



A young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who would ever believe he only knew them pastorally?

'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

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PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**  
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## Parish Mass Times –(Please note change of Mass times) Bookings for Sunday Mass essential

**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Masses**  
7:00am & 8:30am  
**(Please book on line)**

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday & Wednesday  
7:00am  
**(No need to book for weekday  
Mass)**

**Gold Coast University Hospital**  
Friday Rosary 10.00am  
Mass Friday 10:30am

**Guardian Angels' Church**  
99 Scarborough St., Southport

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**  
Saturday (Vigil) 4.30 & 6.00pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am  
**(Please book on line)**

**Mass in Korean - Sunday - 5.00pm**

**Prayers & Adoration**  
Wednesday 12.00noon –1.00pm

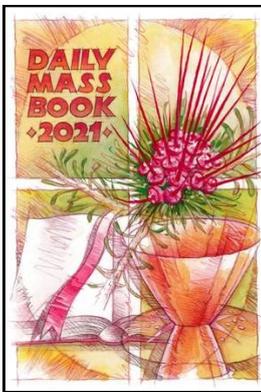
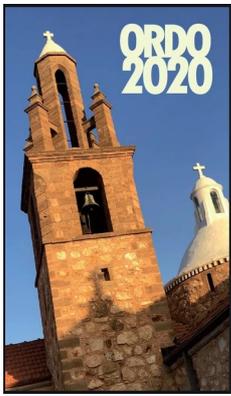
**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12:30pm  
**(No need to book for weekday Mass)**

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**  
Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 5.30pm  
**(Please book on line)**

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Thursday 9:00am  
**No need to book for weekday Mass**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**By Appointment**



**THE ANNUALS** are ready to be purchased.

Ordo - \$ 12

Daily Mass Book- \$22

Break Open the Word- \$22

God's Word (readings of the day-Monday to Sunday)

To order your copy please email Daloras [dalorash@scp.org.au](mailto:dalorash@scp.org.au),  
The closing date for ordering through the parish office is  
**Tuesday 6th October.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 12:30pm** at Guardian Angels Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:00 with Rosary followed by Mass and Benediction immediately after Mass. **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6pm** at Guardian Angels Celebration of The Feast of Guardian Angels

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PHOTOS:** will be available on **Monday, 6th of October 2020.** Please email Maria ([mariab@scp.org.au](mailto:mariab@scp.org.au)) if you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$10 USB).

**READERS:** Would readers attending Mass at any of the weekend Masses at **Mary Immaculate** please call the parish office and let us know when you are available to read. Thank you.



**BISHOPS OF QLD ELECTION STATEMENT:**

Our faith is more than a private matter. It shapes our lives in public as well as how we relate to God personally. The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have released a State Election Statement, calling on Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teachings as they go to the polls on October 31. To read the statement visit <https://bit.ly/2FDLtiH>

**LAZARUS CONTEMPLATION MINI RETREAT  
3PM TO 5PM SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

You are invited to spend some time reflecting on the scripture Lazarus coming out of the darkness of the tomb into the light of life. During this time of uncertainty, of change, of lack of control, where is God calling you to be, to accept? Where are the positives, what do you have to let go of? These are some questions you might like to meditate with during this time. Bring along your visual journal and pen/coloured drawing materials for drawing & writing. Most importantly, bring along a heart, open to where God wants to lead you. **Suggested donation: \$10** Contact: Catherine Smith: (M) 0401 070 821 or (E) [csmith3183@gmail.com](mailto:csmith3183@gmail.com) Lynne Head-Weir: (M) 0409 198 545 or (E) [G.C.I.Arts.C@gmail.com](mailto:G.C.I.Arts.C@gmail.com)

**To Parents of Young Children:**

**May we suggest . . . R E L A X !**

God put the wiggles in children.  
Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.  
All are welcome!  
Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar.  
They tire of seeing the backs of others!  
Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, choir, and other ministries.  
Help them find the hymns and prayers in the back of our newsletter.  
Sing the hymns, participate in the liturgy, and pray.  
Children learn about worship and Liturgical behaviour by copying you.  
If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, **but please come back.** As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me . . ."  
Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God and to one another.  
Let them know that they are at home in His house of worship.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

The presence of children is a gift to the church  
And a reminder that our parish is growing.  
Please welcome our children and give a smile of Encouragement to their parents.



