

First Sunday of Lent Year B

SUNDAY February 22 2015

Thank You for your support.

No doubt that Southport Parish is a community that is alive, growing and diverse. Gathering on Sunday every week around the Eucharistic altar at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador, Guardian Angels, Southport and Mary Immaculate, Ashmore Southport Parish grows continually into the likeness of Christ. This continual growth offers us countless opportunities to serve not only the people of the Parish, but also the Archdiocese and beyond. In these twelve months I could see enormous energy and generosity of the Southport Parishioners. Without any doubt through your generosity, Southport Parish is able to grow and continue its mission here on the Gold Coast. Today at the beginning of my second year, with Fr Dom and Fr Houng, I say THANK YOU for all your support that helps us to serve more effectively in our ministry.

A few months ago the Parishioners of Southport were asked to renew their planned giving programme pledges. As we know on the foundation of this programme Southport Parish, like any parish, is able to carry out the pastoral ministry in the northern part of the Gold Coast. Our Parish collection baskets are being filled each week with credit cards, direct debit, envelopes and your cash, these provide financial resources that are used in different areas of the Parish life; from administrative management, administration of Sacraments, insurance fees to a simple purchasing of bread and wine for our daily and Sunday Eucharist.

The response to this renewal was outstanding and once again the Southport Parishioners confirmed their sense of ownership of the Parish. I am very thankful for your financial contributions that the Parish receives every week.

The first year of my ministry in Southport was a time of learning, however, at the same time a few new things in the area of pastoral/spiritual life have been introduced; Eucharist in the Hospital, monthly Holy Hour on the first Thursday of each month. Recently the Guardian Angels church has been opened from Tuesday to Friday, the weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on each Thursday of Lent and other little bits and pieces around the Sanctuary (wooden ambos, book stands etc), have been added to the Liturgical environment. In the future we need to look at some options to refresh some buildings of our Parish, especially Mary Immaculate Church. I am confident that with your assistance we will find some ways to invigorate and make our Church beautiful and more functional.

In the liturgy of the Word we have the Responsorial Psalm. As we know this part of the liturgy has verses and responses. Each response is a repetition of the same phrase. Today, when I ask you to renew your planned giving pledges, I would like to refer to this pattern of the responsorial psalm. Southport Parishioners have been asked for money in different times and circumstances (here we have different verses) **but their response is always the same, marked with generosity that comes from their big hearts**

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St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

7.00 am

8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday -7.00am

Wednesday-7.00am

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**Each Friday-10.30am
Mass at Gold Coast
University Hospital**

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St Southport

Saturday

6.00pm

Sunday Mass

7.00 am 10.00 am

Weekday Mass

Friday 12.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday - 4.30pm

The Church is open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10.30am to 1.30pm

A Priest will be in attendance for
Private Prayer, Pastoral needs.

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive Ashmore

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.00pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 5.30pm

Holy Hour. First Thursday
of the Month 4.15pm



Things to do for Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at 7.00pm

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, each Thursday during Lent from 11.30am to 1.30pm
Take advantage of this opportunity to pray and be present before the Lord in these days leading us to Easter.

Join a Lenten Study Group, contact Sister Elisabeth at the Parish Office 55 102 222

Telling the Lenten Scriptures with Joy

Lent began on Ash Wednesday. Are you prepared? Telling the Lenten Scriptures with joy! Is an opportunity to hear the Lenten Scriptures told with passion and joy by members of the Network of Biblical Storytellers. Next Tuesday, February 24, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at St Monica's Centre, 485 Golden Four Drive, Tugun. There will be time for prayer, ritual, reflection and discussion. Cost \$10. For more information phone or email Rina Wintour 0400 332 120 rwintour@internode.on.net

Home Visit by a Priest

Are you housebound and unable to get to Mass or any of our Lenten services? During this Lenten Season, if you would like one of our Priests to visit you at home for Reconciliation or Holy Communion, please ring the Parish Office, 55 102 222 with your Name and phone number and arrangements will be made for a Priest to visit you at home.

Rite of Enrolment of Name for RCIA

Today members of our RCIA and their sponsors will be travelling to the Cathedral to join all other members of the RCIA for the Enrolment of Names, where in the presence of the Archbishop, they will formally ask to be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil. This year we have eight people who will be taking part, seven of whom will be baptised. Please pray for them during the weeks of Lent as we prayerfully prepare for Easter. On Sunday March 1 they will formally ask the community of the Southport Parish to accept them into our community at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore.

