

**The vineyard of the Lord**



Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense. The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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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

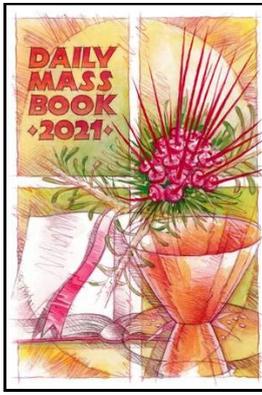
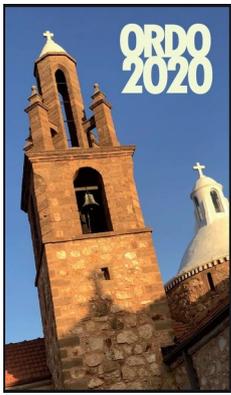
**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12:30pm  
**(No need to book for weekday Mass)**

**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**



### LAST CHANCE TO ORDER THE ANNUALS

- Ordo - \$ 12
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**Last chance for ordering these books.  
Tuesday 6th October.**



### BISHOPS OF QLD ELECTION STATEMENT:

Catholic Social Teachings prompt us to consider the Common Good and to pay particular attention to those who are vulnerable, marginalised, or who often 'fall through the cracks'.

As we grapple with the challenges of a COVID world, the Catholic Bishops of Queensland have called Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teaching as they prepare to participate in the Queensland State Election on October 31.

For more information about Catholic Social Teaching and to find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote visit <https://bit.ly/3mhPzY3>

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PHOTOS:** is now available on Please email Maria ([mariab@scp.org.au](mailto: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.

**KEYS FOUND AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH LABRADOR.** A set of keys with a tag with Spanish writing on it, were found in the church after the Mass, at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador, on the 23rd September. Please phone the parish office for more information.



### DONATIONS FOR SR LIS FOR ANGELS KITCHEN

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

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.



### Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary

*Peter and Maree  
Siganto*

Peter Siganto and Maree Winchester married at Guardian Angels Church, Southport on the 3rd October 1970.

Peter, one of seven children grew up at Upper Coomera. Peter started his working life in the banking industry at Burleigh.

Maree lived in Southport and worked as a hairdresser. After their marriage they lived in Brisbane and later in Mackay for several years.

Peter's great grandfather, John Siganto, came to Australia in 1872 from what is now Croatia aged 22 year and later meet and married the daughter of English immigrants, Elizabeth Lane from Wongawallen in 1876. Their marriage was the first Catholic marriage in the Coomera district.

Peters parents and five of his siblings were all married in the Guardian Angels Church. Mabel Siganto regularly played the organ for church services.

Peter and Maree have two daughters who live and work in Toowoomba. They have a grandson. Peter and Maree regularly visit the family in Toowoomba and have travelled overseas regularly. On their 40th Anniversary they attended Mass in St Peters at the Vatican.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2**  
**1st Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10 - 2nd Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19,20**  
**Gospel - Matthew 22: 1-14**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
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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: Betty Mahony

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



### **THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PRAYER**

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me  
here, ever this day be at my side to light and  
guard, to rule and guide. Amen*

*God our Father, in your loving providence  
send your angels to watch over us.  
Hear our prayers and defend us always  
through their protection.  
Let us share your life with them forever.*



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## **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.

**READERS & MASS MARSHALS (REGISTRATORS):** We are  
appealing to Readers and anyone who can help with Mass  
Registration at the weekend Masses at **Mary Immaculate**  
please call the parish office. Thank you.



Let us pray and remember all our students returning to  
school especially our year 12 students preparing for exams in  
3 weeks time.

*Lord, we know you are with them and love them. Give  
them peace of mind as they prepare for this time of  
study. ... Give them insight that they might understand  
what they are studying, and help them to remember it  
when the time comes. Amen*

**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  
join us should ring **Janeece** on **0408 763 772**.

**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.

### **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

### For the Fruits of all Creation

For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing,  
reaping, silent growth  
while we are sleeping,  
future needs  
in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help  
we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring,  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.  
For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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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

### We Remember

#### Refrain

***We remember how you loved us to your  
death,  
and still we celebrate,  
for you are with us here,  
and we believe  
that we will see you  
when you come  
in your glory, Lord.  
We remember,  
we celebrate, we believe.***

Here, a million wounded souls are  
yearning just to touch you and be healed.  
Gather all your people,  
and hold them to your heart. **R**

Now we recreate your love,  
We bring the bread and wine  
to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy,  
the Presence of the Lord **R**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"  
to all the hopes and dreams  
of every heart,  
peace beyond all telling,  
and freedom from all fear. **R**

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### One Bread One Body

#### Refrain:

***One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body  
in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man no more. **R**

Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. **R**

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### I Found the Treasure

Lord, to whom can I go?  
You alone speak the words of life.  
You alone on the earth  
or in heaven above  
are my Saviour and my Lord.

#### Refrain:

***I found the treasure in a field,  
that neither time nor death can steal.  
I will sell what I have,  
give all that I am,  
to hold this treasure  
as my own.***

Jesus, Lord of my life,  
I can ask for nothing more  
than to see and believe  
that my life lies in You,  
in the kingdom of my Lord. **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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### 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**