



# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## 5TH DECEMBER 2021 TIME YEAR C/2



### ADVENT – PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

We often talk about the 'Christmas Story' as if it were one single story. Actually it is made up of a series of stories, each of which tells us something unique about the Christ Child. The story of the Annunciation tells us about Mary's openness to God's plan. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth tells how John the Baptist, Jesus' forerunner, was called at birth.

The stories of the shepherds and the Magi tell us that Jesus is worth searching for.

There is another story we don't often think about because it is not as long. It is the story of the innkeeper whose closed doors led Mary and Joseph to the manger. But just imagine for a moment that he did manage to find room for them after all. His inn, not the manger, would be honoured throughout the world. There would likely be a grand church marking its location, and pilgrims would flock to it year after year.

As Advent begins, let us not be like the innkeeper. He missed a grand opportunity because he did not make room for Jesus. Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Anyone who has hosted these gatherings will tell you how time consuming the preparations can be. They want to create a pleasant, welcoming environment, so everything has to be just right. But no matter how much work is involved, they don't mind. The thought of seeing everyone together makes the work feel lighter.

Let us have this same attitude towards Jesus. Let us get ready with joy and anticipation, even if it involves some work on our part. Let us embrace the opportunities to pray a little more, to examine our lives, and to show more love to the people around us. Let us make our hearts as open and welcoming as possible so that Jesus will find a comfortable home there.

When you look at a Nativity scene, you will see hay and animals. And right in the centre of it all is Jesus, the Son of God, lying in a manger. Who would have thought that he would choose to make his glorious dwelling in such a humble setting? Let this truth sink in: Jesus, the Messiah, was willing to come right into the heart of our world and be born in a stable. No pomp. No fanfare. No royal attendants. His presence alone made that stable glorious.

Every day Jesus continues to come to us in humility. He chooses to enter our ordinary circumstances and make them glorious. When he does, our lives are graced just as that stable was two thousand years ago. He doesn't wait for just the right moment or the perfect setting. He embraces our highs and lows, triumphs and failures.

Just as he came to an unkept stable, Jesus is happy to come into our messy home. Just as he was surrounded by the sounds of noisy animals, he is there in the midst of crying children or difficult relationships. Just as he came to a displaced family huddled in a cave, he is there when we feel isolated or afraid. He comes to prison cells and hospital rooms just as readily as he comes to families gathered around the table and worshippers gathered around the altar. Jesus is always Emmanuel, God with us, in times of joy and times of sorrow. He comes and fills them with his glory.

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Fr Stephen Camiolo

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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**

### **Support services for children & young people**

Kids Helpline offer 24 hour a day phone & online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25

Phone: 1800 55 1800  
Website & Online Chat: [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

Youth Beyond Blue supports children & young people with mental health issues or questions.

Phone: 1300 22 4636  
Website & Online Chat: [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)

Lifeline offers crisis support 24 hours a day for everyone who might be worried, angry, upset or stressed about something.

Phone: 13 11 14  
Website & Online Chat: [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)



**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**

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am  
Sunday 5pm 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,  
including the Korean Mass

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

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

Jesus always comes to you, regardless of your situation. The smelliness of the stable cannot take away from the beauty of his presence. Your own unworthiness or failings cannot dim his glory. He embraces every part of your life, and by doing so, he makes you glorious! So don't be afraid to welcome Jesus. Don't think you are unworthy. Don't let shame or fear keep you from opening the door to Him. He knows what it is like to live in an all-too-human, less-than-perfect world. Not only will he come into your home and your life, but will change it – simply by His loving presence.

Sr Elisabeth Keane

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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Ashmore and Southport Conferences will hold their **CHRISTMAS APPEAL** on the weekend of the **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Conference members will speak at all Masses and collection envelopes will be handed out to parishioners.

This year the Conferences combined will distribute 200 Christmas Food and Toy Hampers, this is not possible without the support of "You" our parishioners. Together we can make a difference.

Because of the "covid" pandemic this year has been a very challenging year in the way both conferences could assist the families that needed their support.

**In many cases face to face conversations and visitations were not possible so both conferences adapted to a "virtual" model which allowed members to telephone families and assess how best support could be given to those families in need.**

**Conferences were very pleased with the way this worked. It ensured that no family that was in need missed out on assistance from the conference.**

**Again we say "thank you" for your continued support.**

Barry Litfin President Southport Conference  
Tom Connors President Ashmore Conference.

