



# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## 19TH DECEMBER 2021 TIME YEAR C/2



The visitation is one of the moving scenes in the Gospel. On a human level, here are two cousins, unexpectedly pregnant in the most extraordinary circumstances, meeting and offering each other greetings and support. We can see the scene and feel the bond.

In the Gospel of Luke this moment is pivotal. These women meet in the mountains where God has always been manifest to the Israelites.

Elizabeth is the Old Covenant made to Israel and she carries John who will be the herald of the Messiah. Mary, literally, embodies the new, and final, covenant in Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises what is happening here and she embraces all that God is doing for the world. She has tasted the promise of God and now sees its fulfilment.

On a more mundane level, however, a meeting like this would have occasioned much comment and speculation from those outside the inner circle. We only have to imagine it happening today in any small suburb or country town for us to appreciate the human scale of the unfolding drama.

The Iona Community has explored the unwritten history in their story of Mmes Matthew, Mark and Luke, 'The village gossips'.

Narrator: In any small village, news travels quickly. Therefore it is only to be expected that the strange changes in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth might have been food for other people's thought.

Mrs Matthew: Well, ladies, you know how I'm not one for gossip, but wait until you hear this. You know that old woman Elizabeth, with the man who has not spoken for nine months.

Mrs Mark: Yes, what about them?

Mrs Matthew: They say she's had a little boy.

Mrs Luke: At her age? She's 88 if she's a day!

Mrs Matthew: Well, that's what I heard and it was on very good authority!

Mrs Luke: Are you sure you've got the right woman? You're not mixing her up with her cousin?

Mrs Mark: Who? Mary?

Mrs Luke: That's her! Now, I'm not one for talking about anybody but wait until I tell you this. She's pregnant!

Mrs Mark: Never! How do you know?

Mrs Luke: You can tell. You can just tell.

Mrs Matthew: Oh yes, you can tell all right. I heard her in the store last week asking for a dress eight sizes too big for her.

Mrs Luke: There you are. Draw your own conclusions. Now, I know that this will not go any further, but I hear that she and a certain young man are planning to leave the district.

Mrs Matthew: Who is the young man?

Mrs Luke: The joiner's boy, Joseph.

Mrs Mark: Never!

Mrs Luke: Well, that's what they say and I'm not one for gossip.

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#### OFFICE OPENING HOURS

##### ASHMORE:

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

**SOUTHPORT OFFICE:**  
**(ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)**

**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

**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 Street, Southport

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**  
**Reconciliation : 4.30pm**

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am  
Sunday 5.00pm Korean Mass

**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,

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Thursday 9:00am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Guardian Angels Church 4.30pm

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Mrs Mark: So, have you heard what they're saying about the so-called census?

Mrs Matthew: No. Tell us.

Mrs Mark: Well, I happened to hear that the reason the Romans want our names is not to send us birthday cards.

Mrs Luke: Well, why are they having a census?

Mrs Mark: To register us for a 'poll tax'.

Mrs Matthew: I heard it was a 'community charge'.

Mrs Mark: 'A rose by any other name.'

Mrs Luke: They wouldn't do that, would they?

Mrs Mark: Well I'm just warning you.

Mind, I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Luke: Nor me.

Mrs Matthew: Nor me.

The story of the visitation keeps the rumour going that just when we think we can figure God out, predict how God will enter our lives and our world, he does something none of us can imagine. And the best thing about this rumour is – it's true.

As we wait for Christmas to come again into our lives, let's make room for Jesus Christ who turns our expectations upside down and always gives the gossips plenty to talk about.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** now every Friday from 11.30 am at Guardian Angels Church before Mass.

***"When we come to the Blessed Sacrament we come to Bethlehem, for the Eucharist is the continuation of Christ's incarnation on earth."***  
***(Fr Vincent Martin Lucia)***

A holy hour is a great way to prepare for Christmas, we now have Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday (7.45am) at Mary Immaculate and Wednesday (12.00noon) and Friday (11.30am) at Guardian Angels .

**PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY**



**ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH**

*Angels on Scarborough have a great variety of Christmas Gifts. Do come along and pay us a visit, you will be pleasantly surprised.*

## RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 21st – **Mary Immaculate Church**  
after the 9am Mass

Wednesday 22nd - **Guardian Angels Church**  
11am before Holy Hour

Thursday 23rd – **Mary Immaculate Church**  
after the 9am Mass

Friday 24th - **Guardian Angels Church**  
11.30am before the 12.30pm Mass

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



### Friday December 24

**Guardian Angels Church: 6.00pm and Midnight**

**Mary Immaculate Church: 6.00pm Mass** Children's Mass. (Children are invited to dress in nativity outfits.)

### Christmas Day

**St Joseph the Worker Church: 7.00am and 8.30am**

**Guardian Angels Church: 7.00am and 9.00am**

**Mary Immaculate Church: 9.00am**

**Korean Mass: Guardian Angels Church - 5.00pm**

***There will be Carols half an hour before each Mass***

Guardian Angels Church  
99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Mary Immaculate Church  
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

St Joseph the Worker Church  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

## NEW YEARS DAY MASS

**1ST JANUARY 2022**

**9.00 AM** Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore

## IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please note that on Christmas Day,

**Saturday 25th December** there will be no vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate and Guardian Angels Church.