Sacramental Preparation in Southport Parish

Last week 60 children and their families resumed their sacramental preparation for Confirmation and first reception of Eucharist.

Parishioners are encouraged to remember these families in prayer during the next three months.

All those families are reminded of our first "Come & See" afternoon on Saturday February 28 in the parish Resource Centre from 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Thanks to all members of the parish Sacramental Team who are assisting families. *Sister Helen* helenw@scp.org.au

The Little Black Book

The Little Black Book, with reflections for Lent and Easter is available from the Piety Stall at only \$4.

The World day of Prayer

The World day of Prayer for 2015 will be held on Friday, March 6 at St Peter's Anglican Church Southport at 9.30am. All Parishioners are invited to attend. The World Day of Prayer this year is written by The World Day of Prayer Committee from The Bahamas. The theme being Jesus said to them—"Do You Know What I have Done To You"

Vocation View: Lent: the springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with the Creator. Discover your calling.

PARISH SOCIAL FUNCTION

BAREFOOT

FAMILY BOWLS



Prize
Celebrate St Patricks
Day
Prize for best Irish Hat

WHERE : AT MUSGROVE HILL BOWLS CLUB

WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 8

START TIME : COMMENCE AT 12 NOON FOR 12.30 LUNCH

LUNCH:
AVAILABLE FOR \$15
INCLUDING SWEETS
AND BOWLS HIRE

PLAY TIME:
AT 1.30PM ITS ON TO
THE GREENS FOR
AN AFTERNOON OF
FUN

RAFFLE:
FOR EVERY BAR DRINK PURCHASED, RECEIVE A FREE
TICKET IN THE MEAT TRAY, DRAWN AT 4.00PM
RSVP : TO PARISH OFFICE BY THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26



Parish Bus trip. We haven't forgotten you!
The next Parish BUS TRIP will be Wednesday
March 18

to MURWILLMUBAH

To visit the Northern Rivers Art Gallery and
the Margaret Olley Studio
Lunch at Tyalgum Pub

Bus will leave St Joseph the Worker Church at 7.30am Pick
up Southport and leave Ashmore Plaza at 8.00am
Price \$50. Call Pat to book 55 395 849.

HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOX YET?



It is up to each one of us to help celebrate with the poorer nations of the world our shared desire to live a full life, free from the burden of poverty, enriched by fair and equal access to food and water, health care, shelter, education and justice. **You can help by taking a Project Compassion Box and fill it at home over Lent, or by taking an envelope pack and make weekly donations.**



Today we welcome into God's Family

Oliver James Hopf, son of Shane and Julie Hopf

Locke Edward Johnson, son of Grant Johnson and Corinne Lord

Hunter Lee Richardson son of Denis Richardson and Lucy O'Keefe

Alexander James Morgan, son of Trevor and Anna Morgan

Your Prayers are Requested for those who have journeyed to the Father.

Recently Deceased: Lawrence Grieve, Marie Murtagh.

Anniversary: John O'Neill, Tom Peters, Barry Galton, Feliciano Jaca, Norman Joseph Hodgetts.

All Parishioners and Friends who are sick and in Need: Pat Wehmeier, Rita Tessari, Trudi de Vries, Tim Howard, Gary O'Connell, Merv Pffifer, Juilio Ribeiro, Angela Taylor, Sophia Nueva (Fr Teri's Mother).

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.

This Week's Saints

Monday, February 23, St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Polycarp was a Greek bishop from Smyrna and an important second century figure in Christian theology. His *Letter to the Philippians* was a significant foundation of early Christian literature, establishing the role of Apostle Paul and referencing the existence of other texts of the Bible's New testament. Polycarp's dedication to religion ultimately led to his death. He was arrested and killed by the Romans for refusing to abandon Christianity.

Parish Playgroup

We are off to a great start for our third year running, with 22 families and their 0-5 year olds.

Grandparents are welcome too!

Preschool music sessions, craft, food and friendship.

The Parish Playgroup meets each Thursday 9.00am to 11.00am in the Parish Resource Centre, Ashmore.

They currently have room for two new families from the Parish or new to the Community.

Also seeking donation of a small wooden bookshelf for their library and cushions for the music sessions.

Call Theresa 0423 743 616. for enquiries.

Worth a Smile

I was reading in the paper today about this dwarf that got pick-pocketed.. How could anyone stoop so low.

