation is small if we do it out of genuine care and concern for the sick kids in the hospital. If you unable to support any of these events, but would love to donate, please contact the organizer; Eleanor Amores on 0438 724 053 before the end of the month. Thanking you in advanced on behalf of the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation - “Scrub up September” appeal!

**Reflection Day “New Wineskins”** will explore ways to respond to faith challenges of today. Prominent speakers from “The Grail in Australia” are presenting on **Saturday, 28th September 2019 (9am-4:30pm) at The Grange Bowls Club, 79 Sellheim Street, Grange. Cost \$25pp.** To attend and for more enquiries please contact Judy 0407 580 174.

**Walking Group** our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:30am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

### LCC UPDATE!!!



**THANK YOU!** for your generous donations and continued prayerful support for the Lumen Christi Centre project.

### Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C

**1st Reading – Amos 6:1, 4-7, - 2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-16 - Gospel - Luke 16:19-31**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stopleveline.com.au ONLINE: www.bnecatholic.stoplevelinereport.com**

### **Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

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**Mary Immaculate Church**  
Raphaelle - 0414 915 047

**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
Cathy - 0414 982 749 (Chinese)

*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.  
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers  
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions  
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.*

*Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

**Recently Deceased:** Tutumanu Felu (NZ), Madonna Moloney (sister of Fr Pat Stratford)

**Anniversary:** Donald Atkinson, Corazon Hatulan, Mark O'Neill,

**Sick and in Need:** Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sue Barker, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Sarah Fairburn, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Ron Gledhill, Marcelle Guillon, Karen George, Patrick Guillon, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholason, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Michelle Sarri, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktoria Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Today, we Welcome into God's Family**

**Frederick Roy Persson**  
son of Max Edward & Emelyn Persson

**Ava Maria Marsh**  
daughter of Andrew & Elizabeth Marsh

### **BAPTISMAL PREP**

**Baptismal Preparation Classes at Mary Immaculate Church.** For Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, our **Online Baptismal Registration is now available.** The next Baptismal Prep will be on **Tuesday, 8th and 22nd of October at 10:30am (Mary Immaculate Church Meeting Room).** To book please Register Online <https://scp.org.au> (Baptism/Baptismal Prep/Registration) **Please note that Baptisms will now only be celebrated on a Saturday @11am Mary Immaculate Church.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOTW)**

**Mary Immaculate Church Date: Term 4**  
13th, 20th, 27th October, 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st, 8th of December 2019

**Guardian Angels Church Date: Term 4**  
20th of October 2019 (10am Mass) — Parents, please ensure, that all children under 10 years old take a sit in the front row before the Mass start. (under 4 years old must be accompanied by a parent)

### **IGNITE CONFERENCE!!!**

Have you heard of Ignite Conference?! It is Venire Retreat on Steroids with THOUSANDS of young people in attendance each year. With incredible rallies, parties, games, workshops and talks daily.

Across 4 days, from **Thursday, 26th - Sunday, 29th Sept.** Venire Youth is going up to Brisbane together so if you are interested shout out to Alissa on 0414 758 107

Cost is \$300 for the 4 days, or approximately \$100 per day

See website for more info.  
<https://igniteyouth.com/conference19>

### **2019 PARISH DATE CLAIMERS**

**St Joseph the Worker Church.** Every 1st Sunday of the month, morning tea after the 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy the fellowship with other parishioners.

**Craft at 9:30am to 12pm every Thursday** at Mary Immaculate Church (Library) Ashmore. We welcome new members to join us.

**Rosary and Novena at 6pm every Wednesday** at St Joseph the Worker Labrador. On the First Wednesday of the month, followed by Mass at 7pm.

**Filipino Mass at 12pm every First Sunday** of the month at Guardian Angels, Southport..

**Young Adult Group** meets every Friday at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, at 6:30pm. For more information or enquiries please contact Lynn on 0425182049 Or Juan on 0406705349.

**We invite you on a PILGRIMAGE "JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND"** - departure **Saturday, 28th September 2020** - 14 nights/18 days with HARVEST JOURNEYS. What an opportunity we present to you, walk the land where 2000 yrs ago Jesus Christ preached and taught us to pray in the form of Our Father. Or, imagine being able to sit & meditate out on the Sea of Galilee! Your Pilgrimage begins from Australia travelling to Amman, then by road south to Aqaba, crossing the border into Israel travelling north over lands once walked by Jesus. Our journey concludes back in Jordan connecting with our flight back home from Amman With Fr Raf as your Spiritual Chaplain. (formerly from Burleigh Heads and Nerang Parishes, now Parish Priest at St Flannans Catholic Church, Zillemere Brisbane Queensland).

Each day on the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a special way you will remember forever.

For more details, please contact Marguerite McMahon (mobile 0408 765 954) or email : [margue-ritemcmahonts@gmail.com](mailto:margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com) or <mailto:margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com> SEATS ARE LIMITED ... call now to register your interest.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#### **Praise to You, O Christ**

**Refrain:**

**Praise to you,  
O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father,  
calling us to life.  
Son of God  
who leads us to freedom.  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

You are the Word  
who calls us out of darkness,  
you are the Word  
who leads us into light,  
you are the Word  
who brings us through the desert.  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R.**  
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### **GIFTS PROCESSION**

#### **Love Is His Word**

Love is his word,  
love is his way,  
feasting with friends,  
fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again.  
Love, only love, is his way.

**Refrain:**

**Richer than gold  
is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour  
and wealth.**

Love is his way,  
love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table,  
host to the twelve.  
Love, only love, is his mark. **R**

Love is his mark,  
love is his sign,  
bread for our strength,  
wine for our joy.  
"This is my body,  
this is my blood."  
Love, only love, is his sign. **R**  
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### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

When we eat this bread and drink  
this cup we proclaim your death O Lord  
until you come again.

### **COMMUNION PROCESSION**

#### **I Am the Bread of Life**

I am the bread of life,  
you who come to me  
shall not hunger  
and who believe in me  
shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me,  
unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain**

**And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise, you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
on the last day.**

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever. **R**

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood,  
and drink of His blood,  
you shall not have life within you. **R**

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live forever. **R**

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
Who has come into the world. **R**  
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### **REFLECTION HYMN**

#### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace,  
how sweet the sound,  
that saved a soul like me.  
I once was lost  
but now am found,  
was blind, but now, I see.

'Twas Grace that taught  
my heart to fear.  
and Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did  
that Grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Amazing Grace,  
how sweet the sound,  
that saved a soul like me.  
I once was lost  
but now am found,  
was blind, but now, I see.

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### **RECESSIONAL**

#### **A New Heart for a New World**

**Refrain:**

**Create a new heart, Holy Lord.  
Beckon our lives  
through your word.  
Open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds  
to your thoughts.  
Heal us of pride and of hurt.  
May we go forth in your name.  
We pray our hearts change.**

The heart of the cross  
lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord it is you promising hope,  
promising truth. **R**  
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### **PRAYER FOR RAIN**

O merciful God, our Creator,  
you are the source of all life.  
It is through your divine providence  
and infinite power that the wonder  
and splendour of all  
creation surround us.  
We pray to you to provide us  
with sufficient rain  
to meet our needs at this time.

During this time of drought,  
we are mindful of our  
dependence on you.

We pray for rain that will  
once again bring life  
to the fields and crops that feed us  
and the cooling shade of the trees.

We also pray for all those who are  
suffering from natural disasters,  
especially the victims  
of the recent bushfires.  
May they look to you for the strength  
to restore their lives  
and heal their wounded land.

May your grace refresh our souls.  
We ask for these blessings through  
the intercession  
of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth.  
Amen.