

There is a bakery-café not far from here called 'Pane Cucina' – 'Bread Kitchen' in Italian.

Think of the word 'companion' and you can see the 'pan' sandwiched in there: a 'companion' is a 'with bread' person – a bread-sharer – someone with whom you would be happy to 'break bread together'.

Two men are on the road to Emmaus, and find themselves joined by a traveller. He is anonymous but it is his deepest nature to be a *companion*, and they will come to know him precisely when they break bread together.

Their story is the story of each one of us at the Mass. In fact, each Mass is structured on, is a recapitulation of, the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

1. The two men should have stayed in Jerusalem in solidarity with the other dispirited disciples, but they set off on a frolic of their own.

At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course, sometimes very deliberately, more commonly just negligently. Our Lord walks alongside us, even when we find ourselves travelling in the wrong direction. At this stage Our Lord is a listener. He wants to hear about where we are. There should be no pretence, no contrived piety. He has all the time in the world to hear us out.

2. Then the traveller helped the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth. How? By showing how God's plan for human beings revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures related to the shocking trauma of the crucifixion of the 'prophet mighty in word and deed'. It was not the end of hope, but the prelude to glory.

Reflecting on this, the disciples said: 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us...?'

At this stage of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures expounded. They reveal more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth.

Every so often, perhaps not commonly, you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home, resonates with you, penetrates your soul.

Our Lord heard your story. You have heard his. You want more of Him to enter your story.

3. And so we come to the high point of companionship. The two disciples invite their anonymous fellow-traveller to share a meal. He agrees, but becomes *their* host! Around the table *they* become *his* guests!

He takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat.

And, in that moment of bread-sharing, of the deepest com-pan-ionship, the two men had their eyes opened and recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord.

It is in the breaking of the bread with his followers that the Risen Lord Jesus is most profoundly and truly present. This is the Real Presence. Our Risen Lord is the Bread of Life. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

And so, at every Mass we follow the pattern of today's gospel:

Telling the Lord where we are at on the journey of life, listening to scriptures to understand God's plan for humanity, preparing us: to gather at the Table of the Divine Companion, to gather at the Table where Host and Food are one, to gather at the Table where our eyes are opened and we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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Readings Fourth
Sunday of Easter
30 April 2023



2023 First Holy Communion
Sacramental Program

The registration for the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion has now closed.

Parent Information Meeting

Sunday, April @ 10.45am (after 9.30am Mass)
Monday 24 April @ 4.00pm
at Mary Immaculate Church - Ashmore

Rite of Enrolment

Saturday, 6 May @ 4.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate
Sunday, 7 May @ 9.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate
Sunday, 7 May @ 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Family Meeting

Saturday, 10 June @ 10.00 am to 12noon
or 1.00pm to 3.00pm
at Mary Immaculate Church - Ashmore

Practice

Wednesday 14 June @ 4.00pm

First Communion

Saturday, 17 June 4.30pm (1st Session)
Sunday, 18 June 9.30am (2nd Session)
both at Mary Immaculate Church

If you have any queries please contact
Lisa Perkins on 5510 2222 ext 3 or
email sacramental@scp.org.au



Join Catholic Mission online to honour
Mother Mary during the month of May
by praying the rosary.

Monday – Friday at 2.00pm—join Zoom meeting
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>

Meeting ID: **885 9061 9139**
Password: **855274**



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will recommence 30 April 2023,
It will run every Sunday during the school term at the
9.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church,
Thank you



Brisbane City Pops Orchestra

joined by our own School choirs

Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Sunday 23 July 2023 at 2.00pm
Please save the date



Caritas Australia would like to thank you
for supporting Project Compassion 2023.
If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of en-
velopes at home, please bring them back next week .
You can donate through Project Compassion donation
boxes/envelopes available from your parish,
by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion,
or by calling 1800 024 413.



Altar Linen—Mary Immaculate Church

We urgently require volunteers to wash and iron the
sacred linen. The more help we get, the lighter the load.

A roster will be made up, hopefully you will only be
required every six weeks.

Please contact Lisa at the Ashmore parish office
5510 2222 ext 3



Anzac Day
Tuesday 25 April
Mass will be celebrated
at the usual time of 9.00am
at Mary Immaculate Church

SPECIAL LITURGICAL DATES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 26 April	Saint Mark
Friday 28 April	Saint Peter Chanel
Saturday 29 April	Saint Catherine of Siena

STOPLINE

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

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New Envelopes

for the Planned Giving Program are
available from the **BACK** of each church.



Gold Coast Parishes 24 Hour Adoration
Tuesday 1.00pm to Wednesday 1.00pm
every week at Guardian Angels Church
99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Please consider spending an hour or two with our Lord
at this time or even as a casual visitor that can fill in for
others occasionally. Late hours and early morning vigil
keepers have secure access to the church as it is locked
for security from 6.00pm to 8.00am the next morning.

Contact yurikos@gmail.com



FAITHFULLY DEPARTED



Matthew Clunes
Ian Marshall
Ninnette (Judy) Oldsfield
Patrick Noonan



**Please pray for all whose names are
in the Book of Remembrance**

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE AND SICK

Each Church has one of each of the above books. If
you would like the name of deceased or sick family or
friends placed in the book, please contact the
Parish office.

ANNIVERSARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

We are happy to place the names of the above in the
Newsletter, provided the family has given approval.



There will be **no** Mass this Friday 28th April
at the **Gold Coast University Hospital**

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

will be held every 2nd Saturday at 10.15am
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador
Presider Fr Vince Hobbs
For more information please contact
Paul Porter 0451 131 989

Mass of Anointing

On the 1st Thursday of each month at
Mary Immaculate at 9.00am



Every Saturday our walking group meets at
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at 6.00am.
Contact Janeece on 0408 763 772

Angels Kitchen

If you wish to support Angels Kitchen and the great
work they do in feeding the homeless, you can
contribute by donating to the following
bank account details
BSB 064 786
Account 1000 2738 3

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

2nd & 4th Sunday 12.00pm

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

한인미사 일요일 오후 3시 30분

Filipino Mass

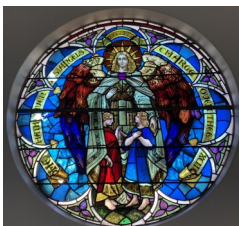
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm

Rosary & Mass

Friday 12.00pm



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