



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

6TH FEBRUARY 2022 TIME YEAR C/2



Think about this for a minute!

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.

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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



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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

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

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

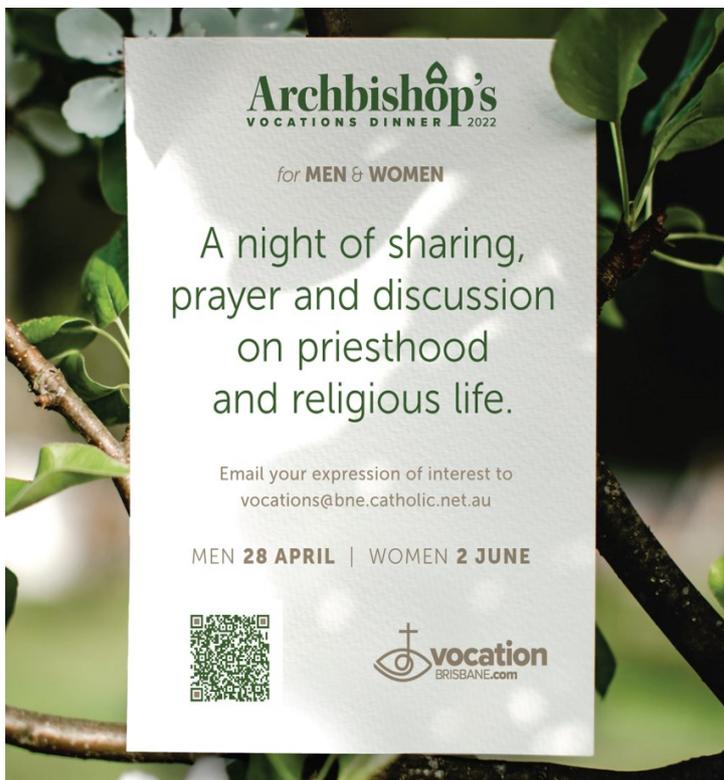
The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

An extract from the Apostolic Letter Issued "MOTU PROPRIO" By the Supreme Pontiff THE SUPREME PONTIFF FRANCIS "APERUIT ILLIS"

Instituting **THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

“Along our path of welcoming God’s word into our hearts, the Mother of the Lord accompanies us. She is the one who was called blessed because she believed in the fulfilment of what the Lord had spoken to her (cf. *Lk* 1:45). Mary’s own beatitude is prior to all the beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus about the poor and those who mourn, the meek, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted, for it is the necessary condition for every other kind of beatitude. The poor are not blessed because they are poor; they become blessed if, like Mary, they believe in the fulfilment of God’s word. A great disciple and master of sacred Scripture, Saint Augustine, once wrote: “Someone in the midst of the crowd, seized with enthusiasm, cried out: ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you’ and Jesus replied, ‘Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it’. As if to say: My mother, whom you call blessed, is indeed blessed, because she keeps the word of God. Not because in her the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, but because she keeps that same word of God by which she was made and which, in her womb, became flesh” (*Tractates on the Gospel of John*, 10, 3).

May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: “This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance” (*Dt* 30:14).



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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**

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)

**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 in 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 Blanca on 5510 2222.

E-Book by Brian Boniwell



“Opening to God: Christian Meditation and Contemplative Prayer”

Well-known composer, Brian Boniwell has had a new book published by Willow Communications. Willow Publishing has released an eBook for Brian entitled “Opening to God: Christian Meditation and Contemplative Prayer.”

It is available for download from the **Willow website**

~QUOTE~

“Continuous effort—not strength nor intelligence—is the key to unlocking our potential.” **Winston Churchill**

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading – Jeremiah 17:5-8 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12,-16-20
Gospel - Luke 6:17, 20-26

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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

Natalia Malachowski

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



St. Scholastica, Her feast day is February 10th. Sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighborhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after.

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 - Groundsman

Applications are open for a casual position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish to maintain the gardens and grounds of several Parish church locations and provide assistance to the Parish in relation to minor maintenance tasks.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities> **Applications close: 14 February 2022**

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.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Follow Jesus and be not afraid

LK 9:1-11

R Z A A J J M S V Q V Y S R A
K M A S T E R G X U I K Z S G
R I P P I N G M D W N E E H V
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Try to find these words:

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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**

**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**

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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

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 Sion again,
coming in glory. Alleluia!

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!

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!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

"I call you friends", says the Lord
"you who are my disciples.
I make known to you all I've learnt
from my father".

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Table of Plenty

Refrain:
**Come to the feast
of heaven and earth.
Come to the table of plenty.
God will provide
for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.**

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money,
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your
spirit with faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

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REFLECTION HYMN

You Walk Along our Shoreline

You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
"Now come and follow me,
and if you still will follow
through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather
the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Galilee Song

Deep within my heart I feel
voices whispering to me
words that I can't understand
meanings I must clearly hear.
Calling me to follow close
lest I leave myself behind,
calling me to walk into,
evening shadows one more time.

Refrain:

**So I leave my boats behind,
leave them on familiar shores,
set my heart upon the deep,
follow you again, my Lord.**

In my memories I know
how you send familiar rains,
falling gently on my days,
dancing patterns on my pain,
and I need to learn once more
in the fortress of my mind
to believe in falling rain
as I travel deserts dry. **R**

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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