A Caring Lady Moves On

Towards the end of January I received a letter from Sr Lis. In a few lines, Sr Lis outlined her plans regarding the chaplaincy ministry in the local hospitals. We all know about the wonderful care which, as a chaplain, Sr Lis provides at the Numinbah Correctional Centre. I am sure that the patients of the Gold Coast Hospitals will be blessed due to the enormous experience and sensitive care of Sr Lis. This "adventure" of working in two chaplaincies will require a lot of time. Being aware of the coming commitments Sr Lis has asked to be relieved from her Parish duties and I have agreed to her request. In her letter, Sr Lis mentioned also other commitments relating to her role in the Institute of the Loreto Sisters. As a member of the leadership team Sr Lis will be travelling often across Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Sr Lis will still be involved in the Parish life looking after the RCIA and the Merry Widows. We all admire Sr Lis' energy and adventurous spirit to take on board new challenges.

Southport Parish benefited enormously through the dedicated ministry of Sr Lis.

Personally I am very grateful for the work of Sr Lis who worked tirelessly in so many ministries of the Parish. To express our gratitude to Sr Lis for her work we will have a formal THANK YOU celebration on **Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Mary Immaculate at the 8.30am Mass.**

Father Jan

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2015

First Sunday of each month, Morning Tea at the "Annex" after 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church.

Bridge, every Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Rosary and Novena at 6.00pm every Wednesday, followed by Mass at 7.00pm on the First Wednesday of the month at St Joseph the Worker.

Catholic Women's League, Meeting Second Friday of each Month, 11.00am Guardian Angels Church, Meeting Room, followed by Mass and lunch.

Care and Concern, Meet Fourth Monday of each month, Mary Immaculate Meeting Room, 10.30am

Young Adults Group, Meet in the Parish Resource Centre every second Wednesday at 7.00pm

Friday, **March 6**, World Day of Prayer, St Peter's Southport. Sunday **March 8**, **Bare Foot Bowls**. 1st Parish Social event of the year.

Wednesday, **March 18**, Parish Bus Trip to Murwillumbah.

Sunday, **March 22**, Archbishops Pastoral Visit to the Parish Sunday, **April 5**, Easter Sunday.

Thursday, **June 4 2015**, Confirmation.

Sunday, **June 7 2015**, First Eucharist

Secular Franciscan Meeting

Francis' Challenge

Francis with a Brother Friar went to preach in the Piazza Commune a central gathering place in Assisi. After moving among the town folk with a simple sincere greeting of Peace, Francis turned to return to their simple dwelling. His puzzled companion remarked, "But we have not preached the word of God." Francis replied, "Preach the Gospel always, when necessary use words." Could this be our Lenten resolution, the way to preach the love and compassion of our Saviour?

Next Fraternity Meeting, Wednesday February 25,

12.30 to 3.30pm. Infant Saviour Church, Park Avenue,

Burleigh Heads. All welcome

Sister Clara Condon

Kitchen in Mary Immaculate Meeting Room

No food of any kind is to be left in the Kitchen at Mary Immaculate, at any time. Those individuals and groups using the kitchen must remove any food left over. The kitchen is to be left clean and tidy after use.

HYMNS

Chords: D A Bm Em7 A D A Dsus2 D

Your ways, O Lord, are love _____ and truth to those who keep _____ your cov - e - nant.

BEYOND THE DAYS

Refrain:

***Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
We see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst
for guidance to walk with you day
by day.
To walk with you day by day.***

Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice. **R**

Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
To the yearnings of our hearts. **R**

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain:

***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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to you Lord., in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (to be said)

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.**
No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that come from the mouth of God.
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GIFTS PROCESSION

UBI CARITAS (J Berthier)

Ubi caritas et amor.
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est
Living charity and steadfast love.
Living charity shows the heart of God.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup, we proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Shalom)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: Grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

HOSEA

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart
Trees do bend,
'though straight and tall;
So must we to others' call.

Refrain:

***Long have I waited for your coming
home to me
And living deeply our new life.***

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know. **R**
You shall sleep secure with peace;
Faithfulness will be your joy. **R**

RETURN TO GOD

Refrain

***Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.***

Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God. **R**

I will take your heart of stone and place a
heart within you
A heart of compassion and love. **R**

If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the prisoner free;
If you share your bread with the,
Hungry give protection to the lost;
Give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth
like the dawn. **R**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn.
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn.
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you.
If we learn to live your story
We may die to rise anew.
We may die to rise anew.

From the dawning of creation,
You have loved us as your own;
Stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone

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THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR

NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans:8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10