

**CHRIST THE KING
IN ORDINARY TIME
22ND NOVEMBER 2020**



The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live. To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

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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



12 Hours ADORATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

At Guardian Angels we will be holding 12 hours of continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday, 16th of December commencing at 10:00 and concluding at 22:00 with Benediction.** There will **opportunity for confession** during specific times, Rosary but most importantly plenty of quiet time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in silence. There will be a list

at the entrance of Guardian Angels for you to nominate a time, so we are assured Our Lord is always accompanied. A more specific schedule will be available in the next bulletin.



Gift Shop - 115 Scarborough St. Southport

NOW OPEN!!!

Monday to Friday - 9am to 4pm
Saturday - 9:30am to 2:30pm
Sunday - 10:00am to 12:30pm

Our beautiful Gift shop, is like no other, come and visit us, as we are selling exclusive, luxury affordable Christmas gifts and more, for the whole family. A shopping experience to remember for all our customers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Opportunity to utilise your gifts in our new gift shop now exist. Ideal for retirees or couples retirees.

- Ever wanted to work with others in a retail environment and use your or develop new skills?
- Requirements for this volunteer position is to work easily within a dynamic team for 2-3 days a week (4hours - including weekends) in Southport CBD.

On the job training will be provided. Contact Daloras or Maria at the Parish Office (5510 2222) to express your interest.



LUMEN CHRISTI CENTRE NEWS

Advent Program

Fr Gerard and Fr Stephen will be giving advent themed talks during the first and second weeks of Advent at the Lumen Christi Centre from 6:30pm each night. People are encouraged to bring a plate to share after the talk...more details soon.

Memorial Tiles

We are placing another run with our stone mason for memorial tiles just **before Easter 2021**. If you are interested in having a beautiful marble memorial for your loved ones in the Lumen Christi Centre please contact the parish office. Prices are \$1000 for the large size and \$500 for the smaller one.

Lumen Christi Garden Committee and Kitchen Committee

With more extensive gardens and kitchen the parish is looking for two small groups of volunteers to look after these facilities so that they don't fall to one person. Please contact Maria or Daloras at the office to register your interest.

IRISH COMMUNITY NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS. A November Remembrance Mass for our Irish Community will be celebrated on **Sunday, 29 November at 11.00am in Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough Street, Southport.**

Fr John Maher will be the celebrant. We invite you to join with other members of our community in praying for the peaceful repose of our deceased relatives and friends. We hope to be able to gather for a tea/coffee afterwards but because of COVID we will not be able to confirm this until closer to the date. We are also required to comply with a COVID plan to keep us all safe and so we ask you to register your attendance by phoning Joe Thompson on 0407 410 041 or by e-mail, thompson-j@bigpond.com



LEBANON UPDATE. Immediately following the Beirut explosion, ACN provided an initial emergency grant of \$400,00 AUD for food. ACN has just announced a further commitment of \$8 million for the repair and reconstruction of churches and convents. ACN thanks everyone who has already donated to their national appeal and welcomes any further support. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/Lebanon or call 1800 101 201.

Christmas Presence

What are your spiritual gifts?
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

2pm - 5pm Saturday
28 November 2020

At St Mary's Coomera Church
185 Billinghamurst Crescent, Upper Coomera 4209

Suggested donation: \$10



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Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2
1st Reading - Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1,3-8 - 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel - Mark 13: 33-37

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MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.

PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: A0B@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.*

Thursday, 24th of December

Mary Immaculate - 4:30pm & 6:30pm
Guardian Angels' - 6pm & 12midnight

Friday, 25th of December

St Joseph the Worker - 7am & 8:30am
Guardian Angels' - 7am & 9am
Mary Immaculate - 9am

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Christmas Eve

<https://scp.org.au/sjtw-christmas-mass/>

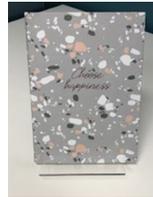
Christmas Day

<https://scp.org.au/mi-christmas-mass/>



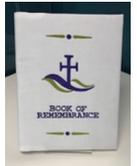
Recently Deceased:

Frances Vella



*The names of our sick and
deceased family & friends
will*

be recorded in these books.



LADIES FASHION PARADE

Ladies of our parish are encouraged to attend and support our local community as all proceeds go to Angel's Kitchen and Vinnies.

If you wish to model on the day we would be so pleased to have your assistance. Please contact Christine Wintour on 0431 630 446.

While we would like to be the first event to be held at our new Lumen Christi facility, because of Covid-19 restrictions, places are limited and registrations are ESSENTIAL. Please contact John Wintour as advertised on our posters.

In conjunction with Portofino Fashions, SCL has pleasure in hosting our first Covid-19-safe social for 2020:

Ladies Fashion Parade

at: Lumen Christi Centre,
(44 Imperial Parade, Labrador)
on: Saturday 5 December,
from: 2:00 pm.

Be greeted with a complimentary glass of champagne or orange juice.



Be impressed by the latest fashions from Portofino including jewellery, shoes, handbags, etc.

Entry cost is \$15 and includes:

Lucky door prize,
Raffle,
Latest fashion styles by Portofino,
Refreshments, and
Loads of amusement and fun.

All proceeds go to:
Angel's Kitchen and Vinnies.

Registrations are ESSENTIAL

Contact John Wintour at:

winlock1@optusnet.com.au

0466177240.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Rejoice! the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore.
Let all give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Ref:

**Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. **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- Crimond

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!

"The sheep of my flock",
says the Lord.

"hearing my voice, they will listen,
they will follow me, for I know them,
they are mine".

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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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REFLECTION HYMN

Christ be beside me

Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising
light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail Redeemer

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb,
the throne is thine,
King, whose reign
shall never cease,
Prince of ever lasting peace.

Refrain:

**Angels, saints,
and nations, sing,
"Praised be Jesus Christ,
our King.
Lord of life, earth,
sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."**

King, whose name
creation thrills,
rule our minds,
our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with your praises,
King of kings. **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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