

## Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th November, 2017



We are very close to the end of the Church Liturgical Year. The liturgy asks us to have a personal examination of what we have done during the year for God and our neighbour.

The Gospel reading (Mt 25:14-30) is the parable of the talents.

Three people have been given large amounts of money to use while their employer is away. Two of them who got the bigger amounts, doubled their original capital. The master was very pleased. The third one should have worked hard, but he hid his money in the ground. He was over-cautious. So it stayed the same, earning nothing.

It is an image of a Christian's daily activity and our contributions to God's Kingdom.

Each one of us has been given gifts, abilities, opportunities to serve the Lord and build the Kingdom on earth. Jesus spoke clearly on this: *'Not everyone who says to me: 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who keeps doing the will of my Father in Heaven will enter.'* (Mt 7:21)

Many people see their faith as the fulfilling of obligation for saving their soul. But the only way we pleased our Master is to join with Him in a life of love and service to others. St Paul reminds us: *'the gifts we receive are not for ourselves, but for building up communities of love and justice'* (1 Cor 12:4-11)

You may know the story of The Little Drummer Boy. He was poor and was summoned by the Magi to the Nativity. There, without a gift for the Infant Jesus, he plays his drum. From this, he recalled: *'I played my best for Him'* and *'He smiled at me'*.

The smallest contribution we do to serve others is accepted by the Lord. On the last day, God will smile at us and say: *'You are a faithful servant; You have done My will; you have used well, all the gifts I entrusted to you, and you have made My image in you clearly seen. Come and share Your Master's joy'* (Mt 25:31-46)

Fr Van Huong

### Masses for the deceased loved ones and parishioners

Just like the previous year's parishioners can offer Masses for their relatives, friends and other deceased parishioners by writing their names on the provided the yellow envelopes which have been placed at the back of our three Churches. A special Remembrance Mass will be celebrated for our loved ones on **Thursday, 23rd Nov., 5:30pm at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.**

#### **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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## Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 19 Nov	Monday 20 Nov	Tuesday 21 Nov	Wednesday 22 Nov	Thursday 23 Nov	Friday 24 Nov	Saturday 25 Nov
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feria	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Cecilia	St Columban St Clement	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	St Catherine of Alex- andria
<b>Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Matthew 25:31 -46</b>						



### ~Graduation Prayers~

*Heavenly Father,*

*Surround those who are graduating with your grace.  
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future  
with eager and open hearts.*

*Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained  
through their education to use for the good of all humankind.*

*May you grant them wisdom to make wise decisions  
according to your will.*

*Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life,  
even when faced with challenges and difficulties.  
May the road before them be paved with joyous  
opportunities that bring honour and glory to you.*

*All of this we ask in the name of Jesus,  
your beloved son.  
Amen.*

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is the title of our church at Ashmore,** celebrates the solemn belief in the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is universally celebrated on 8th December. This year on this feast, there will be Mass on **Friday, 8th December at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 5:30pm**. The Mass will be followed by a Parish Christmas BBQ. To facilitate planning for this gathering the Social Committee requires many hands to carry the load. Tasks that you may be drawn to are pre event (ordering, collecting and preparing food and drink, and set up); at the event (hosting, cooking at the BBQ, serving food and drink); post event (clean-up and stack furniture). To enable this event to occur, email Eddie DeMarco [marganded70@gmail.com](mailto:marganded70@gmail.com) or email John Wintour - [winlock1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:winlock1@optusnet.com.au) to let them know of your forte.

**Youth Group on Sunday, 26th November, 4pm-6pm** at Mary Immaculate Church at Ashmore, Meeting Room, for High school students. Topics discussed would be Mary and the Saint. Mass at 6pm. For more information please contact and RSVP to Catherine on 0466 512 811.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage April 2018** the 14 days pilgrimage to Holy Land is led by **Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI** departing on the **8th April 2018**. Featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem for an **all inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,190**. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500. **This offer ends on 15th of Dec. 2017. For further details please contact Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246.**

**Break Open the Word, Daily Mass Book & Ordo**, all ministers who have not collected their books please come and collect them at the Southport Parish Office.

**On 1st Sunday of Advent December 3rd** there will be a Peter's Pence Collection (**retiring collection in our Parish**). This collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholics throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

- What we hope to collect on that day will allow the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

**Advent Placement for 2017, Gerard Lai**, a seminarian from the Banyo Seminary will spend four weeks during Advent in our parish. The advent placement is designed to develop a stronger sense of belonging to our Archdiocese. Each year students are placed in different parishes, eg: City or Country to experience parish life and engage in the pastoral work of the parish to establish a professional relationship with a priest who will be a peer in future years. Lets welcome Gerard when he comes to our Parish on the first Sunday of Advent.

