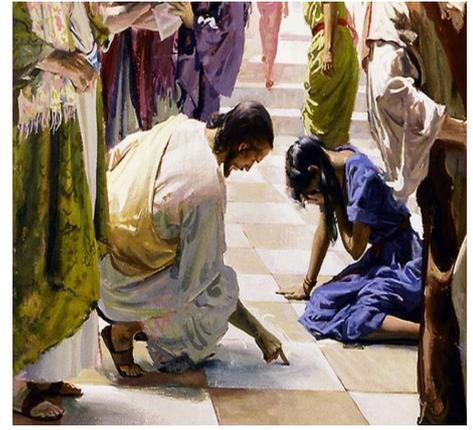




FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 3RD APRIL 2022 TIME YEAR C/2

There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. And that's saying something because this dramatic event is the only one in the Gospel where Jesus confronts sexual sin, where only the woman is dragged from the scene of the crime to answer the charge of adultery. Is it any wonder that in some early manuscripts of John's Gospel this story was left out, its authorship questioned? The dangerous memory of Jesus' compassion toward the woman was too strong in the minds of John's community for it to be excluded, however, and so it remains as an inspired text for us to make our own. It is sometimes very important to hear Jesus say to us, especially in the area of our sexuality, 'I do not condemn you.'



So often, however, we want Jesus to leave it at that. But Jesus goes further. He tells it as it is. If any of us want life and want it to the full, we have to stop doing the destructive things that get us into trouble in the first place. It does not matter if it is drinking, gambling, eating, working, stealing, sexual dysfunction, being into pornography, being violent at home or any other type of obsessive compulsive behaviour, there is little point in being sorry for the consequences of our weaknesses and not changing the pattern of behaviour that leads us to ruin each time.

Twelve step programs enshrine the wisdom of today's Gospel in how they help us to own up to the destructive behaviour of our lives and yet give us hope to live beyond our worst moments.

Steps four to ten say:

- Step 4. I have made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.
- Step 5. I have admitted to God and to another the exact nature of my wrongs.
- Step 6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- Step 7. Humbly ask God to remove my shortcomings.
- Step 8. Made a list of all persons I had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
- Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except where to do so would injure them or others.
- Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when I was wrong promptly admitted it.

The thing I like best about these is that they are pro-active. They alert us to the fact that the best pathway to know healing and forgiveness is not to be passive, but to be active and admit our own faults and work to heal them. Some of us may have been given a tough hand from life's deck of cards, but we do not have to be passive victims, never able to change the cycles of destructive behaviour. If the steps work and we trust today's Gospel then we can be happy, healed and forgiven because we heal and forgive others.

Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life around.

May we hear the same challenge in this final week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, sexually or otherwise, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.

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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

Blue Card Services

A person who volunteers at their local sporting club would generally require a blue card under the Churches, clubs and associations category regulated employment. However, a volunteer parent may not need a blue card if they are providing the *same or similar services* or activities as the services and activities their child is involved in at the sporting club.

For example, if Hazel was to volunteer at her son Tim's soccer club as a coach, and Hazel does not perform any other role within the club (such as a timekeeper for another junior team), **a blue card is not required**. This is because the services Hazel is providing are the *same or similar* to those received by Tim at the club. Hazel is captured by the volunteer parent exemption. A volunteer parent cannot rely on this exemption, if they are a restricted person.

However, if Hazel wants to volunteer at Tim's sporting club as the Secretary of the Committee, Hazel is not providing the *same or similar* services as the services Tim is involved in at the club and Hazel **will require a blue card**.

We recommend volunteer parents check directly with their Church, club or association to determine whether the volunteer parent exemption applies or if a blue card is required. We have resources available to assist organisations with the volunteer parent exemption and the restricted person

Position Vacant – Parish Pastoral and Youth ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 34 hours a week to be worked as Tues (7hrs), Thurs (7hrs), Fri (7hrs), Sat (6hrs) and Sun (7hrs). This position can be undertaken with either one person or two depending on the suitable candidate/s. So, a job share arrangement can be organised.

