



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 27TH MARCH 2022 TIME YEAR C/2

Bright and early on a Monday morning, in times that were much less ecumenical, Mick and Paddy, a pair of Irish ditch diggers, were repairing a Dublin road directly across the street from a house of ill repute.

Soon, they saw the Protestant Minister lurking about the place and then ducking into the house. "Would ya look at that Mick!" said Paddy. "What a shameful disgrace. That Protestant Minister sinning in the likes of that place!"

'Well', said Mick, 'he's got a ticket to hell anyway Paddy, so that's only getting' him an upgrade on the seat.'

A short time later they watched as a Jewish Rabbi looked around cautiously and, when he was satisfied no one had spied him, darted into the house.

'Did ya see that Paddy?', Mick asked in shock and disbelief. 'Is nothing holy to those Jewish people?' 'God in heaven above', Mick replied, 'Do they have "half price Monday" for the clergy at that sinful place?'

'Well, all I know Paddy is that a man of the cloth indulging himself in sins of the flesh is a terrible shame, I tell ya!'

Not long had passed when they saw a third man, Fr O'Donovan, their parish priest, lurking about the house looking around to see if anyone was watching and then quietly sneaking in the door. 'Mick, look it's Father O'Donovan', said Pat removing his cap. 'Ah Mick', said Paddy, taking off his own cap, 'one of the poor girls musta died ...'

Often our history colours everything about us, even those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt, be compassionate and forgive. What is so shocking about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son is, that as the story goes, everything about the Jewish culture of first century Palestine set the boy up for a fall: he was greedy for his father's inheritance; we can assume he left the chosen land for the far country where he squandered his inheritance recklessly; he ended up eating with the unclean pigs; and then he had the temerity to return and ask for forgiveness.

This was the least likeable kid in town. He did not deserve to be treated better than a slave. That's what makes the boy's father so magnificent in love. He was derided by his faithful older son for this folly of the heart and he would have been considered a fool by his neighbours. And this is the model of compassion Jesus gives us to emulate.

The context for this story, however, matters. The author of Luke 15 has Jesus responding to charges about the company he was keeping and especially those with whom he dined. In Jesus' day, one only ate with intimates and Jesus shared his table with losers. Three parables are given as an explanation for this practice: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. In each case the shepherd, the woman and the father go to ridiculous lengths to save that which is lost.

Who was admitted to the table of Luke's community was a huge issue. It seems some things never change. The action and words of Jesus, however, lead us to conclude the table is here for those of us who know the frailty of our lives enough to recognise our hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Today's Gospel is not just about each of us being welcomed into the arms of our compassionate God, it is also a challenge for us to defend the right of the outcasts, the public sinners and the losers who seek to turn their life around to be welcomed here as well.

This is not just about the table of the Eucharist, either. To the degree that we help our country be more hospitable to the most defenceless, the poor and the displaced then we live out the power of this parable.

May this Eucharist then, help us live beyond our history, which so often colours those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt and show compassion and may it give us the courage and faith to be ridiculously generous, and magnificently loving.

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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 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



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving Envelopes are available on the table at the front of the church.

If you are looking for your envelope please look for your surname, as some parishioners have a new number.

Sorry for any inconvenience, but we have had to cut down on the number of envelopes we previously had ordered

A big thank you to Jacqueline Black for her help.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

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

Our Lady of Fatima. Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.04.2022 and on 24.04.2022 for Divine Mercy Sunday on this day Holy Hour 10.00 am Followed by the mass at 11.00 am and divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am on both days 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.

POPE Francis is set to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a penitential prayer service in St Peter's Basilica on March 25.

On the same day, the Vatican announced Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, would carry out a similar consecration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

According to the Vatican's translation of the messages of Fatima, when Mary appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima in 1917, she told them, "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace."

Warning of "war, famine, and persecutions of the church and of the Holy Father," Mary told the children, "to prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart".

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

14TH APRIL

Holy Thursday- The Lords Supper

Guardian Angels
6.30pm

Mary Immaculate
6.30pm

ADORATION UNTIL 9PM (Only at Mary Immaculate)

15TH APRIL

Friday - Stations of the Cross

Guardian Angels
10.00am

Mary Immaculate
10.00am

Friday - The Passion of the Lord

Guardian Angels
3.00pm

Mary Immaculate
3.00pm

Holy Saturday

16th APRIL

Guardian Angels
6.30pm

Mary Immaculate
6.30pm

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Guardian Angels
7.00am & 9.00am

St Joseph the Worker
7.00am & 8.30am

Mary Immaculate
9.00am

EASTER MONDAY
St Joseph the Worker
9.00am

Important dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation
First Rite

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 Blanca on 5510 2222 Ext:4.

~QUOTE~

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21 - 2nd Reading - Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel - John 8:1-11

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Rebecca

Mary Immaculate Church
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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

James Maguire, Anthony Dodds

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 12 noon 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

Position Vacant – OSHC Educator

Applications are open for OSHC Educator positions with Catholic Early EdCare. We are seeking enthusiastic and energetic educators on a casual basis.

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Feast of the Annunciation



The Annunciation

A tradition, which has come down from the apostolic ages, tells us that the great mystery of the Incarnation was achieved on the twenty-fifth day of March. It was at the hour of midnight, when the most holy Virgin was alone and absorbed in prayer, that the Archangel Gabriel appeared before her, and asked her, in the name of the blessed Trinity, to consent to become the Mother of God. Let us assist, in spirit, at this wonderful interview between the angel and the Virgin.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

I was lost but now I am found

Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32

A R J X S J U N L W I O D B
Z I C Z L R G M F W N B M I
X N E P H U Y Y J J T E S O
D G L R X H B D N F W R B U
J S E O F R I E N D L Y F A
U P B P X U A N X S V O O P
D K R E J B L N T T E O U V
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H E T T W L F C V R F G D C
X L E Y K A P E K V G L A D
F B E G G E D W F I O M V B
S V O B E Y E D K N U X C L
J R Z J Y C K V L G G A Y H
R O U J M B W A S T E D D C
T K H Y S G T Q O S L A V E

Try to find these words:

begged
celebrate
eats
found
friendly
glad
obeyed
property
ring
slave
starving
wasted

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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

From Ashes to the Living Font

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

We sit beside the road and plead,
"Come, save us, David's son!"
now with your vision heal our eyes,
the world's true Light alone.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

Taste and See

Refrain:

*Taste and see, O taste and see.
Taste and see the goodness of God.*

Glory, glory to God most high,
glory, blessing and praise.
With one voice, O people,
rejoice in our God,
who hears the cry of all in need. **R**

Who has fashioned earth and sky,
who created the deep,
who exalts the lonely
and sets captives free, who opens the
door to all those who seek. **R**

O, the love of God,
Become flesh of our flesh.
So that we might live in glory. **R**

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LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I will rise and go to my father
and tell him,
Father, I have sinned
against heaven and against you.

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

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Be With Me, Lord

Refrain:

*Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble,
be with me Lord, I pray.*

**You who dwell in the shelter
of the Lord most high,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the lord, "My refuge and
fortress, the God in whom
I trust." R**

**No evil shall befall you,
no pain come near,
for the angels stand close by your
side, guarding you always
and bearing you gently,
watching over your life. 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

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

Refrain:

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. **R**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain.
Just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. **R**

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup,
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R**

Hold us in unity,
in love for all to see,
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **R**

You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people,
poured in endless love. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come As You Are

Come as you are,
that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved
and forgiven,
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
no need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away
shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,
not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are,
that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

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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.



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