

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.

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Bookings for Sunday Mass essential to register on line <https://scp.org.au/>

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 Mass at 10.30am
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

**The priests may use the following greeting after the sign of the Cross
at the beginning of Mass –**

“Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

“You will respond: And with your Spirit.”

**WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR
AT GUARDIAN ANGELS**

You are invited to spend an hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Starting sharp at 12 noon the Blessed Sacrament is exposed followed by silent prayer, Holy Rosary with meditations on the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before the conclusion at 1pm. Confession is available.

No bookings required.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON A FRIDAY.**

**Registrations for Mass will close
on the Thursday at 12.30pm**

ANGELS KITCHEN DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to make donations to Angels Kitchens can do so by using the Angels Kitchen Money Donations Tins at the back of our churches. Or by contacting the Parish Office, Tony and Janice Ludington at the 4.30 PM Mass on Saturday and George Bent at the 9 AM Mass on Sundays. Also phone contacts are Tony on 0418 189 492 and George on 0412 961 447. **Thank You for you kind donations**



A VOCATION VIEW: Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. “As the father sent me, so I am sending you...”.

Planned Giving Envelopes. The planned giving envelopes are ready to be collected on the table at the entrance of each church. Thank you



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2021**

The online registration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now available and will close on Friday, 23rd of April.

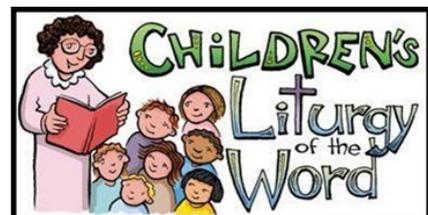
The First Holy Communion Mass will be held at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.

**First Session
Saturday 5 June 2021 at 4.30pm (Vigil Mass)**

**Second Session
Sunday 6 June 2021 at 5.30pm**

This First Holy Communion programme is for children who have already celebrated **the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019 & 2020.**

The Candidates for First Holy Communion must be a Baptised Catholic. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify, please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.



Due to COVID Southport Catholic Parish's Children's Liturgy of the Word still ON HOLD until further notice.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading – Acts 4:8-12 - 2nd Reading – 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel - John 10:11-18**

**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:

Robert Cassar & Clare Troy

The names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books.



*First Holy Communion & Confirmation
Gifts/Keepsake are NOW AVAILABLE!*



**ANGELS ON
SCARBOROUGH**

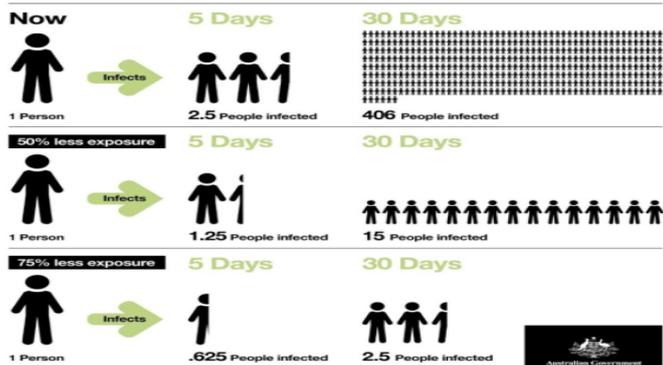
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OPEN: MONDAY TO FRIDAY (9AM - 4PM)
PHONE: 5510 2222

Why social distancing matters

Social distancing of 1.5 metres decreases the exposure of coronavirus (COVID-19).



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.**

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 women and for, our salva-
tion he came down from heaven,**

**(At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow)**

**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 forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia alleluia,
give praise to his name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **R**

Spread the good news
o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen. **R**

We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. **R**
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GLORIA - SUNG

(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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

Sing to the Mountains

Refrain

**Sing to the mountains,
sing to the sea.
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.
This is the day
the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul
from death.
You are my strength and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory. **R**

This is the day
that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God. **R**
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

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!

GIFTS PROCESSION

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come
unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down your
head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I
freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light,
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and
all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world
for by your cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

One Bread One Body

Refrain:

**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing
which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body
in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man no more. **R**

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **R**
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REFLECTION HYMN

Peace Be With You

Chorus

**My peace I leave you,
my peace I give you.
Do not let your hearts be afraid,
for I'm returning to my Father,
to prepare a place for you.**

When I'm gone I will send my spirit,
who will guide and strengthen you,
and your joy will be found in giving,
with the peace and love he brings.

Chorus

Come to me all you who labour,
and are burdened down with care,
for I will give you comfort
and rest for your weary hearts.

Chorus

For the peace that I will give you
is not the peace the world expects.
In the world you will find sorrow,
but have faith, I have conquered all.

Chorus

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heav'n and Voices Raise

Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Victim
for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal
on this holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed,
and we conquer
by his mighty enterprise,
we, with him, to life eternal
by his resurrection rise.

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