

LIVING A MORAL LIFE

The Seven Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth) have left their imprint on art and literature over the centuries. They figure in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch. Stephan Sondheim's musical Getting Away with Murder, Kurt Weill's opera and ballet The Seven Deadly Sins, as well as the 1995 movie Se7en all took the cardinal vices as their leitmotif.

The impetus behind this listing of sins is founded on the notion that simply following rules or laws is not enough to ensure a moral life. To live a moral life, one must cultivate virtuous habits and avoid habitual vices. The same thought is woven through today's readings, where Moses, Jesus and Paul recommend the habitual practices of love over envy, mercy over wrath, and generosity over greed.

Such a lifestyle that seeks to foster the virtue of loving neighbour and enemy alike might seem foolish or unwise, as Paul notes. It would appear to be counterintuitive to let one's guard down, to build bridges across economic, cultural and ideological boundaries, rather than to construct walls that perpetuate such divisions. It may also challenge our natural inclinations to be greedy and jealous of own ideas, culture and lifestyle. Being generous, merciful and inclusive may require us to give up some aspects of our cherished possessions.

Pope Francis has noted that human morality is akin to the maintenance of ecological balance in the world. Just as we can violate and compromise the environment by polluting our waterways and air with toxic waste, we can do violence to our moral ecology when we sully our relationships with discord, dissension, fear, mistrust and alienation.

Vices such as greed, wrath, pride, envy or more accurately avarice (Lt avarus, meaning "to crave"), becomes injurious to the moral ecology when "wanting more" or "wanting what others don't have" becomes obsessions that pollute and poison relationships with other people. Today's readings ask us to reflect on our relationships and consider how our obsessions may be preventing us from a more fulfilling engagement with our neighbours and with God.

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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

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

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

6pm - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

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 GOLD COAST UNIVERSITY 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." the GCUH Chapel is located on the ground floor through the eatery down the corridor.

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.

ONLINE ROSTER UPDATE

All ministers who do not have an email address, your roster for March to May 2020 can be collected on the table at the front entrance of the church this weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTE to all ministers:

Online Roster Users: Please be advise that any amendments to your schedule **after the 1st of March 2020**, must be communicated with your Mass Coordinator/Sacristan as the online roster will be offline until the next release for the June to Aug 2020 roster.

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 - Sheilah O'Neill - 0477 323 075

8:30AM - Helen Shipman - 0403 067 774

Mary Immaculate Mass Coordinators/Sacristan:

8:30AM - Lance/Lucile Marsh - 0413 200 597

6PM - Eddie Banas - 0423 003 126

ONLINE POLICE CHECK AND BLUE CARD

POLICE CHECK: if your last police check was 3 years ago you may have received an invitation to renew online.

Further, we are currently updating our blue card and police check files, which is mandatory.

If you are currently volunteering and do not have a blue card please register online <http://archbne.org/welcome>

As previous, if you do not have internet access please contact the parish office for assistance.

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.

FROM THE DESK OF FR STEPHEN

- Lent begins next Wednesday.
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52).
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 - 2nd Reading - Romans 5:12-19, - Gospel - Matthew 41-11

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

PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stopline.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: Ann Reich (Sydney), Mercedes Philomena Stephenson

Anniversary: Philip Chong Yi Pin

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, Ann Marie Loder, 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, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today, we Welcome into God's Family

Bodhi Jay Eadie son of Glen & Renee Eadie
Spencer Thomas Sheppard son of Sean & Nicole Sheppard
Harrison James Windsor
son of James Windsor & Jessica Miller

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, 3rd March at 10:30am (Mary Immaculate 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.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reconciliation Meetings:

Parents and participants are invited to attend the Preparation Session.

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 @ 4pm to 5pm. Est group of 10-12 people per day.

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

TIME CHANGE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

From Saturday the 7th March the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 5:15pm to 5:45pm at Guardian Angels Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Mary Immaculate Church - Next Liturgy will be on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of March 2020 at 8:30am Mass every Sunday.

Guardian Angels Church - Next Liturgy will be on the 1st of March 2020 or every First Sunday of the Month.

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

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.

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

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.

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.**

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.

BUS TRIP (18th March 2020) thank you for your response to our Trip out West (Karooomba). Your tickets will be available next week at the Piety Stalls Mary Immaculate (Ashmore), St Joseph the worker (Labrador) and the Front Porch at Guardian Angels (Southport). See you on the 18th of March 2020.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam.
O sing praises, O sing praises,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind,
you are so strong,
white clouds that sail
in heav'n along,
O sing praises, alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of ev'ning find a voice.
O sing praises, O sing praises,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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

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**

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts
the Spirit provides. **R**

No more harm
on the mountain of God,
swords into ploughshares.
Free us, O Lord,
from hardness of heart. **R**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you
come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

In Christ there is no East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,
in Him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts
every where
their high communion find,
His service is the golden cord,
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples in the faith,
whate'er your race may be,
who serve each other
in Christ's love
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet
both East and West,
in Him meet south and north.
All Christlike souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.
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REFLECTION HYMN

As Gentle as Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord
is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
has been given to me,
and His giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment
has been blessed
by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide
He is there at my side,
and His touch
is as gentle as silence.

There've been times
when I've turned
from His presence,
and I've walked other paths,
other ways.
But I've called on His name
in the dark of my shame,
and His mercy
was gentle as silence.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing a New Song

Refrain:
***Sing a new song unto the Lord,
let your song be sung
from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.***

Shout with gladness,
dance for joy,
O come before the Lord.
And play for God
on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **R**

Rise, O children, from your sleep,
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **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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