

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

ASHMORE:

**TEMPORARILY CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**SOUTHPORT OFFICE:
(ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)
115 SCARBOROUGH STREET
SOUTHPORT**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9.00AM TO 4.30PM**



Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

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

한인미사 일요일 오후 3시 30분

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

Thank You – Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Saturday, 17 September, 55 children from our Parish celebrated with Fr Gerard McMorrow, the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thank the parents for preparing their children for this significant step in their faith journey. Having worked with the families since mid-July, I know the parents have done a great job and I thank them for their dedication in preparing their children for our celebration of Confirmation. I have no doubt that these girls and boys will grow in faith, being enriched with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and will lead a fruitful life. Last Saturday's event wouldn't have happened without a great deal of effort and organisation. I would like to thank the many parishioners, from our musicians, readers and all our volunteers who have generously contributed to making Saturday's celebration a prayerful and memorable experience of faith for the children, their parents, families and their guests.

Lisa Perkins - Sacramental Co-ordinator



“From Sin and Sorrow to Service”



Public talk by Kay Painter from “Remembering SARA Ministries”

Kay Painter is a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who is touring Australia this year. She has spoken at forums in the United Nations and the White House, given her testimony on national and international television and radio programs and has been featured in newspapers and magazine articles.

Kay has been on twenty-one international tours in thirteen countries. Kay understands that God is using the group she founded, “Remembering S.A.R.A. Ministries” to spread the news that there is an alternative to the “easy” solutions offered by the world.

It takes a special type of courage to bare your life in the public forum; Kay Painter has that. Kay leads us down the rocky paths of her life – falling into the trap of abortion, tripping into adultery, stumbling into divorce before recognising the welcoming hand of God.

Kay's message may be seen as warning sign. She sees her role to warn others to be careful where they tread rather than suffer as she has done. Never forget; no matter how far down the wrong path you go, you can always turn around.

Date: 2.30- 4.30pm, Tuesday, 11 October 2022
Venue: Sacred Heart Hospitality Centre,
50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

Dear Parishioners

Just following on from my recent update in relation to the Parish, we are currently working with Archdiocesan Human Resources in appointing a Finance Officer for the Parish. I can now happily announce that Mrs Therese Rogers will take up the new position from 19 October 2022. Therese has had many years of experience working in Parish life.

Also, I have appointed Fiona Mahoney on a part-time basis as Personal Assistant to me. I'm very grateful to Fiona for her assistance over the last couple of months during this transitional period.

Fr Gerard

Parish office hours - Ashmore (from 19 October 2022)

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

Monday & Tuesday - Lisa Perkins

Wednesday to Friday - Therese Rogers

Shop office hours - Southport

Monday to Friday (8.30am to 4.30pm) - Maria Blanca



~QUOTE~

...There are also the poorest among us who are crying out. Exposed to the climate crisis, the poor feel even more gravely the impact of the drought, flooding, hurricanes and heat waves that are becoming ever more intense and frequent. Likewise, our brothers and sisters of the native peoples are crying out. As a result of predatory economic interests, their ancestral lands are being invaded and devastated on all sides, “provoking a cry that rises up to heaven” (Querida Amazonia, 9).

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading – Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 1:6-8
Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

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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

EILEEN MAY BRENNAN

By request the names of our sick and deceased family and 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

Rosary is held every **Monday and Wednesday at 6.00am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador and every **Tuesday and Thursday at 8.00am** at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Eucharistic Adoration is held every **Thursday from 7.45am until 8.45am** at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore (rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and private prayer), followed by Mass

Holy Hour is held every **Wednesday at 12noon until 1.00pm** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport (silent prayer, hymns, rosary, spiritual reflections and benediction). Confessions are available on Wednesday only. Adoration every **Friday from 11.30am**

Novena is held every **Wednesday at 6.00pm** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador

1st Wednesday Rosary 6.00pm at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass at **7.00pm**

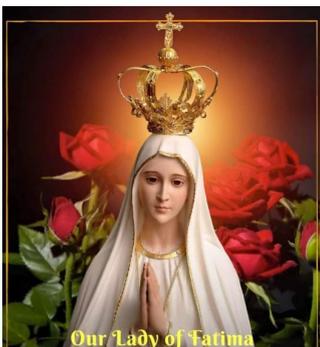
1st Saturday Rosary at 8.30am at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass at **9.00am**

1st Sunday Filipino Mass at 12noon at Guardian Angels Church, Southport

Every Saturday Walking Group meets at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at **6.30am**. Contact Janeece on 0408 763 772

Brisbane City Pops Orchestra - SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, 4 December 2022 at 2.00pm at Guardian Angels Church, Southport

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST **13 OCTOBER 2022**



Please come and join us at the Marian Valley Church for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the return bus trip is \$25.00. You can secure your seat by contacting Xavier Solomon on 0404 843 260 or Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome.

TEMPORARY RELOCATION **OF ASHMORE OFFICE**

Please be advised that the Ashmore office has been temporarily relocated to Angels on Scarborough Gift Shop, **2/115 Scarborough Street, Southport**. Opening Hours are **Monday to Friday (9.00am to 4.00pm)**. For further information please contact the office on 5510 2222 with any enquiries (8.30am to 4.30pm).

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2022 AT
MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, 9.00AM MASS



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APOSTLES CREED

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence,
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own.
Teach us through this holy banquet
how to make love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life.
Send us forth to love and serve you
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ,
your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.
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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

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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are the Christ everlasting, born
for us all of a virgin.
You have conquered death, opened
heaven to all believers.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,
that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they
that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the clean of heart
for they shall see God.

Blessed are you
when they revile and harm you,
and speak all evil
against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful
for mercy they will find.
Blessed are the peace makers
for they shall be called God's children.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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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Publications

REFLECTION

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.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:
Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he,
I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance,
said he.

I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and for John,
they came with me
and the Dance went on. **R**
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