

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th December, 2017

CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 18th of Dec. St Joseph Labrador **7:00am**

Tuesday 19th of Dec. Mary Immaculate Ashmore **9:00am**

CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMES

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

Mary Immaculate Ashmore **6:00pm**

Guardian Angels Southport **6:00pm & 12 Midnight**

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

Mary Immaculate Ashmore **8:30am**

Guardian Angels Southport **7:00am & 10:00am**

St. Joseph the Worker Labrador **7:00am & 8:30am**

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass (in Korean Language) at Guardian Angels Southport **5:00pm**

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER (ST. STEPHEN FEAST)

St. Joseph the Worker Labrador **9:00am**

MASSES ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WHICH FALLS THIS YEAR ON THE 24TH OF DECEMBER 2017

WILL BE CELEBRATED AS PER SUNDAY MASSES (LISTED BELOW IN THREE BOXES)

*With the exception of the 6pm Mass at Mary Immaculate which will be
for the Christmas Eve Mass.*

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**

Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church
99 Scarborough St., Southport

Saturday Masses - 6:00pm

Sunday Masses

7:00 & 10:00am

Mass in Korean

Sunday 5:00pm

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive,
Ashmore

Sunday Masses

8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

**NO Holy Hour
for the Month of
December**

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**8 days till
Christmas!**



Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 17 Dec	Monday 18 Dec	Tuesday 19 Dec	Wednesday 20 Dec	Thursday 21 Dec	Friday 22 Dec	Saturday 23 Dec
3rd Sunday of Advent	Feria	Feria	Feria	St Peter Canisius	Feria	St John of Kanty

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16, — Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Parish BBQ Christmas Celebration - Last Friday on the feast of the



Immaculate Conception, 8th of December, many Parishioners came to celebrate this feast with our Christmas BBQ. Parishioners, their families and friends from our three churches came to have a sausage sizzle with a glass of wine or a bottle of beer.

For me, this gathering was a great way to thank Our Lady and God for his blessings that we received during the past twelve months. Most of the time God works through people and indeed in the days leading up to our BBQ I could see how God was working through our parishioners, especially those in our Social Committee.

Special "Thank You" goes to Eddie Demarco, the president of the Social Committee. Eddie stood down as the president of the Social Committee to give more time to his family and grandchildren. We thank Eddie for his seven years in this job and wish him all the best.

I thank our musicians and singers (Sharon and Mick) who led us with their assistance with the Christmas Carols. We had a good warm up to sing carols at Christmas Season.

Also special thanks to the BBQ cooks and chefs who prepared delicious food for us. Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to all that were involved in preparing this great night that was filled with prayer, joy, good food, lots of laughter and singing. May you all be blessed for the last week of Advent.

Fr Jan

Hello everyone! My name is Gerard Lai, I'm a first-year seminarian and am really excited to be spending my Advent placement here at Southport Parish with you all. I am 24 years old, I have two sisters and went to school in Brisbane. My favourite sports are soccer, badminton and ultimate frisbee.



Prior to the seminary I worked as a missionary with NET Ministries (National Evangelisation Teams), where I was stationed in Melbourne for a year and then Townsville for another, running retreats and Religion classes for schools and parishes before undertaking a Bachelor of Science majoring in Biology at QUT, which I completed in 2016.

My passion is encouraging young people to grow in confidence and realise their potential. During my placement, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of the variety of priestly ministry between churches as I follow Fr Jan and Fr Van Huong around.

May you all have a blessed Advent season as we continue to 'make straight a way for the Lord' and smooth over the bumpy roads of our hearts in preparation for the coming of the infant Jesus who offers us true peace and makes all things new.

"Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families...

Pray for Vocations

...Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifices".



On Wednesday the 13th of December, Bishop John Gerry DD, Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane passed from this life to his eternal reward. Bishop John died peacefully in Holy Spirit Hospital after a short illness. We have been richly blessed by his 67 years of priesthood and 42 years as a Bishop. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Funeral Vigil Liturgy will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 20 Dec.**, at St Brigid's Church, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.

A Solemn Funeral mass will be held a **11am on Thursday 21 December** at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room. **There will be no parking available in the precinct on the day.**

Rite of Committal will follow at 2:30pm at Nudgee Cemetery, 493 St. Vincents Road, Nudgee.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Bishop John's family and friends and to the many to whom he ministered so well for so long.



