



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH FEBRUARY 2022 TIME YEAR C/2

The Pope had just finished a tour of the USA and was taking a limousine to San Francisco. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while.

Well, the chauffeur didn't have much choice, so he climbs in the back and the Pope takes the wheel.

The Pope starts accelerating to see what the limo could do. He gets to 130 kph and suddenly sees the lights of the highway patrol in his rear vision mirror. He pulls over, but the policeman, seeing who it is, says, 'Just a minute your Holiness, I'm going to have to call in about this one'.

The trooper asks for the chief. He tells the chief he's got someone really important pulled over.

It's not Ted Kennedy again is it?

No Chief, it's more important.

Is it the Governor?

No sir, it's more important.

Good God man, you haven't pulled over the President?

No sir, even more important.

Who the heck is more important than the President of the USA?

I don't know sir, but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur.

What you see is often not what you get.

What we have just heard in Luke's Gospel falls into this category.

When we hear the phrase 'Blessed are you' it can sound rather patronising. It can seem that Jesus glosses over all sorts of tough human realities with, 'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven'.

But reading the beatitudes in this light is a direct contradiction of what Jesus says in this text and certainly how he lived it out.

The Hebrew concept of a blessing isn't about Divine pats on bowed human heads; it is about where the presence of God is to be found. In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now.

So the beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the compassionate, the mournful, those who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

Jesus teaches us that God is not impervious to our pain and happiness, or a great manipulator desiring terrible things to punish us or teach us something. No. The God of the beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through either personally or as a community.

Luke goes on to give us the 'woes and warnings' and these are as important as the beatitudes. Luke highlights for us that every blessing carries with it a call, every gift contains a duty to share it, and every right houses within it a responsibility.

This is particularly true of our nation where the vast majority of our citizens are housed, educated, have clean drinking water, a long life span, a job and enjoy a stable democracy. This places us in the top fifteen percent of the world's population. We should discover God's presence in the midst of these blessings, but we must face up to the responsibilities they give us.

It is not good enough to be simply appalled at the widening gap between rich and poor in our own country and around the world. Today's Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about it, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change.

The Beatitudes and warnings call us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people that what others see in the followers of Christ is precisely what they get.

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**OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**ASHMORE:**

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

**8.00AM TO 4.00PM**

**SOUTHPORT OFFICE:**

**(ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**9.00AM TO 4.30PM**

#### 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**

Rosary 10.00am

Friday Mass 10.30am

#### Guardian Angels Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

#### Saturday & Sunday Masses

#### **Saturday 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 & Thursday 9.00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Guardian Angels Church**

Saturday 4.30pm

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES - 2nd March 2022

St Joseph the Worker- 7.00am

Mary Immaculate - 11.30am School & Parish  
Mary Immaculate - 6.30pm

Guardian Angels - 12.30pm

**This International Women's Day, Catholic Mission and the Archdiocese of Brisbane invites you to celebrate the difference women are making in diverse areas of mission.**

**Date: Tuesday 8th Mar 2022  
Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Venue: Francis Rush Centre,  
277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane**

**RSVP by Monday 21st Feb 2022  
Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au**



## Sacramental Preparation



## THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RITE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS NOW CLOSED

### 2022 Sacrament of Reconciliation - First Rite

#### Parent information session

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass)  
Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 4pm

#### Rite of Enrolment

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> March @ 4:30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate**  
**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am Mass at Mary Immaculate**  
**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 5:30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate**

#### Preparation Session

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass)  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 4pm

#### Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 @ 4pm to 5pm.

**All parent information meetings and preparation sessions are mandatory** and will be held at Mary Immaculate Church, 31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore or for further information please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222 Ext:4.

## Archbishop's VOCATIONS DINNER 2022

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## Position Vacant – Pastoral & Sacramental Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Darra Jindalee Parish. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic committed person to join the Parish team and assist them with the coordination of a variety of pastoral ministry programs such as the Sacramental program, Sunday School program and Religious Instruction in the State Schools. This is 22 hour a week position.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

Application close: 21 February 2022

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022** - Please join us on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (10AM) at Salvation Army, Gold Coast Temple, 157 Wardoo Street, Southport. For more information please contact Envoy Margaret Potter on 0423 268 456.

