



I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace.

Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens.

They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class, 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' To which there was bemused silence. So Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied, 'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.

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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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Congratulations



Congratulations Fr Vince on this special occasion of your **61st Anniversary** to the Priesthood (29th June 1959 to 29th June 2020). We say: What an amazing achievement! We are so proud of you! Sincere thanks for all you have done for us and continue to do in enhancing the life of our parish. Your example of & dedication to priesthood

has been an inspiration to us all. Your humble attributes of caring and generosity are your hallmark. We will continue to see you in our prayers as we ask God to bless you with his love & peace, and may God give you many more healthy & happy years here with us. We love you, Father. Your sincere & loving brothers & sisters in Christ.



Congratulations on your 80th Birthday

Paula may your 80th Birthday be as unforgettable as your presence in our Parish life. Your helpful demeanour has been much appreciated over the last 30 (or so) years in the Parish.

Thank you and Happy Birthday.

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>

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.

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**.

Dear Parishioners of the Southport Catholic Parish,

We **Thank You** for your patience as we come out of COVID-19 lockdown to be able to continue to have up to 100 people attend our Masses depending on the meterage restrictions for each of our Churches.

The communal nature of Mass has a high risk for transmission of COVID-19, we as a Parish Community must comply with social distancing requirements and all advice from Queensland Health.

For the Parish to continue to have Mass we must ALL adhere to the Queensland Government's COVID-19 Safe Plan for Parish Communities.

- **NO One is to enter a church, parish building if feeling sick.**
- **Every gathering including MASS you must record contact details of your attendance (name, phone, address and time of visit).**
- **Social Distancing is to be maintained of one per 4 square meters indoors, 1.5 meters between people.**
- **Hand sanitizer must be used on entering the church and before communion at all Masses.**
- **Newsletters MUST be taken home as they can not be reused to prevent cross-contamination.**
- **At all Masses, the Body of Christ can only be administered in the hand.**
- **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 at the Our Father.**
- **Collection plates should not be passed from person to person.**
- **Our Holy water fonts will remain empty.**
- **After each gathering, the Church must be cleaned in adherence to COVID-19 requirements.**

We do ask you to comply with all instructions you may receive from our staff and volunteers. **Southport Catholic Parish has a zero tolerance to abuse. "THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE"**

**Thanks and God Bless
Fr Gerard and Fr Stephen**

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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

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Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:10-11 - 2nd Reading – Romans 8:18-23, Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

**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
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.*

*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: Rosalind Mary Burgess, Anne Krischock

Anniversary: Peter Stojanovic, Jack Keniry, George Carthew, Catherine McIntosh

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), Robert Carthew, Andrei Celes, Pete Celso, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Helen Dignam, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Eddie Doherty, Lucio Dumas, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Wally Fowke, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Elvie Hayes, Efren Hatulan, James Healy, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King Trish King, Cheryl Kirkbride Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Cathy McCuish, Ann Marie Loder, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarino, 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, Wiktoria Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, John Thorpe, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson, Steven Zammit

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

LAST WEEK OF THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2020

The Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now available online. This will be closed on the **10th of July 2020** The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered **ONCE IN A YEAR.**

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. This is the next spiritual journey that your child will engage in after their Baptism. They will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. **(Children must be baptised Catholics).**

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



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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All the Earth

Refrain:

All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God.

Serve you the Lord,
heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence
singing for joy! **R.**

Know that the Lord is our creator,
for he is our Father,
we are his own. **R.**

We are the sheep
of his green pasture,
for we are his people;
he is our 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.

14th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Like a Shepherd

Refrain:

*Like a shepherd
he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs
in his arms,
holding them carefully
close to his heart,
leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah,
“Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top,
lift your voice,
Jerusalem, here is your God.” **R**

“I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue
and heal their wounds
and pasture them,
giving them rest.” **R**

“Come unto me
if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke
upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.” **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light,
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.

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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**



Prayer of the Aboriginal People

*Father of all, You gave us the
dreaming.*

*You have spoken to us through
our beliefs,*

*You then made your love clear to us in
the person of Jesus.*

We thank you for your care.

*You own us, You are our hope. Make
us strong as we face the problems of
change.*

*We ask You to help the people of
Australia to listen to us and respect
our culture.*

*Make the knowledge of You grow
strong in all people,*

*So that You can be at home in us and
we can make a home for everyone in
our land.*

Amen