



There are two strong images in today's gospel: the law and love. In a few verses Jesus keeps moving between the two ideas because he knows how closely related they are.

This can seem curious to modern ears because we have been duped into thinking that the law is the enemy of love, and that only freedom and joy are love's fruits. But think for a moment of people or projects we love, ones to which we are committed. We don't need a rulebook to call us to the most generous and sacrificial behaviour in their regard. We respond 'above and beyond the call of duty' not because of the law, but because of love. Jesus teaches us today that obedience to his commandments is a sub-set of our loving relationship with him.

The word 'obedience' comes from the Latin word *oboedire*, meaning, 'to listen carefully'. That's a gentler way of understanding Jesus' call. The more obedient we are to Christ's commandments, the more we are listening to his Spirit's call in our lives. And what are these commandments to which we have to listen? Jesus said the whole law and the prophets could be summarised as 'loving God and our neighbour, as we love ourselves'. If this seems too general a statement, then St Paul helps us fill out the details. Like Jesus, St Paul tells us the law of love is not primarily revealed in what we say, or how we feel, but in what we do. Christian love is an intensely practical affair. When we are patient, kind and gentle with each other we are obeying the law of love. So too when we forgive each other, tell the truth and remain faithful, we are listening most carefully to Christ's commandments.

St Paul also tells us that another of the fruits of Christian love is self-control. Sacrifice and self-control are really where the law of love comes into its own. The secular world keeps peddling the myth that self-expression is the only way to happiness. Most of us can see how irrational this position is and how unliveable the world would be if everyone expressed all their feelings and desires as they wished. Sometimes the most loving thing is to do nothing. If we are very angry with friends, for example, abusing them physically or verbally won't help. If we are sexually attracted to our best friend's spouse, having an affair will end in tears. On a more positive note, if we are alert to the poverty in which others live in our world, making sacrifices so that they might have something will not take away from us at all. Self-control is the ally of love and it helps us sort out the appropriate time to undertake the appropriate action.

The path to true happiness is found in being self-controlled. The problem is that self-control doesn't come easily. We need to train ourselves in its art and practise it regularly and consistently so that we can enjoy seeing the benefits of winning smaller battles before we venture out on larger campaigns. If we cultivate an attitude of self-control, we can be sure that when we most need to exercise it, we are in charge of our emotional life rather than it being in charge of us.

May this Eucharist effect a change of heart in us. May we embrace sacrifice and self-control as the doors to an even greater practical experience of the Risen Christ's law of love.

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### **Thank You To Our Volunteers**

This coming week (May 18—24) Australia will celebrate National Volunteer Week. *Acts - 20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by labouring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."* To the many wonderful volunteers, of our Parish, you already know that it is much better to give than to receive.

Without you, our volunteers, our parish would not be the same. The work you all do by sacrificing your time, energy, and sometimes even money in-order to contribute to the success of our Parish is truly appreciated. From Fr Gerard, Fr Stephen, and the Parish Team we wish to acknowledge you all and to express our sincere gratitude and thankfulness for all your hard work and diligence. Each and everyone, of you, are valued and appreciated!

Thanks and God Bless - Fr Stephen

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### **Guardian Angels' Church**

99 Scarborough St., Southport

### **St. Joseph the Worker Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

### **Recorded Masses for**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MASS**  
**SUNDAY, 17TH MAY 11AM**  
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**FROM THE CATHEDRAL**  
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**First Reading**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

My sisters and brothers, trusting in God’s mercy, let us pray for the needs of the world and those of all humanity.

For those whose conduct causes suffering, pain and distress in human lives. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

For the paralysed and the lame and for those who support them. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

For people who suffer in mind or body, that the love of friends and neighbours may remind them of God’s care.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

That students, facing uncertainty in their lives, will be guided and encouraged by their families and teachers.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

That the sick will be comforted through the Holy Spirit,.

We pray to the Lord

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

That those who have died will live with God in eternal love, especially ,Eric St Clair. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

You care for us, O God, and have sent us your Advocate. Hear our prayers and enable us to reveal your love and life to all the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Conclusion**

**Loving Father,**

**Your Son came to lead us to you.**

**Hear the prayers we make in his name,**

**confident of your care for us at all times,**

**but especially now. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**WALKING GROUP at St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:30am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

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It’s hard to know what the church and society are going to look like when we emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions.

