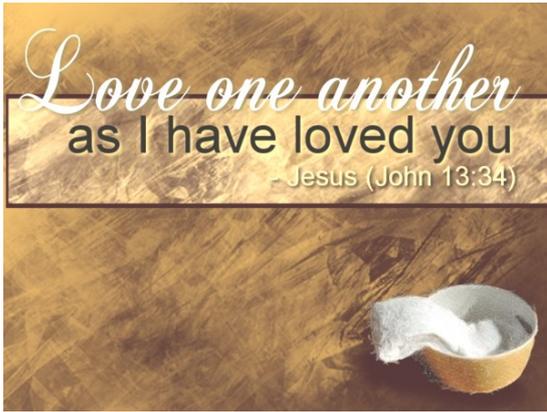




FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 15TH MAY 2022 TIME YEAR C/2



The word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live.

While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other.

Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.

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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**



SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to creating a safe working environment that fosters a culture of safeguarding and upholds the dignity and rights of each person. Vocation Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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
**Please note the Mass and Rosary
will start on the 13th May 2022**

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

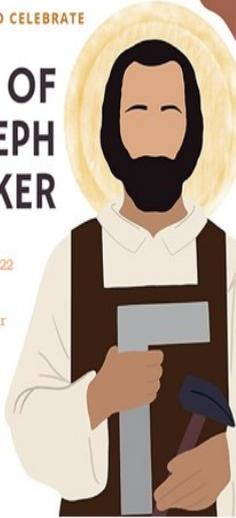
Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Guardian Angels Church
Saturday 4.30pm

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER FESTIVAL MASS

LET'S EAT, FELLOWSHIP, AND CELEBRATE

THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Saturday 28th May 2022
Mass at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm at
Lumen Christi Center



Now that Covid is behind us its time to celebrate at Southport Catholic Parish. We will celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph the Worker** with a special Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday the **28th of May at St Joseph the Worker Church** followed by a procession with a statue of St Joseph to the Lumen Christi Centre and **blissing of the Centre.**

Dinner will be served at 7pm . Tickets are available to all parishioners and friends for roast suckling pork (Lechon) dinner and dance with entertainment at the newly blessed Lumen Christi Centre for only \$10 per ticket.

Drinks are available for only \$2 for red, white and sparkling wine.

Please buy tickets for the dinner at the Parish Office (eftpos available) or at the shop "Angels on Scarborough" Southport. **Please note that tickets purchased from the shop in Scarborough St will be on a cash basis only.**

Tickets for the drinks can be bought on the night.

RSVP to Daloras and Maria on 5510 2222 (Parish Offices)



Children's Liturgy of The Word

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We invite families who attend this mass for their children to join the Children's Liturgy of the word on Sundays at 9am in Mary Immaculate Parish. This activity introduces children to the scriptures, prayers, and worship at Sunday Eucharist.

There are a couple of different age groups for Children's Liturgy. The Sunday Scripture readings are presented in a special way to each group helping children to relate to the gospel stories. Here are the two (2) different age groups for Children's Liturgy.

- Under 7's has a bible story from the Old or New Testament followed by songs and backed up with colouring sheets.
- 8 to 10 years for the older children and those preparing for their Sacramental Program, Term 1 – the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Term 2 – 1st Holy Communion and for Term 3 the Sacrament of Confirmation. This group will be working on the resources that were given to them prior to their Sacramental preparation. There is also an opportunity to experience what it is like to be an altar server (this applies to the children that have celebrated and received their First Holy Communion.)

If you would like to learn more, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.



Catechesis on Old Age Pope Francis's public message urging us to honour, serve and show love for the elderly was a moving address and one that is pertinent to Australian culture and practice.

