



My Dear Parishioners,

I would like in this difficult time to connect with you as we approach one of the most important days in the Australian calendar. As most of you have guessed by now, I was born in Ireland and having lived most of my life in Australia and not growing up with a sense of the ANZAC spirit, I was afforded the tremendous opportunity to visit Gallipoli not once but twice in 1998 and again in 2009.

There are few places on this earth that have impacted and changed my perception of Australia and what it means to be an Australian and the incredible sacrifice that many young men and women have made for this nation in the course of the twentieth century and are still making today. Apart from its serene beauty perched on the entrance to the Dardanelles, it is not humanly possible to stand there and not be moved by the terrible suffering and death that took place just over a century ago. As I walked along the grave stones I was hard pressed to see any soldier living beyond their thirties, most died in their late teens and early twenties. In the words of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road." As I walked long those grave stones, 'my heart burned within me' as I tried to comprehend the sheer suffering and hope Gallipoli symbolises not just for Australia but also for the rest of the world. My perception of Australia and ANZAC has been forever changed. When we celebrate ANZAC Day it's not a celebration of Australia or Australian victories, we are not celebrating how great our country is. Rather we celebrate the sacrifice and loss of the young men and women who protected the freedom of others.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to bring you up to date on what's happening in the Parish. Most of you are aware that the Parish is building a new community centre (Lumen Christi – Light of Christ) behind St. Joseph the Worker at Labrador due for completion midyear. Work is progressing well given the slow start caused by the heavy rain in early February. This centre is much needed and will provide a place for the St. Joseph's community and Parish to celebrate and improve the coordination and delivery of services and programs. Moreover, I would like to thank Terry Naug for coordinating and project-managing the construction of the centre, his help has been invaluable (*photo see page 3*).

Furthermore, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the closure of our churches I have taken the necessary decision to carry out much needed work and maintenance on our churches in particular Guardian Angels Southport. Some of you would have noticed the frenzied number of maintenance vans parked outside. Upon my arrival in early February, Work, Health and Safety issues were raised concerning the safety of the sanctuary podium from an Archdiocesan and Parish level. Apparently, some parishioners and visitors over the years have missed or nearly missed the edge of the podium and were injured, thank God not too seriously. The new sanctuary has been relocated and is nearing completion under the cross (*photo see page 3*).

I was planning to carry out this work later in the year, but since the Coronavirus has closed all our churches, I made the decision to do the work now to spare our parishioners the upheaval in the months ahead. I apologise for the lack of communication but the Coronavirus has made it difficult and challenging to advise all of our parishioners adequately. I can assure you that there are no structural or architectural changes made to the church only cosmetic. I have taken this opportunity to have the church repainted and the tabernacle restored. The floor will be sanded and polished and the pews will have new padding inserted under their feet to protect the floor from scratching. We have a dampness issue with the tower and a number of missing roof tiles which are being attended to and the strip lighting in the recessed ceiling needs replacing. The rest is general maintenance.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parish staff, and Fr. Huong and Fr. Stephen for their help and support in these difficult times. They have been the connection and contact with all of you, and it is with sadness we say good bye to Fr. Huong who has taken up his new appointment as Associate Pastor, Mitchelton. We thank him for his many years of ministry and service to the parish. He made me welcome in Southport and made my transition easy, we will not forget his infectious smile and easy going manner. Thank you Fr. Huong.

Please remember that the parish office is opened Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm and we are here to support you in any way possible. Please be assured of our prayers and remember us in yours. Thank God the news is good regarding the Coronavirus and light seems to be shining at the end of the tunnel.

Wishing you all God's blessings and keep safe.

Fr. Gerard

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**Recorded Masses for
ANZAC DAY**

SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL 12NOON

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MASS

SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL 11AM

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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.**

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles ([Acts 2:14, 22-33](#))

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades

nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter ([1 Pt 1:17-21](#))

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
([24:13-35](#))

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.

'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified.

Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful

That God's Spirit will rest upon those who preach the Gospel. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

That those who feel the absence of God will be filled with the presence of the risen Christ. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

That those who await the outcome of health tests will be comforted and reassured. We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

That this community recognises Christ in the breaking of the Bread. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

That those who have died will be shown the path of eternal life and the fullness of joy in God's presence, especially, the victims of the Coronavirus. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of the pilgrim Church, you pour out your Spirit on those who walk the road of faith. Hear our prayers and help us to recognise the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. We ask this through Jesus the Lord.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Acts 2:14,36-41 - 2nd Reading – 1 Peter 2:20-25, - Gospel - John 10:10

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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.*

Death Anniversary: Anne Maloney, Nigel Fox

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, 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, Trish Seaby, 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.

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PHOTO OF GUARDIAN ANGELS' CHURCH AT SOUTHPORT



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ARCHDIOCESE PRAYER FOR END OF THE PANDEMIC

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.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge,
Archbishop of Brisbane

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints
and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams
and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace,
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions,
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children
dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand
as witness
and as symbol of God's grace.
Here as one we claim
the faith of Jesus,
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
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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

Lord to Whom Shall We Go?

Refrain:

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread,
broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.**

The manna we ate,
yet our hunger remained,
our hearts left unsatisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us
with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

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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

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

That Easter day
with joy was bright.
the sun shone out with fairer
light Alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes
restored, the glad apostles saw
their Lord. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

His risen face with radiance
glowed, His wounded hands
and feet He showed.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Those scars their solemn witness
gave that Christ was risen
from the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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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.**
R

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne,
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood,

“Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

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Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible
and invisible.**

**I believe in one
Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**