

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Over the next few weeks we will continue to listen to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Today we hear of four (of six) examples of 'surpassing righteousness' which emerge out of the beatitudes and the images of salt and light we've heard over the past two weeks. Righteousness is a quality of God, as the beatitudes remind us.

All six bear upon a right relationship between people, and what we're offered here, Jesus says, he has come to fulfill, or complete the law, not abolish it. A clue to the gospel's meaning is in the second paragraph where Jesus says, 'you will never get into the kingdom' if you think it's a matter of simply conforming to an agreed set of rules. Jesus is concerned with a change of heart, a new way of life that is centred on God.

So, we're not just opposed to murder, but to the anger that lies at the heart of it, as the recent stories of angry, murderous young men reveal. Jesus urges us to deal with it decisively, because if left to fester it will bring us undone. Leave your offering at the altar and go and be reconciled with your brother and sister. It's not only our anger, but theirs too we're concerned with.

Similarly, when it comes to adultery, we must deal with whatever stokes our desire. There have been enough disturbing stories of people addicted to what's on their smartphones for us to realise that we might need to act. That's what Jesus is getting at when he says chop it off, pluck it out.

With divorce, it's not enough for a man to say, legally I'm allowed to do this – except in the case of infidelity – says Jesus, but there's more to it than that. Jesus isn't on about legalities – though we may turn it into this. Instead he proposes a 'vision of marriage', where a man and a woman pledge themselves to each other.

Finally, we know how prone we are to be deliberately unclear in our daily lives. Indeed, with the influence of social media and the 24-hour news cycle these days, we're said to live in a 'post-truth' age and no amount of swearing on the bible will counteract this. What does Jesus say? We have to learn to trust one another, otherwise no relationship, no truth.

The gospel is about the heart of the matter. We're not to be distracted by a literal reading, for its dramatic language, meant to stop us in our tracks, reveals 'the hidden wisdom of God', as Paul says in the second reading, given to us 'for our glory.'

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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

CHOIR PRACTICE will commence on **Monday, 24th February** at Mary Immaculate Church from 6:30pm - 8:00pm All are welcome. It is a wonderful preparation for Easter.

THE FIRST ANOINTING MASS FOR 2020 AT THE UNIVERSITY GOLD COAST HOSPITAL CHAPEL will be on **Friday, 6 March at 10.30 am** (Rosary begins at 10:00 am). All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass, especially the elderly as well as those who are weak or sick.

The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated for Catholics who are elderly or unwell. The Church anoints the person with Blessed Oil in a simple special ritual of healing, not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness; this, of course, continues the healing ministry of Jesus. The healings offered in this Sacrament are peace, hope and the strength to endure the sufferings of sickness and old age in a Christian manner. We read in Mark's Gospel (6:13) where the apostles "cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them." Chapel is located on the ground floor through the eatery down the corridor.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP meets at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Lynn on 0425 182 049 or Juan on 0406 705 349.

GUARDIAN ANGLES PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY MASS (Yr 6 and Yr 1) will be celebrated on Sunday, 23rd February 2020 at Mary Immaculate Church (8:30am Mass)

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**.

EMMAUS ONLINE VIDEO PRAYER AND MEDITATION LIBRARY WORKSHOP. *Come and see this answer to prayer - Creatively Experiencing the Sacred.* Emmaus Productions invites those involved in pastoral ministry and adult faith formation, chaplaincy and spiritual direction, and any interested parishioners, to a workshop at Burleigh Waters to a demonstration by Carmel Duffy on our Online Video Prayer and Meditation Library. This unique resource of over 350 video reflections and meditative prayers, facilitated by local and international spiritual writers, is truly an answer to prayer. Come and see how to use this video library for personal and / or communal prayer, spiritual enrichment and adult faith sharing, pastoral ministry and adult faith formation, chaplaincy and spiritual direction. Bookings essential please: *phone (02) 9484 0252* or *email emmausaustralia@emmausproductions.com*. At Mercy Community Centre, Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters, **Friday 21 February from 10am - 12 noon.**

BUS TRIP The next bus trip will be on **Wednesday, 18th March**. We will be Travelling via Canungra, Beaudesert and Boonall to Karoomba, Lavender Farm, Vineyards for lunch, giving us time to browse in their shop. Morning tea, lunch will be provided. The pick ups will be from St Joseph The Worker Church Labrador 8:30am; The Manor 8:45am; Cotlew St service station 9am. The cost for the trip is \$50 per person. All are welcome. For more information please contact Liz 0409 664 590 or Pat 5539 5849.

FRANCIS AND JUDITH MACNUTT CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES LEVEL 1 PRAYER TRAINING 2020. Everyone is most welcome - this Level 1 course is open to all who wish to attend. On **29 February, 28 March, 18 April** (attendance at all three training days required) 9am-5pm at **Level 1, CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate** (in the grounds of St John's Catholic Church, corner of Nudgee and Fraser Roads). This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays. Cost: \$50 registration + \$35 participant's manual - payable by cash or cheque at the first training session. Catering: BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided Registration: secretary@ccbrisbane.org.au (please indicate if manual required). Queries: 0435 558 390 or 3202 6856. Registration essential by Saturday 15 February

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Pray for Zimbabwe is on **Friday, 6th March 2020** at St Peter Anglican Church, 83 Nerang Street, Southport (9am). Everyone is welcome to attend.

SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC CHURCH PLAYGROUP. Our playgroup is now available every **Thursday from 9am to 10:30am** at the Resource Centre, Ashmore. It caters for children 0-5 years, older children are welcome during school holidays. The cost is \$4 per family. For further details please contact Mark Kleinert 0456 024 205 or email markkleinert@hotmail.com.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME

GOSPEL OF MARK - THE LAST WEEK OF JESUS' LIFE

Come along and be challenged for Lent!

Fr Gerard, our new Parish Priest, will present a thought-provoking series of talks on the Last Week of Jesus' life.

Each session offers one complete day in the week from

Palm Sunday to the Cross.

Dates:

Wednesday 4 March - Mary Immaculate

Wednesday 11 March - Mary Immaculate

Wednesday 18 March - Mary Immaculate

Wednesday 25 March - Mary Immaculate

Thursday 2nd April - Mary Immaculate



A light meal will be shared from 6.30pm.
Talk starts at 7.00pm.

This will be a wonderful preparation for Easter and a great time for the community to get together.

For catering purposes, please add your names to the attendance list at the doors of the churches.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey towards Easter begins on **Wednesday, 26th February 2020.**

In our parish on this day there will be four Masses.

7am - St Joseph the worker, Labrador

9am - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

11:30am - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore
(Guardian Angels Primary School - All are welcome)

12:30pm - Guardian Angels, Southport

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 - 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 - Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48

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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

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: Evelyn Freidburger, Lynette (Lyn) Corcoran

Anniversary: John O'Neill, Francis Busuttill, Jessie Pittendrigh, Stephen O'Callaghan, Amado Dizon, Barry Heywood, Potenciano David., Balasabas & Vizon family members.

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, 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, Sam Ryder, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktoria Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela 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 **Wednesday, 19th 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.**

ONLINE ROSTER UPDATE

A big Thank You to all the Ministers who have given the Online Roster Trial a **GO** for the last two weeks!

We truly appreciate your support and constructive feedback. As a result we have now released Version 2 of this Roster which contains the latest adjustments based on the responses and help from the Mass coordinators and ministers.

Once again we request all ministers to please check your email this week in regards to the Version 2 of the Roster for the months of March to May 2020. Please contact the office (5510 2222) if you don't have computer access so we can print a hard copy for you.

IMPORTANT NOTE to all ministers:

*****if you are unavailable on serve to any of dates that you have been rostered, please click on Sub request (email) or advise your Mass Coordinator/Sacristan. "No response" will be taken as your Roster is good for you.**

Guardian Angels Mass Coordinators/Sacristan:

6PM - Joan Gibb - 0409 873 790
7AM - Fiona Mahoney - 0412 710 357
10AM - Rebecca Cook - 0414 941 067

St Joseph the Worker Mass Coordinators/Sacristan:

7AM - Sheila O'Niell - 0477 323 075
8:30AM - Helen Shipman - 0403 067 774

Mary Immaculate Mass Coordinators/Sacristan:

8:30AM - Lance/Lucile Marsh - 0411 693 461
6PM - Eddie Banas - 0423 003 126

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reminder!!! Online registration has now closed for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to those candidates who are baptised Catholic and who are at least 10 years of age in 2020 (School Year 5).

Reconciliation Meetings:

Parent information session

Sunday, 16th Feb. @ 9:45am (after 8:30am Mass) in the Mary Immaculate Church.

Or

Thursday, 20th Feb. @ 4pm in the Parish meeting room.

Preparation Session

Sunday, 1st March @ 9:45am (after 8:30am Mass) in the Parish meeting room.

Or

Thursday, 5th March @ 4pm in the Parish meeting room

Reconciliation (1st Rite)

Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th of March 2020 @ 4pm to 5pm. Estimated group of 10-12 people per day.

The Sacrament of First Communion will be offered in **Term 2, 2020** and will be available to candidates who are 9 years of age (Year 4) or older.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in **Term 3, 2020** and will be available to those candidates who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older.

Please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 for further information in regards to Sacramental Program.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy
and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God!

Refrain:

***We are called
to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called
to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!***

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy
to all those in fear.
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless,
so hatred and blindness
will be no more! **R.**

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GLORIA- Mass Shalom

Refrain:

***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. **R**

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. **R**

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.

R Amen

GIFTS PROCESSION

Open my Eyes Lord

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see Your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear Your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

I live within you,
deep in your heart, O, Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me

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We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection 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 for ever,
you shall live for ever. **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

A New Commandment

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.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Take the Word of God with You

Take the word of God
with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word
and make them grow.

Refrain:

***Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God,
the love of God
with you as you go.***

Take the peace of God
with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace
and make them grow. **R**

Take the joy of God
with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy
and make them grow. **R**

Take the love of God
with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love
and make them grow **R**

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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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