



Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.

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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



WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR AT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Special Lenten program 12noon - 1pm every Wednesday. During Lent we will be praying the Way of the Cross with meditations by 'Venerable Fulton J Sheen and Saint John Henry Newman' and sung Stabat Mater commencing at 12 Noon.

Confession available during this time. Immediately following the Way of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed followed by time for silent prayer and Benediction concluding at 1pm.

Please join us for an hour with Our Lord in preparation for Easter. No bookings required.

*NOTE **no adoration** program on ASH WEDNESDAY Guardian Angels will be open however until 12 noon following the Ash Wednesday Mass for private prayer.



Wesley Mission Queensland recently established the COVID-19 Recovery Service for Older People to provide responsive wellbeing support for people living in the Gold Coast region who are aged over 65 years (or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 55). This free service to our older people, is fully funded by Primary Health Care Network Gold Coast. It is for those experiencing loneliness who may need

assistance reconnecting with social networks and early intervention to help them deal with low levels of situational distress

• Who may have more intense needs associated with ongoing mental health problems, which may require psychological therapies or referral to more specialised support who have physical health needs which interact with and exacerbate mental health issues, and which also require management. Service types include:

• Clinical nursing services: establishing a therapeutic relationship in which to assess and manage mental and physical health needs including assessing health risks, monitoring medication, and providing support and information to carers

• Care coordination: promoting connections to needed services and supports, including helping to restore access to services and social networks where these have been disrupted by COVID-19

• Psychological therapy: the provision of brief, evidence-based therapies appropriate to the identified needs of the individual Strengthen multidisciplinary care: working closely with the individuals General Practitioners (GPs) and other support staff to improve the health response for the individual.

More information can be found on our website, please see link: <https://www.wmq.org.au/mental-health-services/covid-19-recovery-service> If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact our team on (07) 5625 1949 or myself I am happy to do face to face meetings and phone conversation.

EASTER MASS TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY - 1st April 2021

Guardian Angels Church - 6pm
Mary Immaculate Church - 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 2nd April 2021
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Guardian Angles Church - 10am
Mary Immaculate Church - 10am

**Good Friday
Passion of Christ**

Guardian Angels Church - 3pm
Mary Immaculate Church - 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday 3rd April 2021

Guardian Angels Church - 6pm
Mary Immaculate - 6pm

Easter Sunday - 4th April 2021

St Joseph the Worker - 7am & 8.30am
Guardian Angels - 7am & 9am
Mary Immaculate - 9am

No 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Easter Monday

St Joseph the Worker Church- 9am

Please note it is essential to register on line
<https://scp.org.au/>

February Special Offer!



Serviette Box - \$10.65
Was \$21.30



Wine Rack - \$12.13
Was \$24.26



Tissue Box - \$10.65
Was \$21.30



Bottle Holder/Money Bank - \$12.34
Was \$24.68



Hanging Angel - \$2.20
Was \$4.40



Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading - Genesis 9:8-15 - 2nd Reading - 1 Peter 3:11-22
Gospel - Mark 1:12-15

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,
MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**
PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@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.*

Recently Deceased:

**Frank Volk, Nikola Knezevic
Fr Pat Dowd**

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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reminder!!! Online registration has now closed for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to those candidates who are baptised Catholic and who are at least 10 years of age in 2021 (School Year 5).

Reconciliation Meetings:

Parent information session

Sunday, 21st Feb. @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass)

Or **Thursday, 25th Feb. @ 4pm**

All meetings are held at the Mary Immaculate church

Rite of Enrolment

Saturday, 27th Feb @ 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, 28th Feb @ 9am Mass

Sunday, 28th Feb @ 5:30pm Mass

All Masses are held at the Mary Immaculate church

Preparation Session

Sunday, 7th March @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass) Or

Thursday, 11th March @ 4pm

All meetings are held at the Mary Immaculate church

Reconciliation (1st Rite)

Monday, 15th to Friday, 19th of March 2021 @ 4pm to 5pm. Estimated group of 10-12 people per day.

The Sacrament of First Communion will be offered in **Term 2, 2021** and will be available to candidates who are 9 years of age (Year 4) or older.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in **Term 3, 2021** and will be available to those candidates who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older.

Please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 for further information in regards to Sacramental Program.



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance.

Non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.



A VOCATION VIEW: Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?



The World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu and the service will be held at **Southport Uniting Church on Friday the 5th March at 9.30am.** Location 23 Short Street. For all those attending it will be necessary to register by phoning the Church Phone No. 55 32 5915. There will be no morning tea due to Covid-19 restrictions, bottled water will be supplied by the Church.

We look forward and hope we get a good representation from our three churches.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come As You Are

Come as you are
that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart
loved and forgiven,
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
no need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away
shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,
not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?
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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!

You are the Christ everlasting,
born for us all of a Virgin,
you have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain:

Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy.
Sing out your joy to the Lord
whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth,
praise the name above all names.
Say to God,
"How wondrous Your works,
how glorious Your name." **R**

Let the earth worship,
singing Your praise.
Praise the glory of Your name.
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name! **R**

God's right hand made a path through
the night, split the waters of the sea.
All creation lift up your voice,
our God set us free. **R**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

You are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light, come and
rest in me.

Refrain:
Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home,
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones
who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. **R**

I am the Word
that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace
the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live! **R**
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REFLECTION HYMN

A New Commandment I Give unto You

A new commandment
I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
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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 all hatred and blindness
will be no more. **R**
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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

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