



A newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, 'Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?' To which the child replies, 'How should I know? I'm only six.'

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.

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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.**



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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK.

Bringing holy communion to the sick or a sick family member links them with the community of the Church and nourishes them with the body of Christ.

A parish minister or a member of the family may be **designated by a priest** for this ministry of pastoral care.

You need to see the priest **before or after Mass** for him to designate you to take communion to your **sick** family member. You will need a Pyx, a copy of Pastoral Care of the Sick Prayer brochure.

For our Parish Ministers for the sick, the ongoing advice we have for COVID-19 restrictions are still in place. You are unable to take communion to the sick in hospitals or nursing homes. If the nursing home you visit has requested you to visit with communion **please ask them for a letter permitting you to visit so we can place on file.**

Please note from all the advice we keep getting from the government the one main requirement is you must be under Seventy years of age (70) this is to protect you and your health which is of main concern to Fr Gerard and myself. Thanks for your understanding in this.

PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES. Thank you to those who have contributed financially to the Parish over the last few months. Southport Catholic Parish has been working to reopen our places of worship under Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland. The advice when dealing with donations and contributions is to avoid physical contact with cash. Towards this end we encourage use of contactless collection methods. The parish has options for Direct Debit or Credit Card to avail yourself of. Forms for either of these methods are available by contacting the Parish office. In the event of you wishing to continue using your envelopes, they are available at the back of the church. Thank you once again for your consideration in this matter.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION is on every Wednesday at the new refurbished **Guardian Angels Church**. Commencing 12 Noon sharp and finishing at 1:00pm. No need to book, please drop in for some time praying with Our Eucharistic Lord.

LIFELINE'S STRESS DOWN DAY 24 JULY 2020
Participate in stress reducing & fun activities such as wearing slippers to work or school & then make a donation to support Lifeline's 13 11 14 crisis support service. <https://www.lifeline.org.au/support-lifeline/lifelinecampaigns/campaigns>

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP 30 JULY 2020 The International Day of Friendship is based on the recognition of the relevance & importance of friendship as a noble & valuable sentiment in the lives of human beings around the world. <https://www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday>

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.**

MOBILITY SCOOTER If anyone is looking to buy a large mobility scooter please contact -Jay Brown - 0423 548 048



MASS REGISTRATION ONLINE. We would like to extend our appreciation to all the parishioners who followed the procedure for the COVID19 Safe Plan last weekend.

Just a friendly reminder to please continue to address the following:

- Continue to register online every Monday (9am) cut off day every Thursday (4pm).
- Arrive 5-15 minutes early.
- Confirm of your presence upon arrival at a particular Mass.
- Sanitise your hands
- Remember to follow the 1.5m social distancing (as marked per seats) inside the church eg:
 - ◆ Individual attendee – can sit anywhere as marked.
 - ◆ Couple attendees (the same household) – can sit together in the same number/unit.
 - ◆ Family attendees (the same household) – can sit all together in one pew/row.

Please remain in the seat and section (20 people per section) that you have been allocated as per the Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places for Worship in Queensland (page 7 & 8) https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/130229/industry-covid-safe-plan-places-of-worship.pdf

ONLINE MASS REGISTRATION BOOKING CANCELLATION – THINKING OF OTHERS

Our experience has shown that people have successfully booked to attend a Mass, only not to arrive. This action excludes parishioners wanting to participate. If your ability to attend the Mass you have booked for changes, contact the Parish office before 1pm on Thursday.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Wisdom 12:13,16-19 - 2nd Reading – Romans 8:26-27, Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43

**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.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Guardian Angels Church
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

Mary Immaculate Church
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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.*

**Please note that there are two (2) books in each of the churches
one for Sick and one for deceased members.**

**Their names have been taken from the newsletter and are written in these books.
In future the names of your sick and deceased members will be recorded in these books..**

Every week the priest will pray for them during the Mass and in the prayers of the faithful.

WEEKEND MASSES BOOKING

The registration portal is open by 9am Monday and closes by 4pm on the Thursday for Masses for the following Sunday. Again, Parish website, Mass Registration, and choose your Mass Centre.

Mary Immaculate Ashmore
Saturday 4.30 & 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00 am

Guardian Angels Southport
Saturday 4.30 & 6.00pm
Sunday 7.00 & 9.00am

Sunday **Korean Mass** 5pm

St. Joseph the Worker Labrador
Sunday 7.00 & 9.00am

Weekday Mass times

Mary Immaculate Ashmore
Tuesday & Thursday 9am

St. Joseph the Worker Labrador
Monday 7am & Wednesday 9am

Guardian Angels Southport
Friday - 12.30pm

If you can assist with ushering and cleaning after Mass please contact the parish office. To comply with government safety, you must be under 70 years of age to assist with these tasks.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER will be free for readers to access at the Leader's website - catholicleader.com.au until Parishes return to normal.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020
IS NOW CLOSED
THE NEXT ENROLMENT WILL BE IN 2021.**

Congratulations to the parents/guardians that registered their, child(ren) into our Sacrament of Confirmation 2020. Please see below the important dates listed and please ensure that you attend to the date(s) and time(s) that you had selected from the online Registration.

FIRST PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
Sunday, 19th July @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass)
Or Thursday, 23rd July @ 4pm in the Mary Immaculate Church meeting room.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CREED: (Either)
Saturday, 8th August 2020 Masses (4:30pm or 6pm) at Guardian Angels Church or Mary Immaculate Church or
Sunday, 9th August 2020 Masses (7am or 9am) at Guardian Angels Church (Southport) or St Joseph the worker Church (Labrador) or
Sunday, 9th August 2020 Masses (9am) at Mary Immaculate Church (Ashmore)

CONFIRMATION MEETING: Sunday, 16th August @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass) or Thursday, 20th August @ 4pm in the Mary Immaculate Church meeting room.

FAMILY CONFIRMATION MEETING: Saturday, 29th August @ Mary Immaculate Church either 10-12am or 2-4pm

CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 1):
Saturday, 5th Sept. @ 10am
Practice on Wednesday, 2nd Sept. @ 4pm.

CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 2):
Saturday, 5th Sept. @ 2pm
Practice on Wednesday, 2nd Sept. @ 6pm.

Following the Sacramental Policy of Archdiocese of Brisbane the Sacrament of Confirmation is available to those children who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older. **(Children must be baptised Catholics).**

If you require any further information in regards to this matter please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 or email MariaB@scp.org.au

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God has spoken by His prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging Word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast.
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father, ever one.
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began.
Light from light,
to Earth descending,
God revealed as Son of Man..
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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.



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

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

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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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 one 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,
(all bow)
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 shall 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**

Reflection from Pope Francis

*Let us find the courage to make a
good soil remediation, a good
remediation of our heart, bringing to
the Lord in Confession and prayer our
stones and our brambles. Thus
Jesus, the good sower, will be happy
to carry out an additional work: to
purify our heart, removing the stones
and thorns that choke the Word.*



Pope Francis