



After being nearly snowbound for two weeks, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis. They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address.

His message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife,  
Departed yesterday as you know.  
Just now got checked in.  
Some confusion at the gate.  
Appeal was denied.  
Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow.  
Your loving husband.

P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.

Old-time missionaries used to have a field day with today's gospel, or at least with part of it. While they may have liked the passages that suggested that heaven was *like* a treasure in a field or *like* a pearl of great price, they told us that hell *was* a furnace of fire where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth. Some of those preachers seemed to know an awful lot about hell! It's as though they were travel writers who had visited the place several times just to warn us about what to expect when we got there. And do you remember how easy it was to get in? Many of us thought we had a first class ticket in our pocket most of the time.

Once, during a parish mission, where the visiting priest had given us an excruciatingly detailed description of hell, he told us, 'You could be dipping your hand in the holy water font as you leave the Church tonight and be struck down dead and sent to hell for eternity!' At the end of that session my cousin stood by the holy water font and watched everyone else dip their hand in, saying as they did, 'After you, after you.' She wasn't taking any chances! All this is not to underestimate the reality of hell. If we believe in heaven and free will, it has to be logically true that hell exists and that, consistent with some people's free, knowing and serious rejection of God and of love all their lives, these choices will destine decisions made for, and by, them in the next world as well.

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**FROM THE CATHEDRAL**

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OF THE DAY FOR  
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## YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

There are two major differences, however, between how we used to speak about heaven and hell and what we say now. Just as we know the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price are metaphors for heaven, rich and wonderful ones at that, they remain images that enable us to grasp an unimaginable concept. So it is with hell. How can we imagine life without love and God? We have learnt that our guidebook regarding hell needs to be more circumscribed about what that destination or state of being holds. All we can confidently say is that hell is non-God.

The second change is that we are more careful about being so confident in regard to who is going there. Jesus tells us that God wants all humanity to be saved. We can't take that seriously and then have people slip into hell for a small infringement of the rules.

If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love.

Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about.

Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all. God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come.

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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](http://catholicleader.com.au) until Parishes return to normal.

## SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH PIETY STALL



SCP 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.

**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**.

**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.

**WHEELIE WALKER** Thank you to Mandy Arine who has Donated a wheelie walker for any elderly person who would like to use it to enter the church for Mass at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.



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

**1st Reading – Isaiah 55:1-3 - 2nd Reading – Romans 8:35,37-39, Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
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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.*

### Recently Deceased: Paul Maguire

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.**



## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020

### What's Next...

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

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

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

**CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 2):**  
Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 2pm  
Practice on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au)

# ALIVE

ARCHBISHOP  
MARK COLERIDGE'S  
NEWSLETTER

## FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK

Around this time every year, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Queensland. Of course, everything is different this year with COVID-19 but we're pushing on because this is the 175th anniversary of Catholic education in our state. It all started in a school on the site of the current Myer Centre in the Brisbane CBD, where lay people Mary and Michael Bourke were the first teachers with 56 students. How times have changed - that one school has become 144 within Brisbane Catholic Education alone while another 160 or so Catholic schools are spread across the state. Since 1845, Catholic education in Queensland has survived floods, cyclones, wars, pandemics and the rest. We're being tested now by COVID-19 but we know we'll emerge from this also. It's a good time to give thanks for Catholic education in Queensland, made possible by the support of so many families. Thanks for your ongoing support.



175 YEARS AND STILL GROWING

As Queensland opens up for Queenslanders, let's support our workers and businesses who are doing their best.

Be patient

Be kind

Keep your distance

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Lord, I love your commands.***

### **PROCESSIONAL 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**

You are a seed of the Word,  
O people,  
bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy  
and seeds of justice,  
grow in the Kingdom of God! **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.

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### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION<sup>(ICEL)</sup>**

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

### **COMMUNION PROCESSION**

#### **Table of Plenty**

#### ***Refrain:***

***Come to the feast  
of heaven and earth.  
Come to the table of plenty.  
God will provide  
for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table,  
where saints and sinners  
are friends.  
I wait to welcome  
the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money.  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness  
will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow  
like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver  
of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil. **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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### **Shine, Jesus, Shine!**

Lord, the light of your love  
is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World,  
shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth  
you now bring us.  
Shine on me! Shine on me!

#### ***Refrain:***

***Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land  
with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations  
with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your Word, Lord,  
and let there be light.***

Lord, I come  
to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows  
into your radiance.  
By the blood  
I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me! Shine on me! **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**