



Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about.

As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

To help this discernment, it's scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves.

We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

At this Eucharist let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.

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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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ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PIETY STALL



St Joseph the Worker piety stall is open for business. The stall has a wide variety of gifts, cards for all occasions, beautiful statues, books etc. please come and check out the piety stall and grab a bargain.

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.

“Thank You For Your Prayers”

An Irish Prayer
May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise.
And a blessing in each trial.



And for every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

Wally Fowke



***Congratulations
and Happy Birthday to
Carmel Edgar
on her 80th Birthday
may our Lord bless you
with peace and happiness***



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.

QUEENSLAND HEALTH GUIDELINES INDICATE THE FOLLOWING AS VULNERABLE GROUPS

- Queenslanders over 70 years of age
- Queenslanders over 65 years of age with underlying health issues
- First Nations Queenslanders over the age of 50 with one or more chronic disease.

Clear advice informing individuals in vulnerable groups of their heightened vulnerability can be found at <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/protect-yourself-others/coronavirus-prevention>

YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

Please stay at home if you are sick, and to go home immediately if you become unwell. Please be tested for COVID-19 if you have any symptoms of acute respiratory disease (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) or a fever or history of fever. Remain in isolation at home till you get a negative result for COVID-19.

For your safety and others please use the sanitizer provided before entering and leaving the church.

Personal information about individuals' is carefully kept in line with privacy laws.

Masses:

- ◆ We ask that once you are seated at Mass that you do not move to another seat.
- ◆ The Sign of Peace should be limited to saying “Peace be with you” with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father
- ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who assist to distribute Communion must sanitise their hands before and after distributing.
- ◆ At Communion time please remember social distance as you come forward.
- ◆ Communion should be received only in the hand.
- ◆ Collection plates should be held by the collector and not passed from person to person

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

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**.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 - 2nd Reading – Romans 8:28-30, Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

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

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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.



Recently Deceased: Arnold Grant Hugget, Luzia Lucio (Madeira),

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

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.

Korean Mass Time: 5pm at Guardian Angels Church.



**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 on 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

Lord you are good and forgiving.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know,
O God, your presence
let our hearts
and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own.
Teach us
through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life.
Send us forth to love and serve you
bringing peace
where there is strife.
Give us, Christ,
your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

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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.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain

***Unless a grain of wheat
shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain
with no life.***

If we have died with Him,
then we shall live with Him,
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with Him. **R**

"If anyone serves me,
then they must follow me,
where ever I am,
my servants will be." **R**

"Make your home in me
as I make mine in you,
those who remain in me
bear much fruit." **R**

"If you remain in me
and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples." **R**

"Those who love me
are loved by my Father,
we shall be with them
and dwell in them." **R**

"Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you,
peace which the world cannot give
is my gift." **R**

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RECESSIONAL 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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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**

Psalm 91

*Those who live in the shelter
of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow
of the Almighty.*

*This I declare about the Lord:
He alone is my refuge,
my place of safety;*

*He is my God, and I trust him.
For he will rescue you from every trap
and protect you from deadly disease.*

*He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor
and protection.*

