



Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it,' she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat. So he gave the letter another try. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.' Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this

letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

This humorous story has a serious lesson for us on the feast of the Assumption. Throughout history there are those who have ransomed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary's witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat from which we just heard. Here Mary extols how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected.

The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

The Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary as being obedient, the pre-eminent disciple of her Son and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Religious obedience is not passive. We listen to the voice of God and choose to say yes to Christ's love and liberation. Discipleship does not mean our personality counts for nothing. Rather, it's the valuing of every individual's ability to contribute to Christ's kingdom in a unique way. Prefiguring what can happen for all of us does not diminish the particular gifts God lavished on Mary, but reassures us that God recognises his own in this world and the next.

May this Assumption Day see us then stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.

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8:00AM TO 4:00PM

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
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St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

7:00am & 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday - 7:00am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Friday Mass at 10.30am

Rosary 10.00am

Mass Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Reconciliation : 4.30pm

Third Saturday each month 10am

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

PETER'S PENCE

This weekend we will be taking up the Peter's Pence collection **as, a retiring collection**. The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

□ The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
– RCIA Friends in October the Southport Catholic Parish will begin the RCIA for 2021 – 2022 where the catechumens (RCIA members) will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Saturday Vigil.

Preparation will start in October with a journey through the book - *At Home with God's People*.
If you or your family and friends are interested please call and speak to Fr Stephen at the Parish Office Weekdays on 5510 222.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th August. The Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement, ***cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor***, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides the theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC *occcice for justice, Ecology and Peace*, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au
or tel (02) 6201 9845

Social Justice Statement 2021-22

You can now download and read the Social Justice Statement 2021-22 and share it with your family, friends and communities.

'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' Type into your Browser the link Below socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Social-Justice-Statement-2021-22.pdf

ANGELS KITCHEN

For anyone wishing to make donations to Angels Kitchens you can do so by using the Angels Kitchen Money Donation Tins at the back of our churches, or by contacting the Parish Office, or Tony and Janice Ludington at the 4.30 om Mass on Saturday and George Bent at the 9 am Mass on Sundays.

Tony - 0418 189 492 - George on 0412 961 447.

Thank You for your kind donations

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD:

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing, protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, **but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops** have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

NEW MASS - First Saturday of each month, commencing at 9am September 4th Mass at **St Joseph the Worker Church**, 44 Imperial Pde Labrador. **'Our Lady of Fatima'** devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

Rosary at 8.30am - Mass at 9am.

This Mass will depend on attendance and availability of priest.

Please come and join us and save souls in these very troubled times.

'THE LONG WALK HOME'

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the generous parishioners who supported and encouraged me in my fund raising efforts for Angels Kitchen in the 'Long Walk Home.' Because of your generosity I have been able to give over \$3,000 to help the wonderful work done by Angels Kitchen. May God bless you Abundantly

Sr Lis

Wednesday Hour Holy at Guardian Angels Southport



"It maybe that we do not want to go to Our Lord because we are ashamed of our misery and wretchedness. Our Lord often prefers our helplessness to everything else, He is pleased with it and blesses it" (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Please join us with Our Lord for **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday**

commencing 12 noon including silent prayer time, hymns, rosary and spiritual reflections on the Blessed Sacrament concluding with **Benediction at 1 pm**.
Confessions also available. No booking required.



A VOCATION VIEW: A woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Hers is the most beautiful story of vocation, when Mary said, "Let it be done unto me according to thy will". Can you make the choice?
Pray for Vocations.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1

**1st Reading – Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 - 2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel - John 6:60-69**

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St Joseph the Worker Church
Cathy

*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:



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



PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2021

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES for 2021

Sunday December 5th - Brisbane City POPS Orchestra
At Guardian Angels Church, Southport.
(more info to come)

Rosary Please join in saying the rosary every **Monday
and Wednesday at 6am** at St Joseph the Worker Church,
Labrador. **Tuesday & Thursday 8am** Mary Immaculate.

Eucharistic Adoration at **Mary Immaculate Church**
Please join us every **Tuesday** from 7.45 till 8.45 am.
There will be rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and
Private prayer. Followed by Holy Mass.

Holy Hour at **Guardian Angels Church, Southport**
Please join us every **Wednesday** from 12noon . Including
silent prayer, hymns, rosary and spiritual reflections,
Benediction at 1pm. Confessions also available.

First Saturday of each month, Mass at St Joseph the
Worker Church 9am commencing September 4th.

Third Saturday of each month, Mass at Guardian Angels
Church, Southport at 10am

CONFIRMATION Saturday 28th August 2021

Walking Group. At **St Joseph the Worker church,**
Saturday at 6:30am. To join ring
Janece 0408 763 772.



Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021

FAMILY CONFIRMATION MEETING:

Saturday, 14th August either 10-12pm or 2-4pm

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE:

Wednesday, 25th August @ 4pm

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION:

Saturday, 28th August 2021

1st Celebration - 9:30am

2nd Celebration - 11am

All meetings are requirements and will be held at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore.

If you require any further information in regards to this matter please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 or email **Mariab@scp.org.au**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you
his pow'r and his mercy,
his grace giv'n to you.

Refrain

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.**

Predestined for Christ
by eternal decree,
God willed you
both virgin and mother to be. **R**

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Hymn

GLORIA - SAID

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

My Soul is Joyful

My soul is joyful, my spirit is glad.
Jesus is my Saviour, He is my Lord.
Deep is His mercy, gentle are His ways,
He has filled me with gladness
all my days.

I am His servant, He is truly my God.
I will serve Him for ever,
strong in His love.
From this day onward all people will see
God has fashioned His handmaid,
God lives in me.

Holy is His name, mercy given to all.
Sure and simple His wisdom,
proud hearts will fall.
Good news for children,
food for all who need,
strength and life in the Spirit
given to me.

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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!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Strong and Constant

I will be your God who walks with you.
you will be always within my hand.
Take your heart and give it all to me.
Strong and constant is my love.
Strong and constant is my love.

Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land.
Should you call,
then you will truly know,
Strong and constant is my love.
Strong and constant is my love.

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come, I will embrace your heart.
Through your pain
you will discover me.
Strong and constant is my love.
Strong and constant is my love.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blest is the fruit of
your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain:

**Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star so strong and bright,
gentle mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom, teach us love.**

You were chosen by the Father,
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman shining one. **R**

Blessed are you among women,
blest in turn all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,
blessed they with gentle hearts. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
guide of the wand'rer here below,
thrown on life's surge,
we claim your care,
save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
we sinners make our prayers through
thee, remind your Son, that he has
paid the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,
pray for the sinner, pray for me.

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in 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 will 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**