The one constant throughout our pre and post-pandemic words, however, will be the volunteers who remain at the heart and soul of what we do.

As we prepare to celebrate a National Week in your honour, my thanks goes out to all the volunteers, wherever you may be offering witness – in parishes or prisons, hospitals, courts or respite and drop-in centres.

In spite of the many challenges posed by this medical crisis, you still stood ready, in ways both creative and courageous, to continue outreach on our behalf and for that the Archdiocese is indebted to you.

Without you we couldn't do or be what Jesus Christ calls us to do and be.

**Most Rev Mark Coleridge**  
ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE



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

**1st Reading – Acts 1:1-11- 2nd Reading – Ephesians 1:17-23, - Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20**

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**Mary Immaculate Church**  
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**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
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*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:** Eric St Clare, Errol Curran

**Anniversary:** Mark Galton, Eric 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, 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 Mandarin, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, 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.

Auxiliary  
Bishop



Archdiocese  
of Brisbane

13 May 2020

**TO THE PASTORS AND PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

In light of the Premier's announcement to ease restrictions from 16 May and in consultation with local government and the Episcopal Council, we have taken the decision to implement the following protocols for churches and services in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

These protocols will be in effect through to 12 June 2020 and are subject to change with any ongoing amendments to Queensland Health guidelines.

**Protocols that remain in place:**

- The celebration of Mass continues to be suspended at this time.
- Priests will continue to celebrate Mass (the *Mass for the people*) on Sundays without a congregation, with people able to follow Masses live-streamed from their parish or from the Cathedral on Sundays and weekdays.
- No one is to enter a church, parish building or Archdiocesan workplace if feeling ill.

**Updates to existing protocols from 11:59pm on 15 May** (note that in all cases, the rules of one person per 4 square metres, 1.5 metres between people, and hygiene protocols remain paramount, they are an individual and collective responsibility):

- The limit for the *Masses for the people* will increase to no more than 10 people in attendance, which includes the camera operator if livestreaming.
- Funerals may be conducted with a maximum capacity of up to 20 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.
- Weddings may be conducted with a maximum capacity up to 10 people.
- Baptisms have a maximum capacity of up to 10 people.
- Churches, which are in a position to do so, are allowed to open for private prayer for up to 10 people at one time during specific hours as determined by each parish, with the requirement for visitors to sanitise upon entry and exit.
  - ◆ Occupancy of the space will need to be monitored at all times by a designated marshal, who is not over 70 years of age.
  - ◆ The designated marshal is required to record in writing the name, phone number and time of visit for each visitor as a protection to assist with contact tracing if necessary.
  - ◆ Work Health and Safety will provide cleaning protocols however, it is the responsibility of each parish to provide cleaning supplies.
  - ◆ It is understood that not all parishes will have the capacity to maintain ongoing monitoring or hygiene protocols for private prayer at this time.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Ken Howell**  
Auxiliary Bishop

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#### **Blest Be the Lord**

**Refrain:**

**Blest be the Lord,  
blest be the Lord,  
the God of mercy,  
the God who saves.**

**I shall not fear the dark of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me  
from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me  
from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of His wings  
I will rejoice  
to find a dwelling place secure. **R**

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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**

#### **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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### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

(ICEL)

Save us, Saviour of the world, for  
by your Cross and Resurrection,  
you have set us free.

### **COMMUNION PROCESSION**

#### **Seed Scattered and Sown**

**Refrain:**

**Seed, scattered and sown,  
wheat, gathered and grown,  
bread, broken and shared  
as one,  
the Living bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land,  
wine, work of our hands,  
one cup that is shared by all,  
the Living Cup,  
the Living Bread of God.**

Is not the bread we break,  
a sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless,  
the blood of Christ outpoured? **R**

The seed which falls on rock  
will wither and will die,  
The seed within good ground  
will flower and have life. **R**

As wheat upon the hills  
was gathered and was grown,  
so may the Church of God  
be gathered into one. **R**  
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### **REFLECTION HYMN**

#### **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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### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

#### **Though the Mountains May Fall**

**Refrain:**

**Though the mountains may fall  
and the hills turn to dust,  
yet the love of the Lord  
will stand as a shelter for all  
who will call on his name.  
Sing the praise  
and the glory of God.**

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
he will not abandon you. **R**

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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.**