



These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away

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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



Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart

of God. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign on the 18th of October. Go to www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children to learn more

TODAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2020 SR LIS IS WALKING FOR ANGELS KITCHEN

Sr Lis will be walking to raise money for Angels Kitchen today.

It has been estimated the homeless walk up to 26 kms a week, so this walkathon will go from Hope Island to Miami.

“The distance is a bit much for me (I am now 80), however I will be walking from Labrador to Miami, a distance of 15-17 kms.”

“I did it last year so am determined to do it again this year. If you would like to help Angels Kitchen (and support me) I would really appreciate a few dollars.”

“My team is called **Street Angels** you can leave your money in an envelope at either the Manor or the Parish Office, or you can give it to me in person! Thank you for your support.

BISHOPS OF QLD ELECTION STATEMENT



Everyone deserves a full life. Right now, aged care and support for older people in our community is subject to greater scrutiny than ever before. Governments must provide for sustainable aged care services, improve regulatory frameworks to ensure the quality of care and provide older people and their families with real choice and control over the services they receive. How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of people of every age in our community? Consider the Common Good on October 31. You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/2FvHA8W>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PHOTOS: are now available. Please email Maria (mariab@scp.org.au) if you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$10 USB).

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 Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek...”

There are a lot of references to food and banquets in the texts that form today's Liturgy of the Word. From the first reading's reference to “rich food, a banquet of fine wines”, through to the Responsorial Psalm's assurance that the Lord “has prepared a banquet for me/in the sight of my foes”, and the famous parable of the wedding feast, told by Jesus – we are a Church which gathers for spiritual nourishment and we are a Church called to bring practical sustenance to those in need. From these moments of ‘coming together’, we are fed in order to then go forth and share what we have with others. One of the ways available for us, as Catholics, is to support the missionary work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, of which Catholic Mission is a part. During October, we ask for your prayerful and financial contributions. You can send a text to the following mobile number (the rest of the process is quite simple) 0488 854 436 (enter your parish name in the notes), by donating online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia or by using the appeal envelopes that will be made available on World **Mission Sunday (Oct 17/18)**.

In anticipation for all the ways you will help “wipe the tears from every cheek”, we give thanks.



Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2
1st Reading – Isaiah 45:1,4-6 - 2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel - Matthew 22: 15-21

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

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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: Reginald John Glover & Dino Lorenson

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



Dying Peacefully -  No Euthanasia Sunday

11 October 2020

There are many misunderstandings about what dying entails and how the Catholic Church teaches one should respond to it. This Sunday October 11th is a day that might help clear up some of that confusion— particularly about the right to refuse or end treatment, about the moral legitimacy of advance care planning, about the use of pain-relieving medications, and about when hastening death may be morally acceptable.

Moreover, many people support the idea of assisted suicide or euthanasia, which in Australia is called VAD, on the basis that people are afraid of losing their freedom, their dignity, their worth, as they face what they believe will be a terrible process of dying. The Catholic Church maintains—based on its theological and philosophical beliefs on the nature of human beings, and on the empirical evidence of high-quality specialist palliative care that none of these things need to come true. Dying need not be horrifying. This is not to glorify or minimise how challenging the process of dying is. But it is a process that we as a society and as individuals must face in a way that respects and preserves those principles of freedom, dignity and minimization of harm that we all hold dear.

PRAYER

LOVE TO THE END

*Heavenly Father,
We ask that you may grant them the grace
to endure their trials and receive the reward
of their faithfulness.*

*Show us how to care for those at the end of their life
with loving patience.*

*We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who
answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying.
May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the
service of life.*

*We pray for our law and policy makers,
may they always seek to serve the common good
and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.
We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance
with their conscience.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!*



ARCHDIOCESAN SERVICES
People & Culture

BLUE CARD & POLICE CHECK UPDATE

Readers and Communion Ministers at Mass
are no longer required to hold
BLUE CARDS or undergo POLICE CHECKS.
If these ministries are the
ONLY ministry you undertake.

If unsure please contact the parish office.

**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.**

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**.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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**
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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

The Lord's My Shepherd (All Sung)

The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths
of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk
in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill,
for thou art with me,
and thy rod and staff
me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes.
My head thou dost
with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens
fills the earth.

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GIFTS PROCESSION

Our Father We Have Wandered

Our Father we have wandered and hidden
from your face.
In foolishness
have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame, as distant
and compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home
rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf
and robe and ring.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

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.

Grant us vision, gracious Spirit
to seek guests to share that feast
where triumphant love
will welcome those
who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.
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REFLECTION HYMN

There is a Longing

Refrain

*There is a longing
in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal
yourself to us.
There is a longing
in our hearts for love
we only find in you,
our God.*

For justice, for freedom,
for mercy, hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief, be near
hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort, hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear, be near
hear our prayer, O God. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing to the Mountains

Refrain

*Sing to the mountains,
sing to the sea.
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.
This is the day
the Lord has made.
let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to you,
my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul
from death.
You are my strength
and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory. **R**

This is the day
that the Lord has made,
let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory 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**