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

Applications close: 4 April 2022

PLEASE NOTE There is no morning Mass at 9am at Mary Immaculate Church on **Holy Thursday 14th April** (As per instructions of the Roman Catholic Church)

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



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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

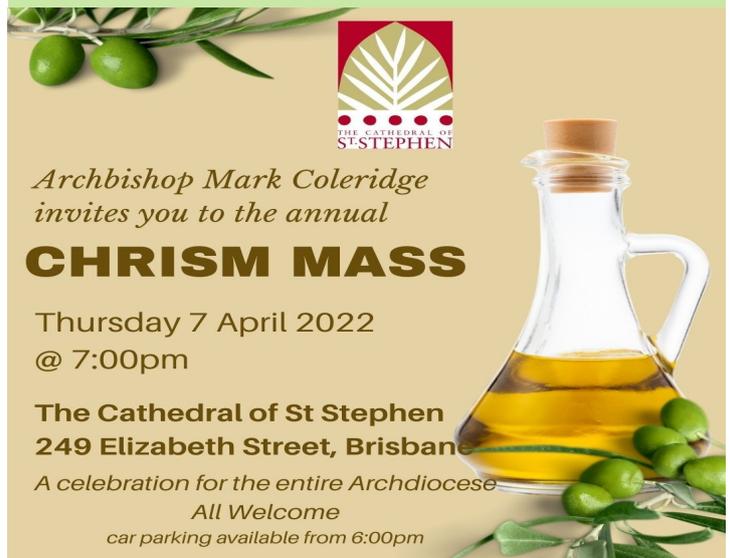
Guardian Angels
7.00am & 9.00am

St Joseph the Worker
7.00am & 8.30am

Mary Immaculate
9.00am

EASTER MONDAY

St Joseph the Worker
9.00am




Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Thursday 7 April 2022
@ 7:00pm
The Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm

~QUOTE~

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." Chuck Swindoll

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7 - 2nd Reading - Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel - Luke 22:14-23:56

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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

Joseph Vohar

*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



John the Baptist de la Salle

John Baptist is responsible for many changes in education, things that we take for granted today.

But education was not his first choice for a career.

Born in Rheims, France, in 1651, he was only 11 when he decided to become a priest. He received the best education and, with his family connections, everyone believed that he would become an important person in the Church,

perhaps even a bishop.

John was ordained a priest in 1678 and was assigned to the cathedral in Rheims. One day, he met Arian Nyel, a man from another part of France who had opened four schools for poor boys. In those days, only wealthy children could afford an education. Nyel convinced John Baptist that he must establish schools for poor boys in Rheims.

John's first school attracted so many students that a second school had to be started. But John was disappointed with the teachers. They were not well educated and were often cruel to the children. It is said that he fired all of them and began to train new teachers who would do a better job.

Soon he formed a religious community called the Brothers of the Christian Schools. They were the first religious order established to educate the poor. John's teachers taught in new ways. They presented their lessons in French—the language of their students. Up to then, all children were educated in Latin. John's teachers taught the children in age-level groups, like the grade levels we have today. Before John began this tradition, students were taught one-on-one by a tutor. John's schools also helped their students to learn a trade so they could support themselves and a family after they completed their education.

John founded a college for the training of teachers. Every teacher trained by John and every Brother of Christian Schools had a mission: to help the students come to know Christ and to teach the students to live their Christian faith in their daily lives. He decided that only religious Brothers would teach in his schools, since men ordained to the priesthood might be distracted by their other sacramental obligations. There were many hardships for John Baptist de la Salle over the early years as his congregations and schools grew, but his faith in God kept him from discouragement.

He died in 1719 and was canonized in 1900 by Pope Leo XIII. St. John Baptist de la Salle is the patron saint of teachers, and there are more than 1,000 schools in 84 countries that exist because of his work and faith.

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

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.

Our graves split open, bring us back,
your promise to proclaim,
to darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"
and glorify your name.

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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.***

With all your heart turn to me
says the Lord,
for I am tender and compassionate.

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

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain:

***You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.***

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
they know and heed his voice.
so when you call your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. **R**

With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,

that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heavenly food. **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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life giving stream.
My thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light,
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Though the Mountains May Fall

Refrain:

***Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shelter for all
who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glory of
God.***

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
he will not abandon you. **R**

Should you turn and forsake him,
he will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from him,
he will always take you back. **R**

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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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