**THANK YOU**

**Healing Mass:** Healing Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador on the **8th Dec at 7pm**  
All are welcome

~QUOTE~

"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done." **C.S. Lewis**



### **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 - 5pm**

**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

### **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 9am

**Tuesday 28th** is a holiday. Mass as usual at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 9am



**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 . Confession available on **Wednesday**.

**Marian Valley** feast of Our Lady Of Fatima 13.12.2021. Bus pick up 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church. Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus is \$22.00 return, BYO lunch. Phone: Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2**  
**1st Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-18 - 2nd Reading – Philipians 4:4-7**  
**Gospel - Luke 3:10-18**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE, (INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED ANONYMOUSLY) MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: [AOB@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au) ONLINE: [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)**

**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

**Guardian Angels Church**  
Rebecca

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
Raphaelle

**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

**Fr Stan Barry**

*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

#### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 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. Except the **5th Dec** which will be at **7pm**

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



**St. Ambrose, Latin Ambrosius**, (born 339 CE, Augusta Treverorum, Belgica, Gaul [now Trier, Germany]—died 397, Milan [Italy];

**Feast day December 7**), bishop of Milan, biblical critic, doctor of the church, and initiator of ideas that provided a model for medieval conceptions of church–state relations.

His literary works have been acclaimed as masterpieces of Latin eloquence, and his musical accomplishments are remembered in his hymns. Ambrose is also remembered as the teacher who converted and baptized St. Augustine of Hippo, the great Christian theologian, and as a model bishop who viewed the church as rising above the ruins of the Roman Empire. He is a patron saint of Milan and of beekeepers.

Though Ambrose, the second son of the prefect (imperial viceroy) of Gaul, was born in the official residence at Augusta Treverorum (now Trier, Germany), his father died soon afterward, and Ambrose was reared in Rome, in a palace frequented by the clergy, by his widowed mother and his elder sister Marcellina, a nun. Duly promoted to the governorship of Aemilia-Liguria about 370, he lived at Milan and was unexpectedly acclaimed as their bishop by the people of the city in 374.

Ambrose, a popular outsider, chosen as a compromise candidate to avoid a disputed election, changed from an unbaptized layman to a bishop in eight days. Coming from a well-connected but obscure senatorial family, Ambrose could be ignored as a provincial governor. As bishop of Milan, he was able to dominate the cultural and political life of his age.



“As part of our commitment to connecting the local Catholic community to the mission of Caritas Australia, we are seeking a Caritas Ambassador within the parish. This volunteer opportunity will enable you to be a part of a network of contacts across the country and be supported to promote the work of Caritas Australia, during Project Compassion and Lent. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is keen to be involved in the life of the parish, or who is passionate about social/ecological justice. If you would like to nominate yourself as an Ambassador, please email your details to [qldntambassadors@caritas.org.au](mailto:qldntambassadors@caritas.org.au). This role is flexible; how much time or energy the Ambassador is able to give is very much up to them. Further information will be provided in preparation for Project Compassion 2022”.

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



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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
in ancient times on Sion's height,  
you gave your chosen tribes the law,  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

#### **Refrain:**

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

O come, O branch of Jesse,  
free your children from all tyranny, from  
depths of hell your people save, and give  
them vict'ry o'er the grave. **R**  
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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

**Response:** Come Lord Jesus

## 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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Music

## 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

### A Voice in the Wilderness

#### **Refrain:**

**A voice in the wilderness**  
**calls to prepare,**  
**for we are standing**  
**on the edge of changes.**  
**Across the desert sand**  
**and the mountain high,**  
**the Lord is coming. Make your way.**

I will hear what the Lord will say,  
a voice of peace for all his people.  
His voice is never far  
for those who know  
his glory dwelling in our land. **R**

Faithfulness and mercy have met,  
peace and justice have embraced here.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the  
earth  
and justice look down from the sky. **R**  
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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

### Prepare the Way

There was a man of God  
whose name was John.  
He came to speak for the light,  
the voice of one in the wilderness:

#### **Refrain:**

**Prepare the way of the Lord.**  
**Prepare the way of the Lord.**

Mountains and hills  
shall be brought to the ground,  
the winding paths be straightened  
and all on earth shall see his face. **R**

He is the lamb of God  
and you must follow him  
who takes the sin of the world,  
for he has come to give you life. **R**

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### I Thank My God

#### **Refrain:**

**I thank my God**  
**each time I think of you,**  
**and when I pray for you**  
**I pray with joy.**

Now there is one thing I am sure of,  
he who begins his work in you  
will see that it is truly finished  
when the day of Jesus comes. **R**

That I should feel like this towards you  
seems only natural to me,  
for you have shared with me  
my labours,  
the Gospel privilege with me. **R**  
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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Wait for the Lord

#### **Refrain:**

**Wait for the Lord,**  
**whose day is near.**  
**Wait for the Lord,**  
**keep watch, take heart.**

Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make a straight path for God. **R**

The glory of the Lord  
shall be revealed. **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 king-  
dom will have no end.

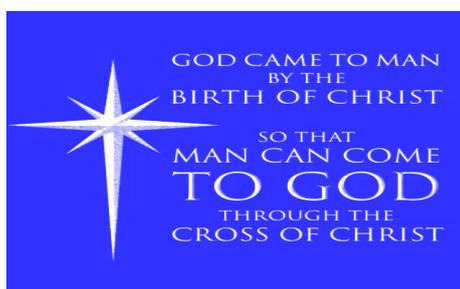
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son, who with the  
Father

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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to  
the resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come.

Amen.



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