**Monday 27th** is a holiday, Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador at 9.00am

**Tuesday 28th** is a holiday. Mass as usual at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 9.00am

**Saturday 1st January 2022, New Years Day**, Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore at 9.00am

## ~QUOTE~

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." **Mother Teresa**

## Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2

**1st Reading – 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 - 2nd Reading – 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

**Gospel - Luke 2:41-52**

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**Guardian Angels Church**  
Rebecca

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
Raphaëlle

**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

**Farida Shikh Hanna**

*By request the names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books in each church*

### PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2021

**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 available on Wednesday only. Adoration **Friday** from 11.30am.

**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.

**Sunday. Filipino Mass** 1st Sunday of each month at Guardian Angels Church. 99 Scarborough St Southport.

**Sunday. Korean Mass** every Sunday at **5pm** at Guardian Angels Church. 99 Scarborough St Southport.

**Walking Group.** At **St Joseph the Worker church**, Saturday at 6:00am. To join please contact Janeece 0408 763 772.

**ANGELS KITCHEN.** Due to the large numbers of people using Angels Kitchen Sunday night feed (the average for the last three Sundays is 115) we are running short of summer clothing. We need T Shirts Size SX, S, M, (Size SX and S are good for men and women) men's shorts, underwear, toiletries, ladies tops, shorts and pants. Also, non-perishable food, back packs, two person tents and sleeping bags. You can leave the items at the parish office or contact Tony Ludington on 0418 189 492.

If you wish to support **Angels Kitchen** and the great work they do in feeding the homeless, you can contribute by using the following bank account details –

BSB 064-786  
A/C 100027383  
Angels Kitchen – Southport Parish

### **ABOUT THE MASS** – continued

#### What is the Creed

After the *homily*, the people gathered at Mass stand up as a sign of unity and respect. They say the **Apostles' Creed** or **Nicene Creed** aloud together. These are statements about faith that we all agree on. They are the basics of our beliefs. Each creed has three parts. The first part states our belief in God the Father, the Creator. The second part states our belief in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour. The third part states our belief in the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church and each of our lives.



These statements were written during the time of the early Church. The Church has kept them ever since.



People used to think the Apostles' Creed was written by the apostles, who were followers of Jesus. While this may not be historically true, these statements are an inspired summary of the apostles' teachings. The Apostles' Creed has twelve parts : one for each of the apostles.



The Nicene Creed came from the Council of Nicea in the year 325. Some people questioned whether Jesus was divine. This challenge allowed the Church to state clearly that Jesus is fully God even though he is fully human. Also, we believe in one God in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



In the Mass, you will hear God called "Father." This language come to us from the Bible and the Church. The Church teaches that God cannot be easily summed up in human words. "Father" does not capture who God is. No one word can. The Church doesn't use the "Father " to say that males are better than females. It is a way of understanding that God is like a Loving yet powerful parent ( you might wonder why we don't call God "Mother". Actually, the image of God as a mother does appear from time to time in the Bible!) In recent years, people have looked for different images for God, beyond Father and Mother, that reflect our modern ways of thinking.

Les Miller

### **PIETY SHOP AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH**

Please note that the Piety Shop at Mary Immaculate Church in Ashmore will only be opened before the Mass on Saturday & Sunday. **It will not be opened during the week.**



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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

#### **Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you,  
O Israel.**

O come, desire of nations,  
bind in one the hearts of humankind.  
Bid ev'ry sad division cease,  
and be yourself our Prince of Peace.  
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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

**Response:** Come Lord Jesus

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

### I Have Loved You

#### **Refrain:**

**I have loved you  
with an everlasting love,  
I have called you and you are mine.  
I have loved you  
with an everlasting love,  
I have called you and you are mine.**

Seek the face of the Lord  
and long for him.  
He will bring you his light  
and his peace **R**

Seek the face of the Lord  
and long for him.  
He will bring you his joy  
and his hope. **R**

Seek the face of the Lord  
and long for him.  
He will bring you his care  
and his love. **R**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Celtic Alleluia

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

Stay awake, pray at all times,  
praying that you may be strengthened,  
that with confidence you can meet  
the Son of Man.

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

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## GIFTS PROCESSION

### 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 forever,  
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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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread  
and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your death O Lord,  
until you come again

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send? **R**

#### **Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you  
calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **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**  
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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### O Emmanuel

#### **Refrain:**

**O Emmanuel, come into our hearts.  
O Emmanuel,  
we're waiting for your light.  
O Emmanuel, God is with us now.  
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.**

We your people  
are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting all throughout the earth.  
We your people  
are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting to celebrate your birth. **R**

We your people  
are longing for you, Lord,  
longing with hope and with joy.  
We your people  
are longing for you, Lord,  
longing for the sign to rejoice. **R**  
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### **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 for, our salvation  
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.