

**Third Sunday
Of Lent
Year A**

March 19, 2017



Every year the first two Sundays of our Lenten journey have the same themes. The gospel of the 1st Sunday is always about the temptations of Jesus. The 2nd Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect on the story of the Transfiguration (last Sunday's Gospel) The remaining three Sundays before the Palm Sunday in Cycle A are special. The gospel passages are taken from the Gospel of St John and they

develop three central themes of our experience of Jesus that are important for the catechumens – those adults who are preparing to be baptized this Easter.

*Jesus, the Living Water (Jn 4: the Samaritan woman) – **this Sunday***

*Jesus, the Light of the World (Jn 9: the man born blind) – **4th Sunday of Lent***

*Jesus, the New Life (Jn 11: raising of Lazarus) – **5th Sunday of Lent***

Today when the Liturgy moves from St Matthew's to St John's Gospel, the Church celebrates the *Rite of Scrutinies*, so in our parish community at Mary Immaculate Ashmore, **Enrique Sy, Melanie Kennedy, Natalie Chalmers, Kim McKenna, Hope-Maree Sharpin and Joanne Dacanay** are going to celebrate their first scrutiny this Lent. Please keep these people in your prayers and introduce yourself to them after the 8:30 am Mass.

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek baptism in the Catholic Church, or full communion with the Church, they do so by stages. First we accept them into the order of catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation we enrol them among the "elect", or those chosen for baptism. For us who are already baptized, the *scrutinies* invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter, we renew our baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. So, during Lent we renew our commitment to repent and follow the Gospel teaching as we see the candidates scrutinized. The *scrutinies* remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. I encourage you to listen carefully to the beautiful prayers of these *scrutinies*. Most of these prayers were used by the first Christians who would welcome new members to their family.

Fr Jan

**St. Joseph the Worker
Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

Sunday 7:00am

Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:00am

Wednesday 7:00am

**Gold Coast University
Hospital**

Weekday Mass

Friday 10:30am

**Guardian Angels'
Church**

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm

(The church is open
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays from
11:00am to 1:00pm.)

**Mary Immaculate
Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Sunday Masses

8:30am, 6:00pm

Korean Masses

Sunday 3:00pm

(Last Saturday of the month
at 6:00pm)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am

Thursday 5:30pm

**NO ADORATION ON
THE 1st THURSDAY IN APRIL**

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 19 Mar	Monday 20 Mar	Tuesday 21 Mar	Wednesday 22 Mar	Thursday 23 Mar	Friday 24 Mar	Saturday 25 Mar
3rd Sun in Lent	St Joseph	Feria	Feria	St Turibius	Feria	Annunciation of the Lord
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38						

A new set of the Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection at our three Churches. Those Parishioners who contribute to the 1st and 2nd collection through the envelopes can collect their envelopes which have been placed on tables at the back of our three churches. Thanks for your generous financial support that Southport parish receives every week. Through your contributions our Parish is able to provide its ministries to the people of the Gold Coast.

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

The 2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Thursday March 30, at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 5.30 pm** then after this celebration we are going to celebrate our Thursday evening Mass.

At Guardian Angels Church, Southport on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays **11am-1:00pm**, parishioners and visitors are welcomed to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Also, note that every Saturday afternoon at Guardian Angels Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from **4:30pm-5:30pm** as shown on the front page.

Project Compassion week 3 Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.

Choir has returned to its practices for Easter celebrations. Choir meets every **Monday 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm** at Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcome. Regulars: Please bring your Easter Music.

Stations of the Cross Every **Friday night at 7pm** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador.

Invitation - Lenten Program 2017 On 1 March, with Ash Wednesday, we began Lent. The Lenten program has a long tradition in our archdiocese and I am sure that this year again many parishioners will take part in this activity. If anyone would like to participate in the Lenten Program **please contact the Parish Office 5510 2222**. The cost of the Lenten booklet is \$8 while the DVD and CD sets are \$17.

Reminder - Hospital Visits The world we live in today is more and more regulated and controlled by laws and policies. While we might not like it, the environment produced by privacy laws tends to close doors to visiting people in hospitals and other institutions, including nursing homes and aged facilities.

In dealing with bureaucracy, correctly filling in forms can help. On hospital admission forms, there is a box in regard to religion. This box says that the person is **catholic** and wants a visit from the parish (either a priest or a minister of Holy Communion). When a person fills out the form marked in this way it is easier for us to get to the patient and offer him/her pastoral care and the Blessed Sacrament.

If you, your family or some of your friends go to hospital, please make sure that this “religious” box is filled in properly.

Southport Parish Playgroup is looking for volunteers to assist with morning tea preparation on a Thursday morning. We run from 9am till 10.30am each week in the Resource Centre next to the church and we are looking for some friendly helpers to serve tea and coffee, cut up fruit and help wash up. We are only a small group (10-15 mums) so there would be plenty of time for you to have a cuppa and a chat with our friendly mums and amazing children. Any commitment would be welcome. If you are interested please contact Kate Tyrrell on [0419 798 342](tel:0419798342) or [5667 9602](tel:56679602)

Final boarding call ! Join Fr Nev Yun from Indooroopilly Parish on a 2 week trip to Indonesia to visit Missionaries of the Poor in the town of Labuan Bajo, Flores. Traveling 24 April to 5 May 2017. Cost is approximately \$2,300 (greatly reduced if staying at the Monastery). Please contact Indooroopilly parish at indooroopilly@bne.catholic.net.au or on (07) 3371 7446

Marriage Preparation For parishioners who are going to marry in the coming months, please contact **Abas Supeli** in order to obtain the **Marriage Preparation Course**. Contact by phone on: **0450221088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

Euthanasia Paul Russell and Bill Muehlenberg Prominent interstate speakers present live
-An opportunity not to be missed
-Controversial and timely
-Includes book launch.

