



I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil.

The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours,

when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

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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 10.30am

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

THANK YOU – SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Saturday, 28th of August, **65 children of our Parish celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge** the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thank the parents, Fr Stephen, Maria Blancia (the Sacramental Coordinator) Daloras, and Shandel Flynn (GA Assistant Principal-Religious Education) for preparing the children for this significant step in their faith journey. Having worked with their children since the beginning of July, the parents have done a great job and we thank them for their dedication in preparing the children for this Saturday's celebration. I have no doubt that through Confirmation the faith of our young parishioners will grow and come to its fruition in their adult lives. This Saturday's event would not have happened without a great deal of effort and organisation. Many parishioners, through music, (**Mick and Sharon Walsh**) Mass Coordinator (**Lucele Marsh**), commentator (**Lance Marsh**), readers (**Jo Carroll and Judy Jones**), readers of the prayer of the faithful (**Nathan Dobozy, Lucy Devoy, Johnathan Hensley, Zara Hovart, Harper Knight, Alexander Mather, William Mangan, Peton Samartino, Bonnie Short & Yazmina Williams**), photographers (**Mila Bagtas**) and for the beautiful floral arrangements (**Paula, Evelyn & Judith**), they have generously contributed to the great spiritual and social outcome of the celebration. Today, I say a big thank you to all of them for making the Sacrament of Confirmation celebration a prayerful and memorable experience of faith for the children, their parents, families, and visitors.

Fr Gerard

Novena & Rosary

at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador
every Wednesday at 6pm

1st Wednesday Rosary 6pm followed
by Mass at 7pm

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.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS



To all the children of the parish who have made their Confirmation this weekend, we say congratulations and may the Holy Spirit bestow your life with happiness, devotion, blessings and love like he fills the sky with stars and sunshine.

Blue Card. Volunteers who need to renew their blue cards can do so 10 weeks prior to it expiring. Please follow the instructions below.

Online (3-5 day turnaround):

1. To complete this new online process, volunteers will need to register for an account at this link - <https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>
2. Once registered, they will be provided a 5-6 digit 'Account Number' and told they need more information about the organisation. That's when you will need to pass the Account Number back to the parish office to link the application.
3. Once linked, you will be automatically prompted to log back in, tick a few boxes and complete the process.

Hard Copy (1-3 months turnaround):

- **Complete attached form and have drivers license / proof of age copy certified.**

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.

Novena at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador every Wednesday at 6pm.

1st Wednesday Rosary 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

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 10am Rosary , Mass 10.30

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

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7 - 2nd Reading – James 2:1-5,
Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

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Raphaelle

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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:



**Lina Santiago , Delia Javier,
Julio Gemtaro, Lucio Dumas,
Elisa Fam, Simon Page**



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

FEAST DAY OF ST GREGORY. 3RD SEPTEMBER

Pope Gregory I (Latin: *Gregorius I*; c. 540 – 12 March 604), commonly known as **Saint Gregory the Great**, was the bishop of Rome from 3 September 590 to his death. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then-pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity. Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. The epithet **Saint Gregory the Dialogist** has been attached to him in Eastern Christianity because of his *Dialogues*. English translations of Eastern texts sometimes list him as Gregory "Dialogos", or the Anglo-Latinate equivalent "Dialogus".

A Roman senator's son and himself the prefect of Rome at 30, Gregory lived in a monastery he established on his family estate before becoming a papal ambassador and then pope. Although he was the first pope from a monastic background, his prior political experiences may have helped him to be a talented administrator. During his papacy, he greatly surpassed with his administration the emperors in improving the welfare of the people of Rome, and he challenged the theological views of Patriarch Eutychius of Constantinople before the emperor Tiberius II. Gregory regained papal authority in Spain and France and sent missionaries to England, including Augustine of Canterbury and Paulinus of York. The realignment of barbarian allegiance to Rome from their Arian Christian alliances shaped medieval Europe. Gregory saw Franks, Lombards, and Visigoths align with Rome in religion. He also combated the Donatist heresy, popular particularly in North Africa at the time.

Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as "the Father of Christian Worship" because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day. His contributions to the development of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, still in use in the Byzantine Rite, were so significant that he is generally recognized as its *de facto* author.

Gregory is one of the Latin Fathers and a Doctor of the Church. He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, various Lutheran denominations, and other Protestant denominations. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. The Protestant reformer John Calvin admired Gregory greatly and declared in his *Institutes* that Gregory was the last good Pope. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One
October 2021



**'This people honours me only with lip
-service,
while their hearts are far from me.'**
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey?

*(Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil,
Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)*

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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.*



A VOCATION VIEW: : Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we then called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in

You to do you will.'

Pray for Vocations.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love is His Word

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his,
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law. **R**

Refrain:
Richer than gold
is the love of my Lord,
better than splendor and wealth.

Love is his law, love is his word,
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word. **R**

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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

Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain:
Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy.
Sing out your joy to the Lord
whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth
praise the name above all names,
say to God,
"How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name." **R**

Let the earth worship,
singing your praise,
praise the glory of your name.
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name. **R**

God's right hand
made a path through the night,
split the waters of the sea.
All creation lift up your voice,
our God set us free. **R**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of the Lord lasts for ever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us
through his son Jesus Christ.
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**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence,
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own.
Teach us through this holy banquet
how to make love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life,
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Grant us vision, gracious Spirit
to seek guests to share that feast,
where triumphant love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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REFLECTION HYMN

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.

By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon
us set us free
by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:
Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's
glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy,
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome
presence, from the shadows into your
radiance, by the blood
I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **R**

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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

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