

STEP INTO THE LIGHT



In the journey of our life and faith, there can also be periods of darkness where we can feel alone and isolated, even though we may be surrounded by people. These feelings of loneliness and isolation can have a crippling effect on us, especially if it's for extended periods. We might sometimes wonder if, and when, the darkness will end.

But darkness, loneliness, isolation and despair are not what God intended for us or our lives. God provides light and urges us to step towards that light. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow, a light has shone." God calls out to us in the darkness and encourages us to walk towards the light at every moment of our lives. It is for us to listen and to have courage and faith.

The world that we live in is a wonderful place filled with life and light. From the trees, flowers and grass, to the sound of flowing waters and the fall of rain; to the buzzing insects and chirping birds; to the beautiful sunrises and sunsets that colour the sky. Sometimes, we just need to take a deep breath, and let that light and life begin to shine into our lives.

Do not let the darkness overtake or overwhelm you. The Good News of God's Kingdom is all around us. It's in nature; it's in the smiles of people going by; it's in the hello or greeting of a stranger in the supermarket. Where there is life, there is God. Let us embrace the life to which God calls us. Just as the darkness during a flight passes and light returns with the dawn. So too for us. The darkness is not forever; a light has dawned. Let us take that step towards that light.

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27TH OF JANUARY 2020

MONDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASS AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR - 9AM
(DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY)**

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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

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

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Sunday Masses
8:30am
6:00pm

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



Before Mass speak with God



During Mass, let God speak with you



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 Wednesday, 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 book an appointment with Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.

Australia Day special collections. Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the St Vincent de Paul bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.

There will be a third collection this weekend for those affected by the bush fires (after Communion). If you are not prepared this weekend please place your gift in a marked envelope with St Vincent de Paul Bushfire, and place it on the collection plate next weekend.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The Ashmore and Southport conferences of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners and donors for their continuing generous support. This enabled them to provide Christmas food hampers and toys for more than two hundred disadvantaged families in the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Wednesday, 5th 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.

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

AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

**God of Australia.
We bring you our gratitude
for the diversity and wealth
of this land and its people;
for its weathered old mountains,
fertile valleys, and vast plains;
for its riches of mine and agriculture,
forest and grazing land; for the first Australians,
who know and love this continent with intimate,
profound sensitivity;
for the courage, vision and sacrifice
of the early settlers;
for the diverse races who call Australia home;
for these and all your gifts we offer you,
O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.
Amen.**



Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Malachi 3:1-4 - 2nd Reading – Hebrews 2:14-18 - Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

**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.stoplinereport.com

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Guardian Angels Church
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

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: Sarah Sullivan, Editha Galvez

Anniversary: Donald Atkinson, Betty Baguley

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, Steve Feeney, 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, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Ann Reich, 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, 4th and 18th February 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 on every Thursday 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.

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.**

SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS RELICS TOUR - BURLEIGH PARISH 2020



The Catholic Leader reports a family of saints – the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin – will be touring Australia for the first time in 18 years. From February through May 2020, the relics will travel to Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia.

The visit was announced on the feast day of St Thérèse, organised by Catholic Mission, which has partnered with InvoCare to bring the relics to 17 Australian dioceses.

The relics of the 3 Saints will at Mary Mother of Mercy Church as per the program below. This is a great honour for the Parish to host the relics.

13th February 2020

4pm – Solemn Reception of the Relics
5-6pm – Quiet time and Family visits
6-7pm – Faith Formation on the 3 Saints
7pm - Sung Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8pm-12midnight - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in the presence of the relics

14th February 2020

12midnight-8am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in the presence of the relics
8-10am – School and College Visits by Students
10am - Parish Mass
11am - Relics depart.

We call for interested parishioners who wish to attend the Adoration. Please contact Burleigh Heads Parish on 5576 6466.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Blessing Hymn for Australia

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains, where feet have long since trod, you have known the stories of our search to find the face of God. God you hovered over darkness when the void was silent still, then your voice rang out in splendour, creation knew your will, and your eyes of love beheld in light this land of sweeping plains. Now our voices too rejoice again creation's song of praise.

Holy Spirit, gift of love divine, with you we dare to dream, so to walk in justice all our days this land of gold and green. From all nations we have gathered, lead us on in unity. In this vast and rugged homeland, may you our centre be. May our lives show forth your tender love, compassion, strong and bold. Help us bring Good News to all the world, your gracious love unfold.

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across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus,
we cry the kingdom's name.
We work for love and justice,
we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather
God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us
so that all may be one.

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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

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain:

***You satisfy the hungry heart with
gift of finest wheat.***

***Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.***

As when the shepherd
calls his sheep
they know and heed his voice.
So when you call your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. **R**

With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy,
Lord, to share this heav'nly food. **R**

Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our
oneness in the Lord? **R**

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell.
Whom all the world
can not contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. **R**

You give yourself to us, O Lord,
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. **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 forgive,
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?

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RECESSIONAL HYMN **Advance Australia Fair**

Australians all let us rejoice,
for we are young and free,
we've golden soil and wealth for toil,
our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beau-
ty rich and rare,
in hist'ry's page let ev'ry stage advance
Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing Advance
Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
we'll toil with hearts and hands,
to make this Commonwealth of ours, re-
nowned of all the lands.
For those who've come across the seas,
we've boundless plains to share,
with courage let us all combine
to advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

With Christ our head and cornerstone,
we'll build our nation's might, whose way
and truth and light alone
can guide our path aright.
Our lives a sacrifice of love,
reflect our Master's care,
with faces turned to heaven above advance
Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.
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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.

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

You Walk Along our Shoreline

You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
"Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
Through storm
and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather
the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel

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