



Reflection on the season of Lent as a kaleidoscope - varied, beautiful forms and patterns.

Springtime of the liturgical year, Lent derives its name from an old English word Lenten, meaning, "spring season." It is ushered in by a conditioning period of three weeks, called Pre-Lent, during which we should become aware of our sinfulness and the need of doing something about it.

Lent itself, a season of forty days excluding Sundays, has two distinct phases: Lent, properly speaking, lasting from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Palm Sunday; and Passiontide, the week beginning with Palm Sunday and reaching to the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the night of the following Saturday. The first five weeks lead us on a road of penance and renew our baptismal integrity; the final week, Holy Week, is dedicated to the memory of our Saviour's sufferings. Within this last week of holy Lent falls the sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, the Christian Passover unto the mystery of the Resurrection.

You may wonder about Ash Wednesday. It begins the fast of Lent so that the total number of days adds up to forty.

Lent, prelude to the sublimest of seasons, Easter, has magnificent scores, moving drama in its Paschal mystery, and a central figure and chief actor, our hero, Christ himself. Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., reminds us:

"Even those that do not follow him, look wistfully after him, own him as a hero, and wish they dared follow his call. Children as soon as they can understand ought to be told about him, that they may make him the Hero of their young hearts. It is the first lesson that little ones should learn at the father's or mother's mouth."

The celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, whereby the human race was redeemed from sin, is the Christian Passover. "Christ is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world, who by dying has overcome death and by rising again has restored our life" (Preface of the Easter Mass).

Elsewhere on our religious kaleidoscope, we see Lent as a worldwide retreat, yours and mine, a time for drastic spiritual renewal. Christ is our Retreat-Master. He speaks to us each day in the Lenten Masses. We must find time to stop and listen. There is no substitute for this.

In the diadem of the liturgy Lent is a precious stone, its colour deep and intense, its facets vivid. Insensitive to spiritual values, we may find Lent a steep, hard pull; but if the climb continues, Holy Thursday suddenly unveils the golden summit. Despite the darkness of Calvary, the splendour and light of glorious Easter already shines forth. Christ is in our midst — lovingly.

Lent nevertheless has woven into its penitential fabric golden threads of joyous hope. Again and again, in the season's purple, we may see the gleam of gold. It should remind our children and us that death to self-means transfigured lives in the light of Easter resurrection.

Leeanne

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
7:00am & 10:00am

Mass in Korean
Sunday 5:00pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30pm to 5:15pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive,
Ashmore

Sunday Masses
8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

1st Thursday of the Month
Holy Hour 4:15pm

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 18 Feb	Monday 19 Feb	Tuesday 20 Feb	Wednesday 21 Feb	Thursday 22 Feb	Friday 23 Feb	Saturday 24 Feb
1st Sunday of Lent	Feria	Feria	St Peter Damian	Chair of St Peter the Apostle	St Polycarp	Feria
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13,15-18 - Romans 8:31-34 - Mark 9: 2-10						

An important meeting for Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans who minister at Guardian Angels. **Please attend this one-off meeting on Saturday, 24th February at 9.30am at Guardian Angels Church.** Thank you in advance Fr Jan.



The **2017/2018 RCIA** journey has reached the final stage in preparing our Catechumens and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments. This Sunday, 18th February, the Rite of Election will be celebrated for the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates in Brisbane at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 3:00pm. In our Parish, we have four people who are going to participate in this Liturgy: **Jazz Yue Yi,**

Susan Pulford, Fiona McLean and Rosealie Rossiter. Please keep these people in your prayers and when the rites of scrutinies begin on the third Sunday of Lent introduce yourself to them after the 8:30am Mass at Mary Immaculate. I would like to say thank you to our Catechists who have facilitated the RCIA meetings: Helen Naug, Judy McMonagle and Br Peter Heany. Many thanks go to the sponsors who shared the RCIA journey with our Catechumens and Candidates.

Spirituality Network Gathering You are invited to the first Spirituality Network Gathering for 2018 to be held on **Thursday, 22nd February** at the Ecovillage Old Dairy Hall, 639 Currumbin Creek Rd, Currumbin Valley. 10:00am – 12:00pm.

