



Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and

strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources ... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle. All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's US-and-God-IN-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

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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
Reconciliation : 4.30pm
Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm
Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am
(Please book on line)

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, including
the Korean Mass
(Please book on line)

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Guardian Angels Church 4.30pm



AUSTRALIA DAY TUESDAY 26 JAN 2021

Mass at 9am will be celebrated at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore with morning tea after.

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke both have genealogies of Jesus Christ. They are not identical, in part because each seeks to make a different theological point. Each in its different way traces the lineage of Joseph.

The reasons for this are more Christological than biological. The fundamental promise of the Old Testament is the promise to Abraham and his descendants – a promise of life bigger than death, symbolised by offspring and patrimonial land, which were the symbols of life beyond death in the cultures that produced the Bible.

The question through time was: How is this blessing to be mediated in the life of the People of God? Different answers were given at different times. The God-given institutions were seen as mediating the Abrahamic blessing – the monarchy, the prophetic movement, the priesthood – depending upon which was in the ascendant at any given time.

Ancient Israel begins as a loose tribal federation with no centralised government. That changes once Israel faces the new kind of military threat represented by the Philistines. They were a formidable foe, culturally more advanced and with the latest in high-tech weaponry; and they seemed to have the tribes of Israel surrounded. The new peril demanded a new kind of military and political unity; and that's when you first hear in the Bible the cry for a king. *To be continued...*





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Couples would be ideal for this position to mind the Giftshop once a week for only 4 hours (Friday afternoon 12:30pm to 4:30pm). Job training will be provided. Contact Daloras or Maria at the Parish Office (5510 2222)

CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTERING 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY - VIGIL MASS

7pm Tuesday 16th February – Mary Immaculate

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey towards Easter begins
on Wednesday, 17th February 2021.

In our parish on this day there will be four Masses.

7am - St Joseph the Worker, Labrador

**11:30am - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore
(Guardian Angels Primary School All are welcome)**

9am - Guardian Angels, Southport

**Please note it is essential to register on line
For the Ash Wednesday Mass.
<https://scp.org.au/>**



CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS

In February and March 2021, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be **inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission** through an advertising campaign, **the Call To All Catholics.**

The advertising will particularly be reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith. We are being invited to get involved by:

1. Giving fliers to loved ones who have become disconnected from the Church (fliers will be delivered in January)
2. Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
3. Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey
4. Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews

The campaign will officially launch on Word of God Sunday (Sunday, 7th February), marked by a video homily given by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading – Deuteronomy 18:15-20 – 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel - Mark 1:21-28**

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

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Guardian Angels Church
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

Mary Immaculate Church
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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:

**Trish Ceaby, Katie Irving
John Falzon**

*The names of our sick and
deceased family & friends
Will be recorded in these books*



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

**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.

CHURCH FLORAL DISPLAY. If you have a love of flowers and would like to help with this rewarding ministry we are seeking regular volunteers to assist with floral arrangements (weekdays) for our churches. Please contact Paula on 0412 007 648 for more information or the parish office on 5510 2222.



A VOCATION VIEW. Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow me.'

WALKING GROUP. At **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador. Saturday at 6am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janecece on 0408 763 772.**

Sacramental Preparation



AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION

The Sacramental programs for 2021, begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2021 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

**The online registration for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
is now available and will close
on Friday, 12th February 2021**

<https://scp.org.au/reconciliation-2020/>

**At the completion of this program, children will celebrate
the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite)
between the 15th - 19th of March 2021 in the afternoon.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic**. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

**Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.**

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

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GLORY TO GOD Mass of St Francis

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. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM- SUNG

Seek, O Seek the Lord

Refrain:

**Seek, O seek the Lord,
while he is near,
trust him,
speak to him in prayer,
and he will hear.**

God, be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling.
Break the snares
the world contrives,
keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife His
blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not our brother? **R**

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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.

GIFTS PROCESSION

Open My Eyes, Lord

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears Lord.
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to Love.

I live within you,
deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.
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COMMUNION PROCESSION

The Summons

“Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?”

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and
you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to
reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch
and sound in you and you in me”?

Lord, your summons echoes true when
you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live
and grow in you and you in me.
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REFLECTION HYMN

You Walk Along our Shoreline

You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
“Now come and follow me,
and if you still will follow
through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul.”

You call us, Christ, to gather
The people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we
think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safe-ty,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words
in foreign lands,
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God
and live.

Refrain:

**Be not afraid,
I go before you always.
Come follow Me,
and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you,
through it all. **R**
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