

Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis.

STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires. But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.

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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

Prayers & Adoration
Wednesday 12noon - 1pm

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

Sunday Masses
8:30am
6:00pm

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



After Mass, speak with others

Our Parish will be joining Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to St Vincent de Paul's bushfire appeal.

St Vincent de Paul is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of St Vincent de Paul in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities by donating here.

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like St Vincent de Paul, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

January 2020

***A copy of the [PRAYERS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT](https://scp.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Prayer-for-those-affected-by-Bushfire-and-Drought.pdf) can be collected on the table at the front entrance of the church, or visit <https://scp.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Prayer-for-those-affected-by-Bushfire-and-Drought.pdf>

The **SACRAMENTALITY OF THE WORD** can be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgement that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. Saint Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: 'We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: *whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53)*, even though these words can also be understood of the Eucharist, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the Eucharist, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?' Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy.

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ON MONDAY, 27TH OF JANUARY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

**MASS AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR
9AM**

Marian Valley. Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for Fatima Day on **Monday, 13th of January 2020**. The bus will be picking up at about 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station at approximately 8.30am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. When booking your seat, please verify your point of pickup. You can secure your seat with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday, 7th February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25 January 2019.

Saints of Italy. Explore the famous shrines and sites of Italy during this 14 Day pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe that features Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento, Montecassino and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$6490 + Tips. The fare includes International Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Depart on 7th June 2020. 5 seats left. For more inquiries & bookings please contact 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

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

Walking Group's Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Isaiah 49:3,5-6 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 - Gospel - John 1:29-34

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

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St Joseph the Worker Church
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*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: Josephine Suanino,

Anniversary: Rosita Serioza Stavropoulos, Juan & Ramona Solitario, Pasquale Leonello

Sick and in Need: Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad) Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Lynette Corcoran, Neil Cremin, 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, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Ron Gledhill, Marcelle Guillon, Karen George, Patrick Guillon, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Michelle Sarri, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Sam Ryder, Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

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, 21st January 2020 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 are celebrated on Saturday's @11am at Mary Immaculate Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Mary Immaculate Church - Term 1 Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th of February 2020, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of March 2020 at 8:30am Mass every Sunday.

Guardian Angels Church - every First Sunday of the Month commencing 2nd of February 2020 at 10am Mass.

All Children under 10 years of age are welcome! Any children who are under 4 years of age should be accompanied by their parents.

2020 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.

St Joseph the Worker Church, Filipino Mass First Wednesday of the month at 7pm followed by supper. All welcome

Craft's next session will commence on Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at 9:30am to 12pm at Mary Immaculate Church (Library) Ashmore. We welcome new members to join us.

Filipino Mass at 12pm every First Sunday of the month at Guardian Angels Church, Southport. **Year 2020 Dates:** 2nd February, 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION

The Sacramental programs for 2020, begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.** Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2020 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

The online registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, 13th January 2020 and close on Friday, 5th February 2020
ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BEFORE THE 5TH OF FEB.

At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) between the 16th - 20th of March 2020 in the afternoon.

The Candidates for these Sacraments must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic.** Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come to the Water

(See Blue Sheet)

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises

(See Blue Sheet)

GLORY TO GOD MASS OF ST FRANCIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.
Amen. Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

Gather your People

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body,

one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life,
brothers and sisters,
each of us called
to walk in your light. **R.**

Wash us Lord, in the waters of life,
waters of mercy, waters of hope
that flow from your side. **R.**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by Your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us
free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Table of Plenty

Refrain:

Come to the feast

of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide

for all that we need,

here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money,
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness
will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow
like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness,
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. **R**

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REFLECTION HYMN

Come As You Are

Come as you are,
that's how I want you.
Come as you are,
feel quite at home.
Close to my heart
loved and forgiven.
Come as you are,
why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
no need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away
shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,
not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?

Come as you are,
that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you.
All will be well,
just come as you are.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Lord, the light of your love
is shining,
in the midst
of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the World,
shine upon us.
Set us free
by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me! Shine on me!

Refrain:

***Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with
the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.***

Lord, I come
to your awesome presence,
from the shadows
into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter
your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume
all my darkness.
Shine on me! Shine on me! **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.