



In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service. Given all the details Mark give us of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see why some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening everyday. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.

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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

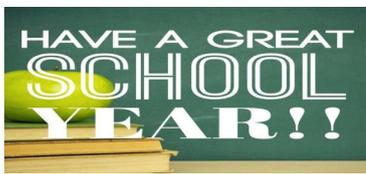
Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm
(No need to book for weekday Mass)

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



As the new school year begins Southport Catholic Parish would like to send our best wishes to all teachers & students of Aquinas and Guardian Angels Schools & all the schools within our parish. We hope 2021 will bring great things to you all. God bless you all.



Welcome to Southport Catholic Parish

If you are visiting our parish or you are new to our parish, we wish you a warm welcome!

We are delighted to have you celebrate the Eucharist with us and join in with our Parish activities. Our home is your home too!

If you would like to become part of our parish we invite you to complete our Parish Census Form or speak to one of our Mass co-ordinators. Thank you



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 9.30.am.** 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.



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 this Sunday (Sunday, 7th February), marked by a video homily given by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Please visit or go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

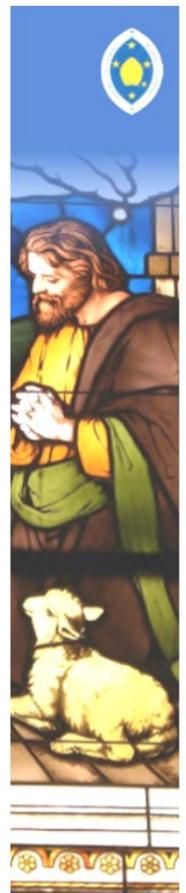
"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Christianity came to see in Jesus crucified and risen the ideal Davidic king mediating a life bigger than death, most especially through his resurrection from the dead. He was the long-awaited Messiah, mediating the fullness of God's blessing as priest, prophet and king.

The Gospels, therefore, are keen to stress Jesus' connection to David in order to make that point. They recognise that Joseph wasn't the biological father of Jesus, which is why in later tradition Davidic descent was often attributed to Mary as well as Joseph.

The New Testament says nothing of this – though it's not impossible, given the custom of bridegrooms choosing a bride from within their own tribe. But again the point is less biological than Christological. It is more about who Jesus is than who Joseph is, more about what God does through Jesus than what God does through Joseph.

It is often said that Mariology is a form of Christology, and the same is true of Josephology.



A VOCATION VIEW: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

**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/>**

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel - Mark 1:40-45**

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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:

Dough Reiser Diana Wilkinson



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



Aid to the
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A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Job Vacancies - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work

IMPORTANT MESSAGE. A scammer has been impersonating Fr Gerard, using fake emails and a WhatsApp account. Emails have been sent, pretending to be Father Gerard and ask people to buy Google gift cards. Please do not respond to any of these emails as they are not coming from Father Gerard McMorrow.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER is now available on the table at the entrance of each of the churches. Please note the **PRICE CHANGE \$4 EACH**

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.

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

Sacramental



Preparation

The Sacramental programs for 2021, begins 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 Blanca on 5510 2222.



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to You, O Christ

Refrain:

**Praise to you,
O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father,
calling us to life.
Son of God,
who leads us to freedom,
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

You are the Word
who calls us out of darkness.
You are the Word
who leads us into light.
You are the Word
who brings us through the desert.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. **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!**

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

Come to Me, All Who Labour

Refrain

**Come to me, all who labour
and are heavy burdened
and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke
and learn from me,
for I am meek
and humble of heart,
and you'll find rest
for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy
and my burden is light.**

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest **R**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Servant Song

Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

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REFLECTION HYMN

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they
who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **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 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