

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence.

Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said, 'Don't you know who I am?' The woman replied, 'I sure do.' Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?' 'No, certainly not' said the woman. Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?' The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

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### **Guardian Angels' Church**

99 Scarborough St., Southport

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

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

### **MASSES CAN BE LIVE-STREAMED**

**FROM THE CATHEDRAL**

**AT [archbne.org/bzw](http://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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**SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH** is a welcoming community of faith who welcomes seekers and so we initiate new members through the rites of our Catholic Church. Those seekers are nurtured as individuals on their own faith journeys, challenging them to live the Gospel message as Catholic Christians. They do this within a community of fellow seekers and parishioners of the Southport Catholic Parish.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



### ABOUT (RCIA)

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The Catholic Church welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. Some who come to us have had little or no affiliation with, or religious training in the Christian faith. Others have been baptized and have been active members of other Christian denominations. The process of formation is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA is a communal process and involves a number of stages which lead the unbaptized to the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil at which time they become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The entire process takes several months or, for some, a few years, but participants are invited to proceed at a pace that individually suits them. RCIA meets weekly, on Monday Evenings.

**If you know anyone who may be interested, (family, friends, neighbours) in participating in the 2020 - 2021 RCIA, could you please ask them to call the Parish Office to register their name on 5510 2222.**

**Or Take a copy of this notice and hand to them. It is available at the front of the Church.**

**MARCUS MISSION** (Men supporting Men through mateship and connection) in-person workshop. **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August** – Mermaid Beach Surf Life Saving Club (172 Hedges Avenue, Mermaid Beach), 4:30 – 5:30pm FREE BBQ/ Informal catch up, 5:30 – 7:30pm Resilience Building Workshop. For more information contact Glen Wallwork M: 0419 750 607 (Marcus Mission – Program Coordinator) or reply to this email - marcusmission@wmq.org.au

**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.



On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption (or simply, “The Assumption”) is widely celebrated all over Christendom. This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary’s bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life. Assumption celebrations are accompanied by festivals, colourful street processions, fireworks, and pageantry. While a “feast” is not actually required, there is a longstanding tradition of blessing the summer harvest. There are even special “Assumption” recipes incorporated into family dinners. Sounds heavenly! The devoted light candles, attend masses, and say prayers for peace all over the world.

<https://nationaltoday.com/feast-assumption/>

**ONLINE MASS REGISTRATION.** The registration portal is open by 9am Monday and closes by 4pm on the Thursday for Masses celebrated the following Sunday. Again, Parish website, Mass Registration, and choose your Mass Centre. At this time there is no need to book for weekday mass attendance.

**FRESH FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** We are looking for someone in the parish who would like to arrange flowers in the church. Please contact the parish office 5510 2222 if you would like to help with this most rewarding ministry.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION** is on every Wednesday at the newly 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](http://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 – Isaiah 22:19-23 - 2nd Reading – Romans 11:33-36  
Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20**

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

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: [AOB@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopleveline.com.au) ONLINE: [www.bnecatholic.stopleveline.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stopleveline.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.*



### Recently Deceased:

The names of your sick and deceased members will be recorded in these books.

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020

### WHAT'S NEXT....

#### **FAMILY CONFIRMATION MEETING @ MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH**

**SESSION 1** - Saturday, 29th August @ 10-12am

**SESSION 2** - Saturday, 29th August @ 2-4pm

#### **CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 1):**

**PRACTICE** - Wednesday, 2nd Sept. @ 4pm

**CONFIRMATION** - Saturday, 5th Sept. @ 10am

#### **CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 2):**

**PRACTICE** - Wednesday, 2nd Sept. @ 6pm

**CONFIRMATION** - Saturday, 5th Sept. @ 2pm

**Online Registration for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 2020 is now available. Please don't forget to Register your family, nominated sponsor or Guest.**

Candidate's & Family - <https://scp.org.au/sc-candidate-rego/>

Sponsor/Guest - <https://scp.org.au/sc-sponsor-guest-rego/>

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)

### **PRAYER REQUEST - CONFIRMATION NAME CARD (DOVE)**



Parishioners are invited to take a card from Mary Immaculate Church and to pray for that child especially during the weeks of sacramental preparation. Please do not forget to record your details into the Candidate's Prayer Request Book and return the card in the GOLD BOX next Saturday/Sunday Mass.



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Be patient



Be kind



Keep your distance



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## Why social distancing matters

Social distancing of 1.5 metres decreases the exposure of coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Now**



1 Person

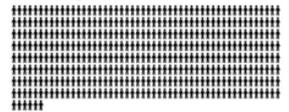


**5 Days**



2.5 People infected

**30 Days**



406 People infected

**50% less exposure**



1 Person



**5 Days**



1.25 People infected

**30 Days**



15 People infected

**75% less exposure**



1 Person



**5 Days**



.625 People infected

**30 Days**



2.5 People infected



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### All are Welcome

Let us build a house  
where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace,  
here the love of Christ  
shall end divisions.  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome  
in this place.

Let us build a house  
where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace,  
here as one we claim  
the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.  
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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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Let All the Peoples Praise You (All Sung)

#### *Refrain*

*Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,  
let all the peoples praise you.*

Nations shall fear  
the name of the Lord,  
and all the rulers of earth your glory,  
when the Lord shall build Zion again,  
coming in glory. Alleluia! **R**

Let this be written  
for ages to come,  
peoples unborn  
may praise the Lord,  
who has come down  
from the sanctuary on high,  
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia! **R**

Sion shall hear  
the name of the Lord,  
and God's praise  
in the heart of the city.  
Peoples and nations  
shall gather to praise,  
worshipping God our Lord.  
Alleluia! **R**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia,  
Alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia.**

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

### Hail, Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n,  
the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer  
here below,  
thrown on life's surge,  
we claim your care,  
save us from peril  
and from woe.  
Mother of Christ,  
Star of the Sea,  
pray for the wand'rer,  
pray for me.

O gentle, chaste  
and spotless maid,  
we sinners make our  
prayers through thee,  
remind thy Son,  
that He has paid  
the price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure,  
Star of the Sea,  
pray for the sinner,  
pray for me.  
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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**