This time together will have a Lenten/ Mission theme with guest speakers, Burleigh parishioners, Sue and Bren Milsom. Burleigh Parish support St Teresinha's Parish in Timor Leste. Sue and Bren will share their own first hand experiences of this wonderful project.

The session will commence and end with Lenten prayer, song and reflection. There is no cost for this session, but any donations to the Timor Leste project are welcome and items from the Ossu Craft workshop will be for sale. For more information Phone Rina on 0400 332 120.

Footprints of Jesus Pilgrimage May 2018 The 16-day pilgrimage departing on **16th of May, 2018**, features Petra, Mt. Nebo, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi, for an all-inclusive New Year offer of \$5,490. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500. This offer ends on 31st of January, 2018. For further details or any queries please feel free to call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Annual St Patrick Day Trip We've covered a lot of Territory in our 15 years of Tripping. As it's getting nearer to Games Time we are going to avoid the highways and go up to Springbrook and the Purlingbrook Falls for morning tea. After more touring, we'll go to the Canungra Hotel for Lunch. Usual pick up points — The Manor 8:00am, Ashmore Plaza 8:15am at St Joseph's 8:30am. Please contact Pat on 55 395 849 for bookings and collect Tickets at your designated church \$50.

Altar Servers Training Children who have made their First Holy Communion are reminded that having now received the sacraments of Christian initiation they are invited to take a more active role in our parish. One way of being involved in the Parish ministry is to become an Altar Server. If children would like to participate in this ministry, they are most welcome to attend one of the training sessions that will be held on Saturday the 3rd of March at 11am or a week later, Saturday the 10th of March at 2pm. Both sessions will be held at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore. For more information, please contact the Parish Office by phone at 5510 2222 or by email at info@scp.org.au.

Rosters for all ministers are being prepared for April, May, June. Please email or call the office to let us know of any changes.

Choir is back for Lent, practice starting 19th of February at 6:30pm Mary Immaculate Church. We have also been invited to perform 3 Hymns at the combined churches Easter Outreach Traditional Blessing on Easter Sunday at 4:30pm. Practice for this will be included in the normal Choir practice times. All are welcome!

The Divine Mercy Retreat will be held on **Saturday, 10th and Sunday, 11th March at 'Marian Valley'** Our Lady Help of Christians Shrine, 2541 Beechmont Road, Witheren. For more Enquiries please contact Andre on 0467 042 961 or for Registration Email to: jmjtlove777@gmail.com

Retreat 'In Friendship with Jesus'. Prepare for your Lenten/Easter journey by choosing to come to know Jesus as a friend in every moment of your life, for the rest of your life. A guided retreat held over four weeks from **Monday, 26th February to 26th March** including prayer in daily life and weekly gathering to share your experience in spiritual conversation. Gathering Times: Mondays, 9.30am to 11.30am; Location: Mary Immaculate Church Meeting Room; Facilitators: Lynne Head-Weir and Chris Kennedy (Spiritual Directors accredited by Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality); Cost: By way of a suggested donation of \$50. Register: Lynne 0409 198 545 or Chris 0412 270 828.

The World Day of Prayer service will be held in Mary Immaculate Church on **Friday, 2nd March at 9:30am**. The theme is "All God's creation is very good." The service has been prepared by the Suriname World Day of Prayer Committee. Morning Tea will be served after the service. All parishioners are invited to attend.

