



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 13TH MARCH 2022 TIME YEAR C/2



An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago.

At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', Powell replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.

Years later, Tommy returned to see John Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. John Powell told Tommy to go and

tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported to John Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. John Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

The problem with love is that we have devalued the currency. We say it too often about things we don't or can't love, like our car, a bottle of wine or our holiday. We say 'I love you' to people we don't love and because we have learnt that actions are more telling than words we don't easily believe others when they tell us they love us.

We can feel unlovable and cynical about the whole experience. But there are three things of which we can be sure: If we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom. Nothing we do stops God from loving us.

God loves us as we are, not as we like to be. As the old saying goes, 'you don't have to get good to get God. You have to get God to get good.'

Finally, as the song runs, 'You ain't nobody until somebody loves you.' And so for a Christian, being vulnerable enough to tell those we love that we love them is no sentimental exercise but a participation in the heart of God. By taking the risk of doing this, others may clearly hear the voice of God through us and we may discover ourselves transfigured by the personal love of God for us too.

In the process God may move from being an idea, an abstraction, even an object of curiosity to the focus of a loving experience that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope.

In this Eucharist then, let's ascend the mountaintop and let's listen to Jesus say, 'You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you.'

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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 3.30pm Korean Mass

Prayers & Adoration
Wednesday 12.00noon -1.00pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

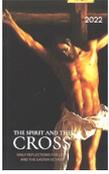
Saturday & Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Guardian Angels Church
Saturday 4.30pm

THE SPIRIT AND THE CROSS



The little booklet 'The Spirit and the Cross', daily reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave minimal cost of \$5 each. **Are now available**

Please see on the table at the front of the Church

Qld Government has announced the following [upcoming easing of restrictions in Queensland](#)

Masks will no longer be required indoors, except in hospitals, residential aged care, disability accommodation, prisons, public transport, airports and on planes. Therefore you will be able to remove masks for all aspects of parish Masses and in parish offices. Masks are still recommended to be worn whenever you cannot socially distance. For the protection and peace of mind of vulnerable parishioners, the priest and other communion ministers may wish to wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion. Current practices of hand sanitisation should remain in place.

Places of worship will no longer have capacity limits, and this will include funerals and weddings. Therefore you will no longer need to use booking systems to monitor the number of people attending, nor will you require COVID marshals.

Covid cleaning protocols may cease. Hand sanitiser should still be made available at the entrance of your church.

Normal collection practices may resume, that is, the collection basket may be passed around.

The Procession of Gifts may resume.

The Rite of Reconciliation can be made available as per pre-Covid arrangements.

Parishes can immediately resume all forms of food service. As a matter of caution, we encourage parishes to minimise the shared handling of serving tongs, milk jugs etc to reduce risk of transmitting the COVID contact with shared utensils. Please also remain vigilant with hand hygiene.

Please note that we are still following the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference instruction that in the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone. The Sign of Peace should still be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.

Bishop Ken Howell

Auxiliary Bishop - Brisbane



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Please note that the office in Ashmore will be unattended on Thursday 17th March.

The office in Southport is open.

Sorry for any inconvenience

Lenten spiritual activities

During Lent this year the following devotional activities are available to enrich your Lenten preparation for Easter.

Every Wednesday: Guardian Angels Southport 1200 Noon -1PM, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer, rosary, confession and Benediction.

Every Friday: Guardian Angels, Southport 11:30 -12:30, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the cross with Scriptural meditations. Holy Mass at 12:30



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Bishops call for peace in Ukraine. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge has expressed indignation at what is happening in Ukraine and called for a rejection of the madness of war and a return to reason, saying "the peace of the world is at stake". "We express our deep compassion for the people of Ukraine and our solidarity with all people of Ukrainian heritage here in Australia," Archbishop Coleridge said. "It's not enough to condemn the bloodshed, death threats and take half-measures. The entire international community – including Australia – needs to do all in its power to stop the violence.

"This isn't some geopolitical game. Lives are at stake. The lies have to stop. Truth and justice have to prevail if there is to be a future for all of us. "Prayer is more powerful than bombs. So we'll be praying for an immediate ceasefire and a return to reason and negotiation. We're also praying for those who have been killed, wounded or forced to flee."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Important dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Rite

Preparation Session

Sunday, 20th March @ 10:15am (after 9am Mass)

Thursday, 24th March @ 4pm

Reconciliation (1st Rite)

Wednesday 30th 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 Blancia on 5510 2222 Ext:4.

~QUOTE~

"What gives me the most hope everyday is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God." Rick Warren

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2

1st Reading – Exodus 3:1-8 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

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Raphaelle

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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 Janeece 0408 763 772.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for the above position at the Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm.

The Parish Secretary will manage the parish administration along with the parish finances.

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

Applications close: 20 March 2022

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.** Please visit the **Angels on Scarborough Gift Shop.**



St. Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2022.



Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
[Pray while striking the breast three times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Our Father, We have Wandered

Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face,
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

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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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LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour,
Lord Jesus Christ.**

From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard,
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour,
Lord Jesus Christ.**

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Seek, O Seek the Lord

Refrain:

**Seek, O seek the Lord,
while he is near, trust him,
speak to him in prayer,
and he will hear.**

God, be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling.
Break the snares
the world contrives,
keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife
his blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not our brother? **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

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**

Your fields will flower in fullness,
your homes will flourish in peace,
for I, the giver of home and harvest
will send my rain on the soil. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild.
Forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled

Let us your endurance share
And from earthly greed abstain,
with you, watching unto prayer
with you, strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
victory in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.

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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.