

An Earth crying out

At every Mass before communion, we hear the words from John witnessing to Jesus: 'Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' Anyone unfamiliar with church worship would wonder what on earth we were talking about. Why would we use such words – 'lamb' especially?

For the early Christians, the words 'lamb of God' had tremendous resonance. Everyone was then familiar with animal sacrifice. But the early Christians instantly recalled the Jewish Passover from Egypt, when the Hebrew people marked their doorframes with the blood of a lamb to save them from the angel killing the first-born males of humans and cattle to force Pharaoh to release them from bondage. The blood of the lamb rescued the first-born of the Hebrews from death.

No wonder the early Christians treasured the words 'lamb of God' when speaking of Jesus who gave his life's blood that all might live. Passages from the prophets and especially Isaiah add further power to the word 'lamb': 'He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter' (Is 53, 7).

In his gospel, John deliberately used the word 'sin' in the singular, not 'sins' in the plural, i.e. our individual sins. John is referring to the collective 'brokenness' of our world, in a collective sense, and perhaps also in a cosmic sense. For John set his gospel in a cosmic context: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.' (John 1, 1-3).

We have always recognized the brokenness of the world of course, especially in times of acute hardship, war, famine or natural disasters. But Pope Francis stresses the urgency of 'care for our common home', the earth itself and its environment.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and recently with the Amazon Synod, Pope Francis stressed that our planet and its life systems were created by God as an outpouring of love. But these crucial life support systems are now gravely threatened by global warming and climate change. Pope Francis definitely considers this a global climate emergency. Invoking St Francis of Assisi, he has urged us to do all we can personally, and as nations together, to reduce greenhouse emissions to avoid unimaginable distress for many millions of people.

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St. Joseph the Worker Church
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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

**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
Is now available and will close on Friday, 5th February 2020**

<https://scp.org.au/reconciliation-2020/>

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY 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 this Sacrament 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 Blancia on 5510 2222.

Bushfire Response: Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australia Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken up at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires.

Our Parish will have a retiring collection after the Masses on the Australia Day Weekend.

Road Works. The drainage is under construction at the corner of Muir and Imperial Pde Labrador, from the 13th January to 14th February (6am - 5pm). For logistic purposes we would like to advise all parishioners of St Joseph the Worker Church to please come 15mins or earlier for Mass.

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 and bookings please contact 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Prayer for those recovering from Natural Disasters

Merciful God,

The natural world is both wondrous and terrifying.

It can tear away homes and neighbourhoods
and leave lost and bereft those
whose lives have been upended.

Such is the case now.

Throughout the ages, people have turned to you
in times of devastation and heartbreak.

You turned your heart towards them
and did not abandon them.

Let your presence now be known by those
who have lost so much in the face
of this Natural disaster
(Bushfires-Australia, Volcanic Eruptions
- New Zealand, Japan, Mexico & Philippines).

Bring them comfort and relief
and offer consolation in the midst of desolation.

Make those of us untouched by this disaster
Mindful of their needs and generous in our response.

In the rebuilding that must take place,
draw us together in mutual love and support.

In your gracious name we pray.

Amen.

27TH OF JANUARY 2020

MONDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR

9AM

(DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading - Isaiah 32:15-18 - 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Gospel - Matthew 5:2-12

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

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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Guardian Angels Church
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

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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.*

Anniversary: Margaret Bent, James Bent, Beverley Ann Power, Erwin Eiberger, Jim Phelan, Voja Stojanovic, Alfredo Boluso

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today, we Welcome into God's Family

Sunny Clifford Fernandes
Son of Storm Fernandes & Emma White

Freya Mae Grant
Daughter of Dane & Laurie Grant

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

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, 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.**

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

Walking Group at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador** at (please note) **6:00am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.** Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.**

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

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GLORIA

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.

GIFTS PROCESSION

A New Commandment I Give unto You

A new commandment
I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

Repeat

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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

Galilee Song

Deep within my heart I feel
voices whispering to me
words that I can't understand,
meanings I can't clearly hear,
calling me to follow close,
lest I leave myself behind,
calling me to walk into
evening shadows one more time.

Refrain

**So I leave my boats behind, leave
them on familiar shores.
Set my heart upon the deep, follow
you again, my Lord.**

In my memories I know
how you send familiar rains,
falling gently on my days
dancing patterns on my pain.
And I need to learn once more
in the fortress of my mind,
to believe in falling rain
as I travel deserts dry. **R**

As I gaze into the night
down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
like a stirring deep within,
restless till I live again
beyond the fears that close me in.

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REFLECTION HYMN

Micah's Theme

Refrain:

**Hear then
what God asks of you:
to live justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly
with your God.**

I have come that you may have life
and have it to the full. **R**

Ask and you shall receive,
knock, and it shall be yours. **R**

Father, your kingdom come,
may your will be done. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

God has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging Word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast.
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father, ever One.
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
light from light,
to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again
from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

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