The Timor Leste Immersion 2018 will be held on the 14th - 25th of May 2018, Expressions of Interest. Burleigh Heads Parish and Catholic Mission offer an opportunity to join an immersion to Timor Leste. The number of participants will be limited to 12. The itinerary has been developed by Catholic Mission in collaboration with local hosts and partners. The immersion experience is an opportunity for you to experience a different culture and witness the day to day life style of the local people. Enquiries: Sue & Bren

HOLY HOUR FOR THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

**1st of March 2018
From 4:15pm to 5:15pm
At Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore**

Today We Welcome Into God's Family



Charlie Hugo Cameron son of Stuart Cameron & Tegan Franks
Massimo James Canale son of Ramon & Nikki Canale
Elsie Mae O'Brien daughter of Carey & Danielle O'Brien

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John O'Neill, Barry Heywood

Sick and in Need: Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Melton Rounds, Rebecca Siganto, Letwina Malinga, Judy West, Theresa Burmingham, 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, Harry Hunter, Victor Williams, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner, Semeon Illescas, Bruce Todd, Alma Spurdle

*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 2018

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS IN 2018

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is now closed. The next one will be in 2019.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2018 - The First Holy Communion Mass will be held at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on **Sunday, 3rd June 2018. On this day there will be an additional Mass at 11am.**

This programme is for the children who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017.**

The registration for the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion will be in Term 2, 16th of March 2018 and will close on Friday, the 20th of April. Registration forms must be returned or emailed back before the 20th of April (for a Registration Form, please email MariaB@scp.org.au or the forms can be collected at the Parish Office- Ashmore.

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.

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **27th of February 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](mailto: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.

Next Faith Talk - At Guardian Angels this month will be on **Tuesday, 27th of February at 6pm.**

The Children's Liturgy will be held at Mary Immaculate Church every Sunday at 8:30am Mass in Term 2 (22nd April, 29th April, 6th May, 13th of May, 20th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June and 24th June 2018).

Each of us has a God Given Gift. The Children's Liturgy of the Word would love for you to share that gift. If your gift is reading with expression, please consider volunteering. If your gift is encouraging children to express their thoughts, please consider volunteering. If your gift is welcoming people and encouraging participation, please consider volunteering.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program caters for two groups starting from toddler up to 4 years old, and the other is from 5 years to 10 years of age.

All Children's Liturgy of the Word volunteers are acting in the name of and representing the church. Therefore, all volunteers must participate in the Safeguarding Children program and obtain the necessary clearances.

If you would like or know someone that would like to help, as a volunteer with The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program, and for more information, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2296 (every Wednesday or Friday) or email MariaB@scp.org.au

Youth Section

Our next Youth Group will be Sunday, 25th February followed by a Youth Mass at Mary Immaculate 6pm. Youth Music Ministry for the mass will begin rehearsals in the coming weeks- please contact Catherine on 0466 512 811.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT! Every couple of months all of our youth groups come together for a massive night rally of epic games, inspirational guest speaker, and praise and worship lead by our local band. Surfers Paradise Parish is hosting the next Fuse, and we are so excited to make new friends and pray with one another. Open to all youth and young adults, join us **on Friday the 16th of March. 6:30-9:30pm at Casey Hall.** For more info or to RSVP contact hello@venireyouth.com

Guardian Angels Church Re-opens

Every Wednesday, commencing on the 21st of February from 12noon till 1pm.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your Ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Grant To Us O, Lord

Refrain:

Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed;

Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Behold, the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
When I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel. **R**

Deep within their being I will
implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts. **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

From Ashes to the living font

From ashes to the living font
Your church must journey, Lord
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity,
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth
And turning us from sin.

From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way to see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

We proclaim your death O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.

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**
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Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild.
Forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled

Let us your endurance share
And from earthly greed abstain,
with you, watching unto prayer
with you, strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint for fail.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
At th'eternal Eastertide.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safe-ty,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign
lands, and all will understand,
you shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

***Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
come follow Me,
and I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you, through it all. **R**

EASTER CEREMONIES LOCATIONS

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

St Joseph The Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00pm - Mary Immaculate

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross

9:00am - St Joseph The Worker
10:00am - Guardian Angels
10:30am - Mary Immaculate

Passion of the Lord

3:00pm - Mary Immaculate - Ashmore

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil

5:30pm - Mary Immaculate

NO 6PM VIGIL AT SOUTHPORT

EASTER SUNDAY

Mary Immaculate - Ashmore

8:30am & 6:00pm

St Joseph The Worker - Labrador

7:00am & 8:30am

Guardian Angels - Southport

7:00am & 10:00am

Mass in Korean

5:00pm