



*“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” John 11:43-44*

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus’ initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, “he became perturbed and deeply troubled,” “Jesus wept,” He became “perturbed again” and He “cried out in a loud voice.” Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin.

One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound “hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus’ obedience to Jesus’ command symbolizes the Christian’s response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, “Untie him and let him go,” this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins.

Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called “temporal punishment” (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471-1473). This “punishment” is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, “Untie him and let him go.” This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue.

Reflect, today, upon the rich symbolism found in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As you do, listen for the passionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, “Come out!” What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits. From there, consider any ongoing temptation you struggle with and any attachment you still have toward a particular sin. Jesus desires that you be completely unbound and set free. Be open to that grace and do all you can to accept it.

*My merciful and passionate Lord, You command me, in love, to come forth from all sin. And when I respond, You command that the effects of my past sins be removed. Please free me, dear Lord, from all that binds me so that I will be set firmly on the glorious road of virtue that leads to eternal joy. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## EASTER TRIDUUM

### GUARDIAN ANGELS & MARY IMMACULATE

If you wish to be a minister at the above Masses, please print your name and phone number on the relevant sheet/s located at the back of the Church.

**NB** – you must commit to attend the practice session, (approximately 30 minutes), at the time listed on the sheets.

## Lenten Program

Come and join us for an opportunity to reflect on ourselves, our community and our Church as we prepare this Lent for Easter

Every Tuesday for 6 weeks starting 28 February  
9.30 am Mary Immaculate Church meeting room  
tea & coffee available

It will be conducted by  
Yuri Koszarycz

a long serving parishioner and  
a teacher of Theology at ACU for 30 years

## LENTEEN SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

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

### EVERY TUESDAY to WEDNESDAY:

#### GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

**1.00 pm Tuesday—1.00pm Wednesday:** 24 Hour Vigil  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer

**12.20pm Wednesday:** Rosary & Confession

**12.50pm Wednesday:** Benediction

### EVERY THURSDAY: MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

**7.45am—8.45am:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
silent prayer & Benediction

**9.00am:** Holy Mass

**6.00pm:** Stations of the Cross

### EVERY FRIDAY: GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

**11.30am—12.30pm:** Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament, silent prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations  
of the Cross with scriptural meditations.

**12.30pm:** Holy Mass

## THE GREATEST MAN IN HISTORY

The greatest man in history had no servants yet they called him master, he had no degrees yet they called him teacher, he had no medicines yet they called him healer, he had no army yet kings feared him, he won no military battles yet he had conquered the world, he committed no crime yet they crucified him, he was buried in a tomb yet he lives today, his name is Jesus.



## 2023 First Holy Communion Sacramental Program

The registration for the Sacramental Program for

### First Holy Communion

is **now open**.

First Holy Communion is the second step in your child's sacramental journey.

The registration is open from 8 March to 20 April.

It is available to all children who have completed their Confirmation and are in Year 4 and above (9 years and older). The program runs throughout Term 2 of this school year.

This year the program of First Holy Communion is linked to the Sacramental Program of Reconciliation which will take place later this year.

Registering for First Holy Communion will automatically mean your child is enrolled into the First Reconciliation program as well. The cost of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be combined as a single payment.

The link for the online registration form is:

<https://scp.org.au/first-eucharist/2023-sacrament-of-first-holy-communion/>

or you can visit our webpage to access the form.

If you have any queries please contact  
Lisa Perkins on 5510 2222 ext 3 or  
Email: [sacramental@scp.org.au](mailto:sacramental@scp.org.au)

**STOPLINE receives information about suspected abuse,  
(information can be provided anonymously)  
misconduct & serious policy breaches by Archdiocesan clergy, employees or volunteers.**

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: aob@stopline.com.au**

**ONLINE: [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)**

**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

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**



### **JACK MCLAUGHLIN**

*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 whose names are recorded in the Books of Remembrance**

## **SOCIAL – ST. PATRICK’S DAY BUS TRIP**

### **Go raibh maith agat**

Yes, you would have to be Irish to say that mouthful which simply means **“Thank You”!** And that’s what forty-four (44) brave parishioners did last Friday on 17 March when they dressed themselves in green regalia to identify themselves as Irish to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

After some green jokes, our journey commenced from our Labrador church to St. Stephen’s Cathedral for Mass celebrated by our own Fr. Gerard. We did the second reading and Helen Morgan and Helen Shipman were Eucharistic Ministers. This was followed by a complimentary morning tea next door in the Francis Rush Centre. We then proceeded to the Western Rugby Football Club in Toowong for lunch and Irish entertainment organised by the Queensland Irish Association (QIA). At the club, they had booklets prepared for us to enjoy and join in the Sing-Along of Irish music as well as Irish pipers and dancers to ensure we truly appreciated their culture. On returning, everyone was happy and so appreciative for being part of the celebrations for this great Irish event.



Please come and join us at Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.04.2023 and on the 16.04.2023 for the Feast of Divine Mercy. The bus will be picking us up at 8.15 am on both days at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus fare is \$25.00 return. 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.

If You need further information, please contact Xavier on 0404 843 260.

## **NEW SCP ENVELOPES**

for the Plan Giving Program are available from the narthex of each church this weekend.



## **2023 Reconciliation**



Congratulations to the 32 children of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. Together we pray they will always discover the wonder and peace of God’s forgiveness and experience the loving presence of Jesus in this grace-filled sacrament.



We say **“Go raibh maith agat”** to QIA for being so wonderful and for looking after us so well. In particular, we pass on our special thanks to Joseph for his excellent organisation, involving our very own parishioners in the Mass and for the beautiful morning tea. On the home front, thanks go to Angels on Scarborough for donating our first prize in the raffle. In addition we salute Mike Morgan, Helen, Donna, Carol, Barry and so many others for their contributions, especially for making the raffle so successful. Finally, a big thanks goes to Cleopatra for taking our magnificent photos of the whole day.

**St Joseph the Worker Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Mass**

8.00am

**Weekday Masses**

Monday & Wednesday 7.00am

1st Wednesday 7.00pm

1st Saturday 9.00am

**Rosary**

Monday & Wednesday 6.00am

1st Wednesday 6.00pm

1st Saturday 8.30am

**Novena**

Wednesday 6.00pm

**Mary Immaculate Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

**Vietnamese Mass**

1st Sunday 2.00pm

**Adoration & Rosary**

Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

**Gold Coast University Hospital**

**Rosary & Mass**

Friday 10.00am

**Guardian Angels Church**

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

**Korean Mass**

Sunday 3.30pm

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**Filipino Mass**

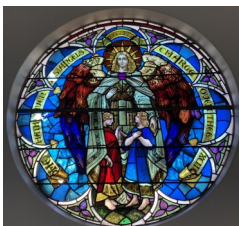
1st Sunday 12.00pm

**Prayer & Adoration**

Wednesday 12.00pm

**Rosary & Mass**

Friday 12.00pm



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Fr Gerard McMorrow PP