

As Christians in the world we cannot help but be influenced by the developments that happen around us. Indeed, we believe that many of these advances are gifts from God, given to us to enjoy. But not all developments in thinking and practices are for the better.

One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in

a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion.

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light.

What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.

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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

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

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



Continued from last week..

The Sacredness of the Present Moment

A Relational Presence

If this is reality: God is love and this love abides, dwells within, makes a home in us, all human beings of necessity dwell within

and are indwelt by divine love.

Our destiny is to become beings in love.⁶

While we can become de-sensitized to the love in which we dwell and even choose to ignore its presence, it is impossible for human beings to completely sever themselves from the presence of love.

The psalmist eloquently reminds us: Where can I hide from you. How can I escape your presence?

If I scale the heavens you are there!

I plunge to the depths and you are there. (Ps 139: 7-87.)

We cannot escape this Presence, it is part of who we are.

Presence creates a restlessness, a desire for life and love and peace. If we listen intently, in the words of the psalmist, Deep within a voice says 'Look for the face of God.' (Psalm 27:8).

The presence of the beloved calls us to look, to gaze, to centre, to contemplate, to see the face of God within our own being, within one another, within creation, within the cosmos.

Aquinas College



Bishop Ken Howell Blesses the St Thomas Aquinas Centre at Aquinas College

On Friday, The St Thomas Aquinas Centre, the brand new building at Aquinas College was officially blessed by the Most Reverend Bishop Ken Howell. Bishop Ken and Deputy Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, then unveiled the plaque and opened the building. They were joined by many special guests including Christian Brother Jim Quinn who taught at the College in 1977 and 1978, and Mr Ed Riley who was Principal of the College in 1991 when it first became a coeducational College.

The St Thomas Aquinas Centre is the brand new cornerstone building of the Aquinas College campus. It replaces the original first building built on the site in 1963. This new building has a bold and distinct street presence along Keith Turnbull Drive and the Southport -Nerang Road. The St Thomas Aquinas Centre comprises the new administration centre for the College, and incorporates a striking new reception area and entry to the College, leadership team and teacher office spaces, as well as state of the art contemporary collaboration spaces. The St Thomas Aquinas centre will also house the new warm and inviting Student Assistance Office as well as bright new contemporary and collaborative flexible classroom learning spaces.

The building of this new centre this year is significant as this year marks 30 years since Aquinas College, formerly a Christian Brother's boy's College, became a Coeducational College, with the closure of the Mercy Sister's girl's school Star of the Sea College at Southport in 1990. Over the last 30 years, Aquinas College, a ministry of our parish, has educated thousands of the Gold Coast's young men and women.

HELP is Needed to Set up - with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday Night, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday approaching we are looking for teams of people to assist at Guardian Angels, and Mary Immaculate, to help with the Liturgies for this Weekend there are many roles available, this is a great opportunity to get involved in one of the Church's beautiful Liturgies. Phone 5510 2222

Saturday 20th March at the 4:30 pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Ashmore. Bishop Ken Howell will Preside at Mass with the Blessing of the Icon and the Organ. If you would like to attend the Mass you will need to Book in the usual way.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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.

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.

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



A VOCATION VIEW: When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34- 2nd Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel - John 12:20-33

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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:

Nelia Cosca

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



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 Angels 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/>

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT THE GOLD COAST
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ON GOOD FRIDAY BUT WE
WILL HAVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 10:30 A.M.
IN THE CHAPEL.**

ALL ARE WELCOME. THANK YOU.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 You can
donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800
024 413.

DATE CLAIMER

**LITURGICAL MUSICIANS
TRAINING DAY**

15 MAY 2021

9:00AM - 3:30PM

ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE, SOUTH BRISBANE



A series of workshops will be offered in the following streams with a focus on
formation in practical musical skills for liturgical musicians:

Vocals
Organ
Keyboard
Guitar
Composition
Orchestral
Leading Congregational Singing

Workshops will be conducted by experts in the field who are not only church
musicians, but also professional working musicians.

The registration form containing the specifics of each workshop, presenters,
and the timetable for the day will be made available by the beginning of April.

Participants will be asked to pre-select the workshops they wish to attend at the
time of registration.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON !



SPECIAL OFFER
Easter SALE
SAT. 27th & SUN. 28th MARCH
FROM 9:30 AM TO 12:30PM

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

From Ashes to the Living Font

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

Through fasting,
prayer, and charity,
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

We sit beside the road and plead,
"Come, save us, David's son."
Now with your vision heal our eyes,
the world's true light alone.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM- SUNG

Be With Me, Lord, when I am in Trouble

Refrain:

*Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.
Be with me, Lord, I pray.*

You who dwell
in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord,
"My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you,
no pain come near,
for the angels stand close
by your side,
guarding you always
and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

Those who cling to the Lord live secure
in God's love;
lifted high
those who trust in God's name.
Call on the Lord,
who will never forsake you,
God will bring you salvation and joy.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus, praise and honour Lord
Jesus Christ*

God loved the world so much
he gave us His only Son
that all who believe in Him
might have eternal life.

*Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus, praise and honour Lord
Jesus Christ.*

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GIFTS PROCESSION

May this Lenten Discipline

Antiphon:

*May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.*

Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold. **R**

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of life presides.
May our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides. **R**

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn. **R**
James McCauley, © R. Conolly. Willow Publishing

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink
this cup we proclaim your death, O
Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

Refrain:

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. **R**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain.
Just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. **R**

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup,
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R**

Hold us in unity,
in love for all to see,
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **R**

You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people,
poured in endless love. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tree of Life

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn.
Though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn.
Still you rise with every morn.

Give us eyes to see you clearly, make us
children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly, as
your gospel shining bright.
As your gospel shining bright.

Marty Haugen,b,1950 ©1984 GIA Publications

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible
and invisible.**

I believe in one

**Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all
ages.**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary,
and became man.**

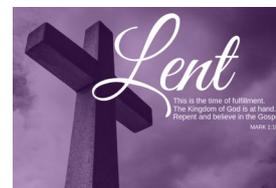
**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was
buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead
and his
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the
Father
and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the**



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