**A PRAYER FOR OUR TIME**

*Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me.  
At the offertory, take me to God and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all.*

*During Holy Communion bring me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in the spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to everyone, the Lord's blessing. Amen*

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2  
1st Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7 - 2nd Reading - Philippians 4:6-9  
Gospel - Matthew 21: 33-43**

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

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: [A0B@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopleveline.com.au) ONLINE: [www.bnecatholic.stoplevelinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplevelinereport.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: Michael Ward, Judy Gordon**

The names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE  
Office for Safeguarding Services

## Benefits of a safe & welcoming environment

- FEEL SAFE**  
Sharing info about what our parish does to foster a safe & welcoming environment helps make everyone feel safe.
- ARE SAFE**  
Informing parishioners about who they can talk to about problems and how can ensure that all persons here are safe.
- POSITIVE CULTURE**  
Including messages in our newsletter, website or social media about local efforts in safeguarding fosters a positive culture.
- GROWTH**  
Publicly sharing with the wider community what our parish does to create a safe environment can attract others to join or visit.
- INCLUSION**  
Creating a safe environment at our parish creates a sense of inclusion as all people from all cultures and backgrounds feel safe and welcome.
- FUTURE LEADERS**  
The children and young people of today are our parish leaders of tomorrow. What we do now can help the future mission of our parish.

## GUARDIAN ANGELS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE ASHMORE

**WATCH THEM GROW**

Kindergarten Approved Program Queensland Government

Before school care 6:30am – 8:30am  
After school care 2:30pm – 6:00pm  
Vacation care 7:00am – 6:00pm

PHONE 5539 1301  
[catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au/guardian-angels-outside-school-hours-care-ashmore](http://catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au/guardian-angels-outside-school-hours-care-ashmore)

Catholic Early EdCare  
WATCH THEM GROW

**UPDATE YOUR DETAILS.** If your personal details have changed please email [dalorash@scp.org.au](mailto:dalorash@scp.org.au) to update your details.

**BAPTISMS** The parish has resumed with baptisms. For more information please contact the office (5510 2222) to discuss your child's baptism.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION** is on every **Wednesday** at **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** is still available digitally. Sign-up to receive your **FREE** digital edition at: [www.catholicleader.com.au/covid19free](http://www.catholicleader.com.au/covid19free)

The link to the digital edition is emailed to readers every Thursday. It is fully interactive and accessible on smart devices, tablets and desktop computers.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2021** are now on sale in the piety stall at each of the churches. They make great Christmas gifts to send overseas to friends and family. Cost \$ 7 each.

**WALKING GROUP** at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador** at **6:30am**. Interested persons wishing to

**PLEASE NOTE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES**

To register online please visit our website <https://scp.org.au/> then **point** the pointer at **MASS REGISTRATION** and then **click** or select the correct church & Mass you want to attend ie:

**SJTW** (St Joseph the Worker),  
**GA** (Guardian Angels) or  
**MI** (Mary Immaculate).

*Each week the registration portal is open by 9am Monday and closes by 4pm on the Thursday for Masses for the following Sunday.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Gather your People

**Refrain:**

**Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body,  
one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.**

Draw us forth to the table of life,  
brothers and sisters,  
each of us called  
to walk in your light. **R.**

We are parts  
of the body of Christ,  
needing each other,  
each of the gifts  
the Spirit provides. **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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Taste and See (all sung)

**Refrain:**

**Taste and see, O taste and see,  
taste and see  
the goodness of God.**

Glory, glory to God most High,  
glory, blessing and praise.  
With one voice, O people,  
rejoice in our God,  
who hears the cry of all in need. **R**

Who has fashioned earth and sky,  
who created the deep,  
who exults the lonely  
and sets captives free,  
who opens the door  
to all those who seek. **R**

O, the love of God,  
become flesh of our flesh.  
so that we might live in glory. **R**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### A Touching Place

Christ's is the world  
in which we move,  
Chris's are the folk  
we're summoned to love,  
Christ's is the voice  
which calls us to care,  
and Christ is the one  
who meets us here.

**Refrain:**

**To the lost  
Christ shows his face.  
To the unloved  
he gives his embrace.  
To those who cry  
in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes,  
with his friends,  
a touching place.**

Feel for the people  
we most avoid,  
strange or bereaved  
or never employed.  
Feel for the women,  
and feel for the men  
who feel that their living  
is all in vain. **R**

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd  
and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me,  
wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains,  
the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways,  
he's waiting for me.

**Refrain:**

**I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my Shepherd,  
and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me,  
wherever he goes!**

And while on the journey  
to where we are going,  
he promised to be there  
to help us along,  
and over the mountains,  
we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders  
he's given to me

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### As Gentle as Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord  
is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see  
has been given to me,  
and his giving  
is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour,  
every moment  
has been blessed  
by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide  
he is there at my side,  
and his touch  
is as gentle as silence.

There've been times  
when I've turned  
from his presence,  
and I've walked  
other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name  
in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy  
was gentle as silence.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### We are Called

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy  
and the love of the Lord.  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God!

**Refrain:**

**We are called  
to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called  
to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!**

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy  
to all those in fear.  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless,  
so hatred and blindness  
will be no more! **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 liv-  
ing 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**

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