Cost: \$10 – with light meal

Where: Sacred Heart Hospitality Room

When: 6:30pm Sunday 2 April

RSVP: Fiona on 5578 1513 or 0457781513

Cherish Life – Gold Coast Branch – contact Fiona:
h 07 5578 1513 m 0457 781 513

Your Prayers Are Requested For Those In Need And Who Have Journeyed To The Father

Anniversaries: Jim Porter, Lloyd Williamson, Veronica Hurst, Mary Liddle

Recently Deceased: Peter Craig, Eileen Angeletti

Sick and in Need: Ray Balkin, Michael Skinner, Dulia Dumas, Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Jan Buttigieg, Matthew Byrne, Albert Chandler, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobo, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Ian Finlayson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Michael Jamrich, Freda Lyall, Maurie Mackenzie, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Irena Molloy, John Morgan, Robert Murtagh, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Lorraine Pledger, Yvonne See, Angela Sannen, Seraphina, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Fr Keith Turnbull, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting.

Sacramental

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

Reminder: The Sacrament of First Communion will be offered in **Term 2, 2017**. As per the new Archdiocese Sacramental program requirements the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is offered to those candidates who are baptised Catholics and who are at least 9 years of age in 2017 (School Year 4).

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Holy Communion will open on the Friday, March 24th, 2017 and close on Monday, May 1st, 2017. The online registration form is located at www.scp.org.au.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in **Term 3, 2017** and will be available to those candidates who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older.

Candidates for each of the sacraments must be baptised Catholic and at least one parent must be a baptised Catholic. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify should contact **Stephen Lunn** on **5510 2296**. The dates for the Sacramental programs will soon be available on the parish website <http://scp.org.au>. Registration for each of the Sacraments will be online and notices will be placed in the Parish bulletin when registrations are open.

Ministry - Children's Liturgy The dates for Children's Liturgy in **Term 1, 2017** are: **February 5, 12 and 26, March 5, 12, 26, 27 and April 2**. Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on **5510 2296** or email him at: StephenL@scp.or.au.

Baptismal Preparation Classes 2017 Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes are on **23rd March & 20th April at 7:00pm** in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore**.



St Joseph's feast 2017

This year, because of the Sunday precedence, the feast of St Joseph has been moved to Monday March 20. Mass on this day will be celebrated at **St Joseph's Church Labrador 7 am** (our usual weekday Mass).

St. Joseph, foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and true spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us

Parish Date Claimers

Holy Hour & Benediction NO HOLY HOUR IN APRIL

Bridge. Every Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners are most welcome.

Craft. Every Tuesday 9:30am to 11:30pm in the Annex of St. Joseph. Beginners welcome.

Morning Tea. On the first Sunday of each month at the "Annex" after 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker.

Rosary and Novena. At 6:00pm every Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker. On the first Wednesday of the month, they are followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

SCP Care and Concern Transport Service. This service is for elderly parishioners who require assistance and transport to medical, dental or optical appointments. Phone 0421507554.

Walking Group. Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at Main Beach Surf Club at 6:00am. The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring Janeece on 0408 763772 for further details.

3C- The Catholic Charismatic Community

All nationalities, all genders and all ages are welcome to our 2nd and 4th Sunday Prayer meeting held at Guardian Angels Church from 11:30-1:00PM, then a lunch is shared to complete the fellowship. We are not just a Prayer group- we are also a support group, an intercessory group and most of all a friend if you needed one. Just come as you are. Contact persons: Joey 0439952297 and Stephanie 0421562024

PROCESSIONAL HYMN**Praise To You, O Christ****Refrain:**

***Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

You are the Word who calls us
out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into
light;
You are the Word who brings us
through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R.**

You are the one whom prophets
hoped and longed for;
You are the one who speaks to us today;
You are the one who leads us to our
future:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R.**

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GIFTS PROCESSION**Return To God** (Instrumental only)**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** (ICEL)

When we eat this bread and drink this
cup we proclaim your death O Lord until
you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION**Come To the Water****Refrain**

***Come to the water, you who are
thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you
come
And be filled with the good-ness
I have to offer! Come lis-ten! Live!***

Why spend your money on what cannot
fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

Just as the heavens are high above
earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am
near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread,
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled! **R**
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Living Water**Refrain:**

***I will give you living water!
shade to rest under;
strength to your heart!
Grow deep within me filled by my
spirit
My burdens are easy,
My life it is yours!***

We have been with the lonely!
To the hungry we've given your bread
We now come with all our hopes and
dreams
To rest awhile with you! **R**

To the empty we've carried
Your Word of hope and of life.
Build us now beyond our hopes and
dreams
Till we live in you. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN**We Are Called**

***Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the
love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for
the kingdom, to live in the freedom
of the city of God! **R*****

Refrain:

***We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another;
To walk humbly with God!***

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the
hopeless,
So all hatred and blindness will be no
more! **R.**
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**The 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, 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.