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

**1st Reading - 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 - 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**  
**Gospel - Luke 6:27-38**

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

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**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



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

### PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2022

**Rosary** Please join in saying the rosary every **Monday and Wednesday at 6.00 am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. **Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am** Mary Immaculate.

**Eucharistic Adoration** at **Mary Immaculate Church**

Please join us every **Thursday** from 7.45 till 8.45 am. There will be rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and private prayer, followed by Mass.

**Holy Hour** at **Guardian Angels Church, Southport**

Please join us every **Wednesday** 12.00 noon – 1.00pm for silent prayer, hymns, rosary and spiritual reflections, benediction Confessions available on Wednesday only. Adoration **Friday** from 11.30am.

**Novena** at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador every **Wednesday** at 6.00pm.

**1st Wednesday** Rosary 6.00pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm

**First Saturday of each month**, Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church (Rosary - 8.30am) 9.00am Mass.

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

**Walking Group.** At **St Joseph the Worker church**, Saturday at 6.00am. To join please contact Janeec 0408 763 772.

### **Position Vacant – Finance Officer**

Applications are open for a position at the Burpengary Parish. A person with excellent finance experience required for a part time position of Finance Officer working 8 hours a week, Monday & either a Thursday or a Friday with the flexibility of increasing these hours in the near future.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications close: 21 February 2022

### **~QUOTE~**

“Your potential is the sum of all the possibilities God has for your life.” **Charles Stanley**



### **Feast day of St Cyril & Methodius 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples.

After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release.

Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical, and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croatians, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe.

### **Position Vacant – Parish Secretary**

Applications are open for the above position at the Albany Creek Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

**Applications close: 14 February 2022**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### All are Welcome

Let us build a house  
where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace,  
here the love of Christ  
shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house  
where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace,  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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### **THE GLORIA**

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. Amen.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

### A Trusting Psalm

#### **Refrain:**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord  
is faithfulness and love,  
this love can never be measured.  
God's beauty  
is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in God. **R**

The word of the Lord  
means a patient, gentle God,  
whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy  
is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in God. **R**

The word of the Lord  
is fire burning strong,  
and love that never grows weary.  
God will seek and save the lost  
until we all return,  
so let us place our trust in God. **R**

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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

### How Shall I Call You

How shall I call you?  
Maker of heaven,  
poet of sunset and painter of sky.  
Father almighty,  
who's running to find us,  
giving his Son who must suffer and die.

#### **Refrain:**

**Glory to the Father,  
the Son and the Spirit,  
let's sing it again and again.  
Glory to the Father,  
the Son and the Spirit,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

How shall I call you? Lover of children,  
shepherd and teacher  
and brother and friend,  
healer of blind man and healer of leper,  
you are beginning and middle  
and end. **R**

How shall I call you?  
Spirit of comfort, cloud in the daytime  
and fire in the night,  
guide as we wander,  
protector in danger,  
list'ner and helper and giver of sight. **R**

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,  
blessed are the gentle  
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,  
that hunger and thirst after justice.  
Blessed are they  
that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted,  
blessed are the clean of heart  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are you  
when they revile and harm you,  
and speak all evil  
against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful  
for mercy they will find,  
blessed are the peace makers  
for they shall be called God's children.

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### Be Still, My Friends

#### **Refrain:**

**I ask you, my friends, to be still,  
and know that I am here with you.  
The longing in your heart I will fill,  
for I now make my home in you.**

The mountains, the valleys,  
the oceans deep  
sing praises and glory to you,  
and all of creation joins in song,  
but we find you within. **R**

The crowds on the hill sides  
need your bread,  
the lame need your healing hand.  
The blind and the dumb  
cry out for you  
when will our hearts be filled? **R**

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety,  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words  
in foreign lands,  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

#### **Refrain:**

**Be not afraid,  
I go before you always,  
come follow me,  
and I will give you rest.**

Blessed are your poor,  
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues  
insult and hate you, all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you. **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 ascend-  
ed 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 res-  
urrection of the body,  
And life everlasting. Amen

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