



A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

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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 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

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We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

Richard Leonard SJ



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

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

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

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.

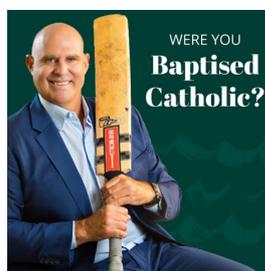
No bookings required.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER papers delayed until after Easter Due to disruptions caused by the recent lockdown across Greater Brisbane, the April issue of The Catholic Leader will not be available in the church until next week.

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



WERE YOU BAPTISED CATHOLIC?

Matthew Hayden was and it has continued to transform his life.

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More with Jesus booklets are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

Please take one.



**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading - Acts 4:32-35 - 2nd Reading - 1 John 5:1- 6
Gospel - John 20:19-31**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,
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*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:

Benji Ikenasio

*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

**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.**

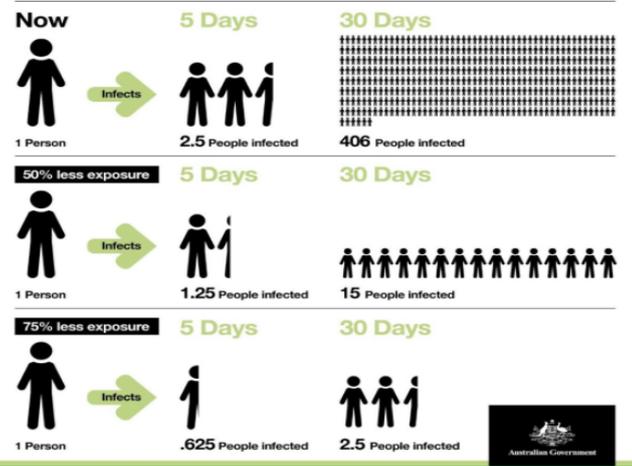
The Candidates for First Holy Communion must be a Baptised Catholic. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.



**SHOP 2/115 SCARBOROUGH ST. SOUTHPORT
OPEN – MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 9AM TO 4PM**

Why social distancing matters

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



A VOCATION VIEW: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world – Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Easter Glory Fills the Sky

Easter glory fills the sky.
Alleluia!
Christ now lives, no more to die. Alleluia
Darkness has been put to flight, Alleluia
by the living Lord of light,
Alleluia!

See, the stone is rolled away, Alleluia!
from the tomb where once he lay.
Alleluia!
He has risen as he said, Alleluia!
glorious first born of the dead, Alleluia!
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SPRINKLING RITE

Come to the Water

Refrain
***Come to the water,
you who are thirsty,
though you have nothing,
I bid you come
and be filled with the goodness
I have to offer. Come! listen! Live!***

Why spend your money
on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
goodness and peace in your heart. **R**

Just as the heavens
are high above earth,
my ways and thoughts beyond you.
Call me your Father
and know I am near.
I will be Father to you. **R**
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GLORY TO GOD- Mass Shalom

Refrain:
***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 glo-
ry.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**
Amen

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM- SUNG

This Day Was Made by the Lord

Refrain:
***This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice in salvation.***

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do **R**
Your hand raised me up in triumph,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
is the cornerstone.
Is the cornerstone.
I will proclaim the wonders you do **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

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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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood,
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud
from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you ever more?"

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
and on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
Rev William C.Dix 1837-1898 D; Rowland H Prich-
ard1811-1887

Table of Plenty

Refrain
***Come to the feast
of heaven and earth.
Come to the table of plenty.
God will provide
for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners
are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money.
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness
will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. **R**
My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest
will send my rain on the soil. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

That Easter Day

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

His risen face with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet
he showed.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Those scars
their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh Jesus, King of gentleness
who with your grace
our hearts possess,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
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