**Brisbane Sings "MESSIAH"** Thrill to the exciting sound of Handel's inspirational oratorio "Messiah" performed by The Queensland Choir's 150 voice BSM Chorus, soloists and fabulous orchestra. **On Sunday, 3rd December at 2:45pm**, Brisbane City Hall. Tickets - \$55 A Reserve (Conc \$50), \$50 B Reserve (Conc \$45) and \$15 Student & Children. Available from 4MBS Ticketing, Call 3847 1717 or online at [www.4mbs.com.au](http://www.4mbs.com.au)

**Capuchin Franciscan Friars "Vocation Weekend"** Our annual vocation retreat will be held at St Joseph's Retreat centre at Marian Valley Shrine. It's for young men (18-35yrs) to come away and reflect on these most, important questions: "Lord, what are you asking of me? How are you calling me to give?" It's a fantastic opportunity to pray and reflect on the possibility that God may be calling them to the vocation of the priesthood &/or religious life. Cost is only \$30. **Begins 7:30pm Friday, 24th November. Concludes 3pm Sunday 26th November. At Marian Valley Retreat Centre, 2541 Beechmont Road**, 10km from Canungra in Gold Coast Hinterland. For more information please contact Fr Thomas on 0432 362 052, [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or <http://capuchinfriars.org.au>

**The Loft Student Accommodation** - only few rooms left for 2018 intake. Affordable accommodation for tertiary students and apprentices in Brisbane. Current tenants attend QUT, UQ, CU and TAFE in Brisbane. Must book by 20th November. For further details pls contact 0468 515 130, (07) 3359 0239 or email: [theloftsa38@yahoo.com](mailto:theloftsa38@yahoo.com). [www.theloftsa.com.au](http://www.theloftsa.com.au) (Address: 38 Ferguson Road, Wavell Heights, QLD 3012)

**Christmas Puddings for Sale** please call Pat on 0404 805 819 to place your orders for Father Mac's Christmas Puddings.

**God's word** - has arrived for those who have ordered them please come and collect them at the office. Cost \$10each.



## Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Isla Grace Murray daughter of Zane & Lisa Murray

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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret McGinness, Stephen Walsh, Clive Edwards, Frances May Moore, Maurice O'Carroll

**Anniversary:** Elizabeth Di Leo, Donald Atkinson

**Sick and in Need:** Patricia Fisher, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, Jean Smith, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Skinner, Dulia & 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, Freda Lyall, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, 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

**Children's Liturgy** - Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on email at: [StephenL@scp.org.au](mailto:StephenL@scp.org.au)

The dates for Term 4 are: 26th November, 3rd December

**Baptismal Preparation Classes** - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Thursday, 30th of November at 7pm** 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](mailto:asupeli@gmail.com) as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

**Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day** - All primary school aged children from the Southport Catholic Parish are invited to Advent Adventures to be held during the school holidays on **Tuesday, 12th of December from 9am to 3pm at the Resource Centre, Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore**. The day will be full of fun activities with craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games. All activities are based on stories from the Advent season. Places are strictly limited to a maximum of 60 children. Please contact Stephen Lunn for a registration form at: [StephenL@scp.org.au](mailto:StephenL@scp.org.au).

We will also need high school students and at least 6 adults to assist with the day's activities. If you can assist, even for part of the day, please contact Stephen Lunn.

#### **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.

### Parish Date Claimers

**Holy Hour** - No Holy Hour for the month of December.

**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 11:30am in the Annex of St. Joseph. Beginners welcome. The next year's Craft Class will commence on the 13th of February 2018.

**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.**

**Walking Group** - Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Car Park, Marine Parade, at 6:30am. The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring Janeece on 0408 763 772 for further details.

**Care & Concern** - volunteers are willing and available to provide transport for our elderly parishioners who have no family to assist them in getting transport to their medical, optical or dental appointments. Please call on 0421 507 554.

**Readers** - We are appealing for readers for the 6pm Saturday Mass at Guardian Angels Church. Please call the Parish office (5510 2222) if you are able to help out in this important ministry.

**Rosters** - We have prepared the rosters for **January, February & March 2018.** last date for any changes **Monday 20th November.** please contact the Office (5510 2222).

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### All People that on Earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,  
singing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with love, his praise forth tell,  
come now before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord, is God indeed,  
without our aid he did us make;  
We are his flock, he does us feed,  
and for his sheep he does us take.  
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### Glory to God in the highest,

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.  
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.  
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. Amen, Amen.

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### Christ Be beside me

Christ be beside me,  
Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me  
King of my heart;  
Christ be within me,  
Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me  
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me  
shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising  
light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts,  
Thinking about me.  
Christ be in all tongues  
Telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
In eyes that see me  
In ears that hear me,  
Christ ever be.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection 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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### On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

#### *Refrain:*

*And he will raise you up on eagle's  
wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler  
will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **R**

For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

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## RECESSIONAL

### Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
life in the Kingdom of God! **R**

#### *Refrain:*

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the Kingdom of God! **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.

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