



## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD JANUARY 2022 TIME YEAR C/2



Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to

radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!' Given the ways the Scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand!

Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

These days we often hear people asking others to be 'up front' and to 'lay your cards on the table'. Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called 'the programme'.

In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

And so to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.

May this Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand.

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**AUSTRALIA DAY 26th January - MASS 9.00AM – ST JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**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

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Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Guardian Angels Church**  
Saturday 4.30pm

### PARISH CONTACTS

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#### Priests of the Parish

Fr Gerard McMorrow (PP)

Fr Stephen Camiolo  
(Parish Ministry  
& Hospital Chaplaincy)

#### 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**



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## Tonga blanketed in ash after volcanic eruption

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and

contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation.

Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas.

The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption.

Despite early videos of islanders rushing to higher ground as the first tsunami waves hit, telecommunications are now down as the undersea internet cables were damaged by the eruption.

"This volcanic eruption was up there with the likes of Krakatoa in terms of scale, so we are extremely concerned about the impacts of the eruption and tsunami in Tonga," said Damaris Pfendt, Caritas Australia's Pacific Humanitarian Coordinator.

"Volcanic ash and saltwater inundation from the tsunami waves have contaminated water supplies, so many communities will be left without clean water. Tonga already struggles with clean water supplies because it relies on groundwater and rainwater, so this will put communities in a really difficult position."

"From the few updates that have come through, we know that the devastation is significant, especially for the outer lying islands. There is an urgent need for fresh water and shelter, especially for the communities on the coastline whose homes were damaged by the tsunami waves. Roads and bridges have also been damaged."

"Thankfully Caritas Tonga already has emergency supplies pre-positioned in the capital and Ha'apai, so they will be able to respond quickly to immediate needs with these supplies. However, it's crucial that we step up and support our neighbours in Tonga, as they recover from this devastating volcanic eruption."

Caritas Australia is currently working to restore communications with our local partner, Caritas Tonga, to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs.

Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga.

Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

**contact:** Jessica Stone 0490 684 867 / [jessica.stone@caritas.org.au](mailto:jessica.stone@caritas.org.au) / [caritasmmedia@caritas.org.au](mailto:caritasmmedia@caritas.org.au).



Southport Catholic Parish would like to wish **Sr Elisabeth Keane**

A very Happy Birthday.

## Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Burpengary Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a part time position of Parish Secretary working 20 hours a week, Tuesday to Friday.

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

Applications close: 31 January 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.*

## 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.

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**Our Lady of Lourdes.** Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes on the 11.02.2022 and for the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.02.2022. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am, at the Sacred Heart Church. Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus is \$22.00 return for each trip. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome.

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

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2**  
**1st Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13**  
**Gospel - Luke 4:21-30**

**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@stopline.com.au ONLINE: 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

**Lourdes Abelardo, Joan Manning,  
Andrew Kennedy, Fernando Anzellotti,  
Peter Foley, Peter Teo**

*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 **Tuesday** 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.

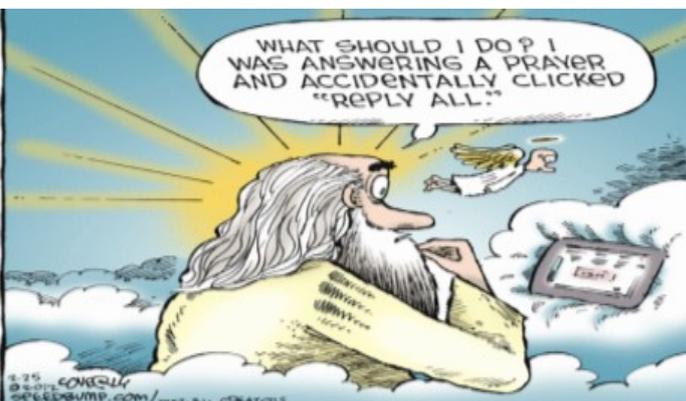
**Novena** at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador every **Wednesday** at 6.00pm.

**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) 9am 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.



~QUOTE~

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength.” **Corrie Ten Boom**

## Sacramental Preparation



**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2022.**

The Sacramental programs for 2022 begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2022 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

**The online registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, 17th January 2022 and close on Friday, 11th February 2022.**

**At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) is on Monday the 28th of March or Wednesday the 30th of March 2022 from 4pm to 5pm.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will prepare the children for their **First Holy Communion** and will commence in Term 2, 2022. The program will be available to children who are 9 years of age (School Year 4) or older.

**At the completion of this Program, the children will receive their First Holy Communion at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on June 2022.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### We Are Many Parts

#### *Refrain:*

*We are many parts,  
we are all one body,  
and the gifts we have,  
we are given to share.  
May the Spirit of Love,  
make us one indeed,  
one, the love that we share,  
one, our hope in despair,  
one, the cross that we bear.*

God of all, we look to you,  
we would be your servants true,  
let us be your love to all the world. **R**

So my pain is pain for you,  
in your joy is my joy, too,  
all is brought together in the Lord. **R**

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### **GLORY TO GOD** Mass of St Francis

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

### 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 pris'ners 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 is alive,  
the word of God is active,  
it can judge our thoughts,  
bring us closer to the Father.

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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## GIFTS PROCESSION

### 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.

God is speaking by the Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again,  
in the ageless word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith yet standing fast,  
God still speaks, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Like a Shepherd

#### *Refrain:*

*Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully  
close to his heart,  
leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah,  
"Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice,  
Jerusalem, here is your God." **R**

"I myself will shepherd them,  
for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue  
and heal their wounds  
and pasture them, giving them rest." **R**

"Come unto me  
if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your  
shoulders,  
I will give you rest." **R**

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## REFLECTION HYMN

### Spirit of God

#### *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

### Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

#### *Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
I'll lead you all wherever you may be  
I will lead you all in the dance,  
said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and for John,  
they came with me  
and the dance went on. **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