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

Recently Deceased: Peter Star, Luisa Scarmana, Dulia Dumas, May Wockner, Bishop John Gerry DD

Anniversary: Nathan Westwood, Herbert Newlyn, Bill O'Doherty, Howard Stewart, Diane & Roy Bevan, Iuminada Ubaldo

Sick and in Need: Theresa Birmingham, Carmen Buttigieg, Patricia Fisher, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Skinner, Lucio Dumas, Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Jan Buttigieg, Matthew Byrne, Albert Chandler, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Alison, Harry Hunter, Victor Williams, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner,

*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.

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - will commence in Term 1, 2018. As per the Archdiocese Sacramental program requirements, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on offer to those candidates who are Baptised Catholic and who are at least 10 years of age in 2018 (School Year 5). **Candidate registration will open on Friday, 12th of January 2018 and close on Monday, 5th of February 2018.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic.** Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

Children's Liturgy - Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Tuesday, 8th January 2018 at 10:30am** in the **Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.**

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: **0450 221 088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections (Diary) - we have Three (3) books left, you can purchase them from the parish office \$10 each.

Rosters Ministers who do not have an email address please collect your rosters for January, February, & March 2018 on the table at the back of the church, that you attend.

An Advent Calendar is available at the back of the churches. This calendar prepared by Evangelisation Brisbane, can be a useful resource for families. In preparation for the coming Christmas. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation of preparation, of longing. It is a time of hope. Parishioners, can download and print your own copies from the Family Resources section of the Evangelisation Brisbane Online <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/product-category/family/>

Youth Section

What a great start to the "Year of Youth" with many of the Gold Coast youth and leaders attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney last week. Over 15,000 young attendees filled the two days of talks, pilgrimages and night rallies - it was truly a spectacular sight of hope as the Holy Spirit moved through each person to witness Christ and unite us together in His love. It was the biggest gathering of Catholic young people in Australia since WYD in 2008. The church is alive, hallelujah!

Planning ahead into 2018 - Our first event of the year!

Where: Marian Valley Day Trip

When: Saturday, 20th January (Save the date)

Who: All Youth, Young Adults and parents welcome

What: Games, deepening faith and a great time!

Feel free to text Catherine on 0466 512 811 for more details or subscribe to the mailing list at southport@venireyouth.com

Did you know?! - Did you know that the word 'Cappuccino', comes from the Latin word, Caputium meaning little hood because it resembled the colour and shape of a small hooded Capuchin friar! Thank the church when you drink your cuppa today!

Young Adults Christmas Party - Saturday, 23rd of Dec. (Share Lunch) for more information **contact Juan 0406 705 349.**

Christmas Eve Mass at Mary Immaculate Sunday, 24th December at 6pm. The Children of our parish are invited to come along to this Mass being dressed as Shepherds and Angels. In this way, we will bring the Christmas Story closer to our visitors and parishioners who are going to celebrate this Mass on Christmas Eve at Mary Immaculate.





RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Your light will come Jerusalem

Refrain:

Your light will come, Jerusalem; for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord, and all nations will walk in your light, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is the light of the world,
A light dispelling the darkness.
May we, his body reflect that holy light.
R

His light is mercy and peace,
A peace surpassing all telling.
May we, his body, be instruments of peace. **R**
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PENITENTIAL ACT

People:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault
through my most grievous fault,
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-
Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest:

May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us
to everlasting life Amen.

Priest: **Lord have mercy**

People: **Lord have mercy**

Priest: **Christ have mercy**

People: **Christ have mercy**

Priest: **Lord have mercy**

People: **Lord have mercy**

GIFTS PROCESSION

Wait For The Lord

Refrain:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

There is a longing

Refrain:

***There is a longing in our hearts,
O Lord, for you to reveal your self to us.
There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in you, our God.***

For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life:
Hear our prayer
In sickness, in death:
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait:
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**
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We Remember

Refrain:

***We remember how you loved us to
your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are
with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we
believe.***

Here, a million wounded souls are
yearning
Just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to
your heart. **R**

Now we recreate your love,
We bring the bread and wine
to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
The Presence of the Lord. **R**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from
all fear. **R**

See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry
person standing by your side,
Gift to one another, and temples of your
love. **R**
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RECESSIONAL

My Soul is Joyful

My soul is joyful, my spirit is glad!
Your God is my savior! He is my Lord!
Deep is his mercy, gentle are his ways!
He has filled me with gladness all my days!

I am his servant; he is truly my God!
I will serve him forever; strong in his love!
From this day onward all people will see,
God has fashioned his handmaid; God lives
in me!

Holy is his name! Mercy given to all.
Sure and simple his wisdom! Proud hearts
will fall.
Good news for children! Food for all who
need.
Strength and life in the Spirit given to me!
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