Summary of the Holy Father's words

"Dear brothers and sisters: With the help of the Word of God, we focus on the fragility of old age. While reminders of our fragility can occur at any point in life, it seems that they only provoke a strong reaction when they happen to young people. In this regard, our common experience envisions love as something "descending", a gift freely given by parents and the elderly to younger generations. Divine revelation, however, shows us another **way of loving**: honouring those who came before us. This special **love** was made sacred by God through its inclusion in the Ten Commandments. The commandment is not limited to just one's own father or mother but extends to all the generations that came before us. The honour due to the elderly must never be forgotten regardless of their physical or mental condition. Amid all the present-day resources dedicated to the care of the elderly, we must always strive to offer them that special form of love, that honour, which is due to them.

(see full message on CATH NEWS media releases 2022)

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading – Acts 15:1-2,22-29 - 2nd Reading – Revelation 21: 10-14,22-23
Gospel - John 14:23-29

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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Southport Catholic Parish

Kerri Kleidon

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

Catherine McCoy

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THESE BOOKS

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2022

UPCOMING EVENT

St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador, Saturday 28th May, a special Mass at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm for the feast of St Joseph the Worker and the opening of the Lumen Christi Centre.

Rosary Please join in saying the rosary every

Monday and Wednesday 6.00 am at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. **Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am** Mary Immaculate.

Eucharistic Adoration at **Mary Immaculate Church- Thursday** from 7.45 till 8.45 am. Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and private prayer, followed by Mass.

Holy Hour at **Guardian Angels Church, Southport- Wednesday** 12.00 noon -1.00pm 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. **PLEASE NOTE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE MASS WILL BE AT 8.30AM**

Sunday. Filipino Mass 1st Sunday of each month at 12 noon at Guardian Angels Church 99 Scarborough St Southport.

Walking Group. St Joseph the Worker Church, Saturday at **6.30am.** contact Janeece 0408 763 772.

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~QUOTE~

"God never said the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." Max Piper.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

First Holy Communion in 2022

*****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED*****

First Holy Communion occurs in the year when Children turn 9 (year 4) and is the climax of their Christian Initiation. The preparation for the First Holy Communion also includes a simple celebration of the second rite of penance.

All meetings are requirements, and will be held at Mary Immaculate Church.

Important Dates to remember: (Parents can choose to attend one of these meetings and do not need to attend to both.) The preparation for the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion will be similar format to the **At Home Preparation for Confirmation Program.**

Meeting:

Thursday, 19th May at 4pm.

Rite of Enrolment:

Saturday, 21st May 4:30pm Vigil Mass or Sunday, 22nd May @ 9am or 5:30pm Mass.

Second Meeting:

Sunday, 29th May at 10:5am (after 9am Mass) or Thursday, 2nd June @ 4pm.

2nd Rite Reconciliation:

Tuesday, 7th June at 10am (for Guardian Angels' Student) and Tuesday, 7th June at 4pm (for the non-Guardian Angels Students)

Practice: Wednesday, 15th June at 4pm.

First Communion Ceremony:

Saturday, 18th June at 4:30pm or Sunday, 19th June at 9am or 5:30pm Mass.

For any queries, pls contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222 or email her on MariaB@scp.org.au.



FIRST SATURDAY MASS. Please note that on the first Saturday of the month of **June only** the Mass will be at **8.30am** and not at 9.00am. at St Joseph the Worker Church, 44Imperial Pde Labrador

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing a New Song

Refrain:

**Sing a new song unto the Lord,
let your song be sung
from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Shout with gladness, dance for joy,
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **R**

has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **R**

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THE GLORIA: (All Sung)

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

All the Earth

Refrain:

**All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Serve you the Lord,
heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence singing
for joy. **R.**

Know that the Lord is our creator,
for he is our Father, we are his own. **R.**

We are the sheep of his green pasture,
for we are his people, he is our God. **R.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

God brings the world to himself,
now through his Christ reconciling.
He has trusted us
with the news of redeeming love.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

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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REFLECTION

Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
let this be my solemn vow,
to take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Companions on the Journey

Refrain:

**We are companions on the journey,
breaking bread and sharing life,
and in the love we bear
is the hope we share
for we believe in the love
of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.**

No longer strangers to each other,
no longer strangers in God's house,
we are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care. **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
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

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