

**HOW ARE WE SALT AND LIGHT?**

St Paul, the Apostle, had a powerful intellect, and he was well trained in rhetorical eloquence and philosophic reasoning. Yet he writes: "I did not come with sublime words or of wisdom." He knew that spreading the gospel did not depend upon brilliant oratory or great knowledge, but on the sincerity of his simple faith in 'the crucified Christ'.

Neither did Jesus rely on sublime words or clever argument. He preferred simple everyday imagery to make his point, as demonstrated in today's gospel reading. Following on from the Sermon on the Mount which we heard in last week's gospel, Jesus articulates clearly what is expected of his followers. He uses the powerful images of salt and light: We are to be salt of the earth; we are to be light of the world.

Salt was highly valued in the ancient world. It was used as a seasoning, a preservative, a disinfectant, a component of ceremonial offerings, and as a unit of exchange in trade and currency.

Just as salt enhances the flavour of food, and serves as a preservative, to 'be salt of the earth' means to be useful and helpful, and to make a real and positive difference to the world. We are to be a presence which brings out the best in our society.

As for light, it too is vital to life. Light dispels darkness, warming all it reaches, illuminating all in its path. Jesus' followers would have appreciated how a single lamp would illuminate their one-room home at night. We know that the very existence of life on Earth depends on the light from the sun. It warms our seas, generates our weather patterns, powers our solar energy systems, and gives energy to the growing green plants that provide food and oxygen for life on Earth.

To be the light of the world means that we are to bring light, to bring warmth, to illuminate and enlighten all that nurtures life in our world. It means that we will dispel darkness caused by ignorance or selfishness or prejudice. It means that we will be a light for others, illuminating their way on life's journey.

The prophet Isaiah in today's first reading spells out what this means in very practical terms: "share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

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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**

**ROSTER.** Southport Catholic Parish (SCP) is setting up an online roster system. This program is currently on trial and **NOT** the final Roster for March to May 2020. Therefore, we request all ministers to please give it a chance and have ago. Check your email for more information and updates of this new program "ONLINE ROSTER". All ministers who do not have email, please contact the office 5510 2222.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY.** Please come and join us at Marian Valley for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on **Tuesday, 11th February** and Fatima Day on **Thursday, 13th February**. 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 for each day. 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. All are welcome!

**PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME  
GOSPEL OF MARK - THE LAST WEEK OF JESUS' LIFE**

Fr Gerard will present a thought-provoking series of talks on the Last Week of Jesus' life.

Come along and be challenged for Lent!

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

**FROM FR STEPHEN'S DESK**

**The Eucharist...** Is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

*Evangelii Gaudium (2013)*

**The Homily** is part of the liturgy ... It should develop some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day, and take into account the mystery being celebrated or the needs proper to the listeners...

*GIRM 65*

In considering the Church as *'the home of the work'*, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.

*Verbum Domini (2010)*

**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](mailto:emmausaustralia@emmausproductions.com)*. At Mercy Community Centre, Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters, **Friday 21 February from 10am - 12 noon.**

**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@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au) (please indicate if manual required). Queries: 0435 558 390 or 3202 6856. Registration essential by Saturday 15 February

**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](mailto:markkleinert@hotmail.com).

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS GUIDE** copies of the 2020 edition of the Catholics Schools Guide featuring the theme 'Celebrating Australia's First Peoples.' The Guide is a handy reference for those interested in a Catholic Secondary Education for their children. The Guide is available on the table at the entrance of the church.



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS FOR 2020.** Married couples are invited to the Burleigh Heads Parish 10:00am Mass, on **Sunday, 16 February at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters** to celebrate your marriage, whether married only last year or decades ago. **Please bring a plate and stay awhile, to chat over a b.y.o lunch in the Community Centre.** Tea and coffee will be provided. Within the Liturgy, a renewal of Marriage Vows. The aim of World Marriage Day is to **encourage** communities to **affirm** and empower married couples to continue to value their marriage. **There is no World Marriage Day Mass at St Benedict's Mudgeeraba this Sunday 9th February.**

Leading up to World Marriage Day, the relics of the patron Saints of married couples, Sts Zelig and Louis Martin, (canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis), will be visiting Burleigh Parish on **Thursday, 13th February** together with the relics of their daughter, St Therese of Lisieux (The little flower). **Program for Pilgrimage of the relics in separate notice.** For more information contact the Parish Office 0755766466, Or Sue & Bren Milsom 0409 718 139.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2**

**1st Reading - Sirach 15:15-20 - 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 - Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37**

**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:** Lance Walsh, Mike Slee

**Anniversary:** Barry Gash, Donald Atkinson, Paul Hally, Debbie Bridger, Sarah Maloney, Kevin Dolan, Peter Crowe.

**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, 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.

### **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 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: 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 at 10am Mass. The next CLOTW is on 1st of March 2020.

*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** 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.

### **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, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. @ 9:45am** (after 8:30am Mass) in the Mary Immaculate Church.

Or

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 4pm** in the Parish meeting room

#### **Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)**

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### **Bring Forth the Kingdom**

You are salt for the earth,  
O people,  
salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life,  
O people,  
life in the Kingdom of God! **R**

#### **Refrain:**

**Bring forth  
the Kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth  
the Kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth  
the Kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill,  
O people,  
light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright,  
O people,  
shine for the Kingdom of God! **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

#### **The Cry of the Poor**

#### **Refrain:**

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
Blessed be the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, with  
praise ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord,  
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

Let the lowly hear and be glad,  
the Lord listens to their pleas,  
and to hearts broken God is near,  
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

Ev'ry spirit crushed God will save, will  
be ransom for their lives,  
will be safe shelter for their fears, and  
will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

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

### 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

#### **You Are Mine**

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice,  
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I  
am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light,  
come and rest in me.

#### **Refrain:**

**Do not be afraid, I am with you,  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.**

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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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### **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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