



Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves. Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive.

Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can. Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn't matter whether others approve of it, or it's related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour then, 'whatever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us'.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern. And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not.

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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 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

Why do we sing at Mass?

We usually start the Mass by standing and singing a hymn together. The Bible tells us to "make a joyful noise to God," so we sing at Mass to praise God and to thank God. Although the choir may lead the singing, everybody joins in, even if their voices are less than perfect. Hymns were written to be sung in God's worship. Other parts of the Mass that are often sung are the Gloria, Holy, Holy the Great Amen and Lamb of God.

St Augustine, one of the great teaches of the Church who lived over 1500 years ago, said that to sing is to pray twice. Its true. When we sing, we speak to God in words. But also communicate with God through music, which can sometimes say more than words. When we sing, the beauty we experience links us with the choirs of heaven. Singing also gives us a sense of unity with each other. We are in harmony with each other.



One of the oldest forms of Church music is Gregorian chant, which was written over 1400 years ago! Monks used to sing chant during their times of prayer. (it is called Gregorian after Pope Gregory 1, who asked that Church music be simplified so it was easier to learn.) Gregorian chant is still popular among Christians and non-Christians because it is sacred and peaceful. You can find examples of this kind of singing on YouTube.



Many older hymns were written in Latin. Until 1965, much of the Mass was in Latin. (Latin was the language of the Romans) Although for many centuries it was helpful for everyone throughout the world to use the same language for the Mass, that changed in recent times. Most people today don't understand Latin. Church leaders decided that it was more important for people to understand the words that we feel connected to the past or to have a common Church language.



Sponsors for the 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.

We are seeking 2 Adult Catholics to be sponsors for 2 of our candidates (this will include the journey with your candidate through the RCIA)

Preparation will start in October with a journey through the book - *At Home with God's People*.

If you are interested please call and speak to Fr Stephen at the Parish Office on Weekdays on 5510 222.

Rock and Roll Fundraiser

Cover Charge : \$10

Tickets need to be purchased ahead

Hamburgers : \$10

Dagwood dogs : \$5

Spiders : \$5

5pm 9 October 2021

Senior Citizens Hall

Marine Pde Labrador

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Money raised to finish the Night Nurses House at Dakuna Ethiopia



Music by Stuart Bellam

Gold & Silver

presented by

Brisbane City Pops Orchestra
and conducted by Adrian Head

On Sunday, 5th of December 2021 at 2pm

at Guardian Angels Catholic Church,

99 Scarborough St. Southport

Booking Agent: Online or at the Parish Office 5510 2222

Admission \$35 (including light supper)



The Brisbane City Pops Orchestra is delighted to be presenting a very special program "Gold and Silver" for the last concert of 2021. We will be performing a wide variety of well-known musical favourites that we all hold precious and treasure, as the title suggests.

The orchestra is looking forward to bringing you the Overture from the much-loved Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan, as well as the beautiful Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni and a selection of some of the wonderful Dances from the Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky. We will have you dancing in the aisles to Lehár's Gold and Silver Waltz and humming along to a selection from his very popular Merry Widow! The BCPO will also be performing some golden oldies - the very lyrical love theme Shadow of Your Smile by Johnny Mandel, as well as a sentimental favourite, As Time Goes By.

The BCPO is excited to welcome back our favourite composer, Martin Doblner, who will also be presenting, with the help from the orchestra, a great Australian classic, The Man from Snowy River!

We welcome Choir members from Southport Catholic Parish who will delight you with familiar pieces including "You Raise Me Up".

When: On Sunday, 5th of December 2021 at 2pm

Where: Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 99 Scarborough St. Southport

Booking are on line or payment can be made at the Parish Office 5510 2222

Admission \$35 (including light supper)

PLEASE NOTE TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR



The Annuals are ready to be purchased if anyone would like to buy the Ordo, the Daily Mass Book or Break Open the Word. Please place your money in an envelope and put it in the collection baskets marked clearly with your name telephone no and the book which you would like to purchase. Or come to the parish office with the money.

Prices: Ordo \$15, Daily Mass Book \$ 24
Break Open the Word \$24 **God's Word \$**

Final day for placing your order is Thursday 7th October. There after please order on line at Liturgy Brisbane



THE COLUMBAN CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PIETY STALL, AT EACH CHURCH, AT A COST OF \$10 each.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading - Genesis 2;18-24 - 2nd Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel - Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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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

Carmel Smith

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



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE

**Spring
SPECIAL**

**@ St Joseph the Worker Piety Store
On
Sunday, 26th September 2021
7am to 8:30am Masses**



Saint Vincent de Paul CM



Feast day of Vincent de Paul 27th September (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660), commonly known as **Saint Vincent de Paul**, was a French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. In 1622 Vincent was appointed a chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the superior of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians" (in France known as "Lazaristes"). These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries, and founder of the Congregation of the Mission and Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Saint Vincent de Paul has a charity named after him by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. Vincent was canonized in 1737 and is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2021

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES for 2021

Melbourne Cup 2nd November at Guardian Angles Church (more to come)

Sunday December 5th - Brisbane City POPS Orchestra

At Guardian Angles Church, Southport. At 2pm
Admission: \$35 (including light supper) register on line or payment can be made at the Parish Office.

PLEASE COLLECT TICKETS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

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 Angles 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 (Rosary - 8:30am) 9am Mass.

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



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Gift Shop**

Shop 2/115 Scarborough Street, Southport Q 4215
Open: Monday to Friday (9am – 4pm)



A VOCATION VIEW: Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's Call.

Please pray for Vocations.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast,
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father, ever one,
spoken by the word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
light from light, to Earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of man.
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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

Let All the Peoples

Refrain:
*Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,
let all the peoples praise you.
Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,
let all the peoples praise you.*

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord
and all the rulers of earth your glory,
when the Lord shall build Zion again,
coming in glory. Alleluia! **R**

Let this be written for ages to come,
peoples unborn may praise the Lord,
who has come down
from the sanctuary on high
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia! **R**

Sion shall hear the name of the Lord,
and God's praise
in the heart of the city.
Peoples and nations
shall gather to praise,
worshipping God our Lord. Alleluia! **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

Love Calls Me Back

Come to my table, taste of my word,
bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing, bring in the pain,
bring me the whole of your journey.

The parts of the story
no-one's ever heard,
the times on the road you were scared.
Bring me the gifts
no-one wanted to share,
let's open the whole of your journey.

There's nothing in you
that can't taste my word,
there's nowhere our spirit can't fly.
I've laughed in the dancing
and cried in the pain.
I've loved the whole of your journey.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

Refrain:
*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. **R.**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain,
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup,
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **R.**

You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people,
poured in endless love. **R.**
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REFLECTION HYMN

Spirit of God be Near to Us

Refrain:
*Spirit of God, be near to us now,
radiance from above.
Open our hearts, our spirits
inspire,
breath of the fire of love.*

Wisdom of God, strengthen our faith,
weakness and sorrow mend.
In times of stress, in times of pain
be to us guide and friend. **R**

Mirror of truth, hope in the word,
show us the Saviour's face.
Come to us now, fountain of love,
with your anointing grace. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people,
salt for the Kingdom of God.
Share the flavour of life, O people,
life in the Kingdom of God. **R**

Refrain:
*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people,
light for the City of God.
Shine so holy and bright, O people,
shine for the Kingdom of God. **R**
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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