



Aren't we lucky we don't take the Scriptures literally? If we did it would appear from today's Gospel that only multilingual, snake-wrangling, poison-drinking exorcists, with a gift for healing, would be seen as the genuine Christian article. That would leave most of us out in the cold.

This passage, however, is a dramatic addition to Mark's Gospel to show that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000 year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ. Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts

for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Many Christians continue to be persecuted or discriminated for their faith, and some continue to die for their love of Christ which impels them to seek justice for all.

But the feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. 'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'

'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.' He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. 'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son. The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, '\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?' The investors called out, 'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?' Just then a man spoke up from the back. 'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.' It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. 'Sold for ten dollars!' An investor called back, 'Can we now get on with it?'

But the auctioneer continued, 'The auction is over. According to the will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.'

No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone.

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### **OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**ASHMORE:**  
**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**  
**8:00AM TO 4:00PM**

**SOUTHPORT OFFICE:**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**9AM TO 4:30PM**

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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

#### **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

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Guardian Angels Church 4.30pm

### Morning Tea for the 3 Churches



Father Gerard would like to start the morning teas again after the Masses.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us Co-ordinate and serve the morning teas at **Mary Immaculate Church**, 9am Mass.

**Guardian Angels Church** 9am Mass and **St Joseph the Worker Church** at 8.30am Mass.

**Please contact the parish office on 55102222**



Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are depicted in a wooden creche. Even in this photo St Joseph is slightly out of focus; attention is traditionally on Our Lady and the infant Jesus. Yet Joseph is the last and greatest of all the patriarchs of Israel; into his hands was placed the care of our Blessed Mother and the Incarnation.

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*“EACH OF US CAN DISCOVER IN JOSEPH – THE MAN WHO GOES UNNOTICED, A DAILY, DISCREET AND HIDDEN PRESENCE – AN INTERCESSOR, A SUPPORT AND A GUIDE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. SAINT JOSEPH REMINDS US THAT THOSE WHO APPEAR HIDDEN OR IN THE SHADOWS CAN PLAY AN INCOMPARABLE ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF SALVATION.” (PATRIS CORDE, INTRODUCTION)*

St Joseph is silent throughout the Gospels. He doesn't say a word. Yet, he is a strong, certain and undeniable presence. Although he might be silent, we can say with certainty, he is a man of action: he is attentive to God, he acts rather than reacts, he undertakes the work God calls him to do and he trusts God's plan without knowing exactly how it will work out.

In our own lives, wherever we find ourselves in the course of our daily work – whether that be as a corporate worker, raising a family, instructing or caring for others or plying a trade like St Joseph – we are using our God-given talents in the daily duties that occupy our lives. And every day, we are faced with the difficulties, challenges, joys and enjoyment that are part-and-parcel of the life of a worker. With the challenges and the joys we are given the opportunity to choose exactly how we will respond on a daily basis. If we look at the life of St Joseph – a silent, yet active one – he can be a model for our own working life.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - UPDATE



Our recent Lenten program at Guardian Angels showed there is great devotion to praying the Way of the Cross as a mediation on Our Lord's passion. This led to the idea of renewing the old 14 stations with new larger and clearer ones made by the Demetz family in Italy.

They have now all been fully sponsored including a 15<sup>th</sup> resurrection station. We would like to thank all the generous parishioners that participated. If there is interest in sponsoring new stations of the cross at Mary Immaculate and St Josephs, please contact Maria at our gift shop, Two stations have already been sponsored for Mary Immaculate, the cost is \$1000 each.

We are expecting to install the new stations at Guardian Angels soon with a special Blessing Mass to be held on a Friday afternoon to be advised.



### ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA (FEAST DAY-20TH MAY)



In the year 1400, a young man came to the door of the largest hospital in Siena. A plague was raging through the city so horrible that as many as twenty people died each day just in the hospital alone. And many of the people who died were those who were needed to tend the ill. It was a desperate situation -- more and more people were falling ill and fewer and fewer people were there to help them.

The twenty-year-old man who stood there had not come because he was ill but because he wanted to help. And he brought not new patients but young men like himself willing to tend the dying. For four months Bernardine and his companions worked day and night not only to comfort the patients but to organize and clean the hospital. Only at the end of the plague did Bernardine himself fall ill -- of exhaustion. after he recovered he was back caring for the sick. Throughout his life, he put as much energy into caring for one person as for hundreds, as much commitment into converting one citizen as to preaching to a whole city.

Bernardine, who had come to Siena to study, threw himself into prayer and fasting to discover what God wanted him to do. One might have expected him to continue his work with the sick but in 1403 he joined the Franciscans and in 1404 he was ordained a priest. For twelve years he remained in the background, his energies going to prayer or to his own spiritual conversion and preparation.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1**  
**1st Reading – Genesis 11:1-9 - 2nd Reading – Romans 8:22-27**  
**Gospel - John 7:37-39**

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**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:

**Rita Press**

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



## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2021**

### SCHEDULE

**Second Meeting:** Sunday, 23rd May at 10:15am (after 9am Mass or Thursday, 27th May @ 4pm.

**2nd Rite Reconciliation:** Monday, 31st May at 4pm or Tuesday, 1st June at 4pm and Guardian Angels Students on Tuesday, 1st June at 10am

**First Communion Ceremony:** Saturday, 5th June at 4:30pm (Practice Thursday, 3rd June @ 4pm) or Sunday, 6th June 2021 at 5:30pm (Practice Thursday, 3rd June @ 6pm) at Mary Immaculate Church.

**Attendance at the parent information sessions and confirmation meetings are requirements for this Sacramental Program. All meetings, practices and First Eucharist celebration will be held in at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.** For any queries please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222 or email her on [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au).

## **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.



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**A VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation'. There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel', "I am with you".

**WALKING GROUP.** At **St Joseph the Worker church, Imperial Parade, Labrador. Saturday at 6:30am.** 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

### Glory be to God in Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love you well,  
on the earth let all your people  
speak your grace, your wonders tell.  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
Mighty Father, heaven's king,  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring!

Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away.  
Now with God in triumph seated,  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray.  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour you are God alone.  
In the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit, Three in One.  
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## GLORIA - SUNG

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

### 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 home 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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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Celtic Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Father we praise you as Lord,  
all of the earth gives you worship,  
for your majesty fills the heavens,  
fills the earth.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## GIFTS PROCESSION

### Micah's Theme

#### **Refrain:**

Hear then what God asks of you,  
to live justly, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life  
and have it to the full. **R**

Ask and you shall receive,  
knock, and it shall be yours. **R**

Father, your kingdom come,  
may your will be done. **R**

Take up your cross and follow me,  
you shall share my life. **R**

I am with you always,  
till the end of time. **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

### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing,  
new hymns  
throughout the world shall ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with the Virgin Mother see  
their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"This is the Saviour!" thus they say,  
"This is his glorious triumph day."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### The Summons

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you  
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and  
you in me?

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Rejoice, the Lord is King.

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore.  
Let all, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.

#### **Refrain:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love.  
When he had purged our stains  
he took his seat above. **R**

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