

My Dear Parishioners,

In light of the strict quarantine measures imposed by our government and the cancellation of all public events, gatherings and the suspension of weekday and Sunday Masses, I felt it is necessary to communicate with you by offering you my prayers and support in these difficult times.

Firstly, I pray God will keep you and your loved ones safe and be assured of our prayerful and pastoral support. The office staff and clergy are here to support you in whatever way we can, by maintaining normal parish office hours and celebrating the Eucharist in our respective churches on weekdays and Sundays without a congregation present.

(Please DO NOT turn up to Mass).

Secondly, we will publish all Mass times on our website and ask you to join with us at home, in your office or sitting on your balcony or back garden. You can light a candle sit in silence, read the scriptures, pray the rosary or whatever prayer gives you the most comfort as we join together with God our Father to pray for all who are suffering and working to defeat this deadly virus. These times are as follows:

Weekday Mass

Monday & Wednesday - 7am @ St Joseph The Worker Church, Labrador

Tuesday - 9am @ Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Friday - 12:30 @ Guardian Angels Church, Southport

Weekend Mass

Saturday - 6pm Guardian Angels, Southport
Sunday - 8:30am Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

Please note:

**These Masses are being celebrated by the priest only,
for your intentions.**

Friday 10:30am Mass at GCUH - (Public Mass Cancelled)

*(Fr Stephen will offer a Mass with **NO** congregation for the sick, those with COVID-19, all those who have died and for all the health professionals.)*

Finally, I will continue to pray for you and our parish community in this rapidly changing pandemic and please remember us in your prayers and be assured of our prayerful and pastoral support.

We are always available in case of an emergency.

Fr. Gerard McMorrow PP

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Mary Immaculate Church

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Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

St. Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**MASSES CAN BE LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL
AT archbne.org/bzw ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS.**

MASS ON TELEVISION

**THERE IS A FULL MASS OF THE DAY FOR YOU TO WATCH AT HOME,
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 6AM ON CHANNEL 5 AND 10.**

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

Come along and be challenged

Fr Gerard, our new pastor, will present a thought-provoking Lenten Week

Each session offered during the week from

cross.

April - Mary Immaculate

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shared from 6.30pm. (bring and share)

Talk starts at 7.00pm.

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

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even convince ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'.

These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter.

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The Lumen Christi Centre (LCC) is about 1/3 of the way towards completion. Recent rains have slowed down our progress but now that the foundation and slab are down the building should start progressing quickly. We expect framing and roof to go on in the next 3 weeks with the glass folding doors 2 weeks after to give us a

lock up stage. Our memorial tiles are on their way to the stone mason for cutting and should look stunning once they are installed. Those of you that have been to Fr Gerard's well attended talks on the last few Wednesday's will appreciate how nice it would be to have a modern audio-visual display in a building like LCC to make the experience even better. Our target date for the blessing of the Lumen Christi Centre is still June this year so please keep our progress in your prayers.

Please note that buses to the Marian Valley have been suspended until further notice due to the Corona Virus. A further notice will follow once the suspension has been lifted.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0402 930 918. Many Thanks & God Bless, Paula

RESPONDING TO THE COVID -19

Please visit/view the link below for more information

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com>



(Local identities Sheila and Gler at the LCC site with the old 'annexe. in the back ground)



Catholic Leader - SUSPENDED

Until further notice, the edition of the Catholic leader will not be printed.

A digital copy is accessible, for free, at

Catholicleader.com.au

WALKING GROUP at St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:00am. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7 - 2nd Reading - Philippians 2:6-11, - Gospel - Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stoline.com.au ONLINE: www.bncatholic.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: Chito Caluag, Jessie Dolan, Denise Jackson

Anniversary: Peter Wege, Noel Clifford, Michael Skinner

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, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Antoinette Hadcroft, Elvie Hayes, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Cheryl Kirkbride, 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, Ising Tamayo, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

**DUE TO CURRENT SITUATION WITH COVID-19
AND FURTHER AS PER THE DIRECTIVE OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

**The Following Church Programs/Meetings
are CANCELLED until Further Notice.**

- **All Baptismal and Baptism Prep Class.**
- **All Sacramental Program**, ie: Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- **Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm every Friday** at St Joseph the Worker.
- **RCIA Meeting** at 6:30pm every Thursday at Southport Parish Office
- **Rosary and Novena** at 6pm every Wednesday at St Joseph the Worker Labrador.
- **Filipino Mass** at 12:30pm every First Sunday of the Month at Guardian Angels.
- **Melody Majors** at 8:30am every Wednesday at Mary Immaculate Church - Resource Room
- **Young Adults Group** at 6:30pm every Friday night at Guardian Angels
- **Craft** at 9:30am every Thursday at Mary Immaculate Church Library.

Church building closed

**Current advice from public health authorities is that
minimising contact between people is critical to curb the
spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).**

Following on from the Federal Government's decision to limit non-essential gatherings, all Catholic Churches within the Archdiocese of Brisbane are closed effective Monday 23 March, until further notice.

Masses and individual prayer within the Church have been suspended, however we invite you to join us to celebrate your faith with your community, from home.

- Watch Mass online 8am Monday to Friday and 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw
- Read the latest news from the Catholic Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au
- Sign up for regular emails, including two-minute homilies and daily readings at www.archbne.org/dwlk
- Get the latest social media updates at www.facebook.com/archbne and on Instagram @archbne

Keep in touch with your parish

We are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, help to stay connected with the parish community or more information about sacraments including weddings and funerals, please contact the parish office.



May the God to whom we turn in this moment listen to the pleading of our heart and answer as he has so often before, so that love may come from fear, hope from despair and joy from sorrow:

**Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.**

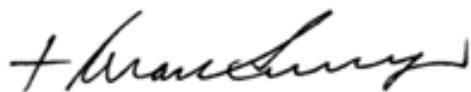
**Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.**

Ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches, who have invited all of us to pray this prayer at 7pm each day, but especially on Sunday 29 March which we will mark as a National Day of Prayer in this time of crisis:

Gracious God,
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.
We pray for those in need of healing.
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain
all those who are serving in response.
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment
amidst the many choices and decisions
facing our national, community and medical leaders.
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do
to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations,
with all that is on our hearts,
we gather now and pray
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With the blessing of peace,



Archbishop of Brisbane

