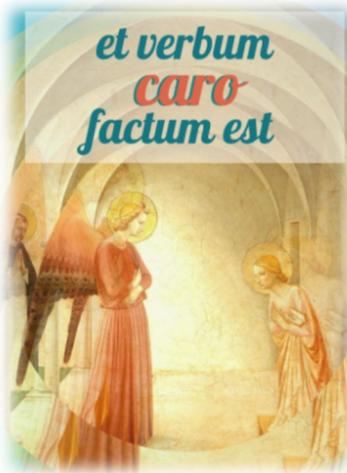


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DAY  
24TH/25TH DECEMBER 2017**



Every year, Christmas reminds us that the birth of Jesus is the greatest work of God because it is the supreme manifestation of the merciful love of God for us. The salvation, the sanctification and the eternal happiness of the whole human race depend totally upon the Incarnation of the Word – **et verbum caro factum est** – the birth of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the eternal Word of God, came down to earth to confer the dignity of the children of God on all humanity. Heaven and earth joined forces, God’s covenant with humanity was sealed forever, grace and nature became one, peace and justice embraced people of all nations.

Through Jesus, we have become children of God, which means we have a divine dignity, re-created “in the image and likeness of God.” So often, the world we live in is filled with bad news. Countless people are crying out for good news. The Christmas response to this cry is the good news, and the best news of all is the news brought by the angels to the shepherds: “Don’t be afraid. Listen, I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. Today the Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:10) Let us open our hearts to receive this good news for Christmas.

As we celebrate Christmas this year 2017 and bring to memory the birth of Jesus, may our lives be deeply touched by the good news of God’s love. While we contemplate on the child Jesus who is born today, may our hearts be filled with hope, joy, and peace.

May the peace and blessings of Christmas be ours; and may the coming year 2018 be filled with happiness, good health and Mary’s eagerness to do God’s will in our lives.

*A Holy and Blessed Christmas to you and your families, Fr Jan*



**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.

**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  
January**

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**Merry  
Christmas!**





# CHRISTMAS MASS HYMNS



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,  
 Joyful and triumphant,  
 O come ye,  
 O come ye to Bethlehem;  
 Come and behold Him  
 Born the King of angels;

#### Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,  
 O come, let us adore Him,  
 O come, let us adore Him,  
 Christ, the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
 sing in exultation  
 sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
 Glory to God, glory in the highest; **R**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning,  
 Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;

Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing; **R**

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## GLORIA - MASS OF ST FRANCIS

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.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM FOR**

*(Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass)*

**Today is born  
 our Saviour Christ the Lord.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM FOR**

*(Christmas day Mass)*

**All the ends of the earth have  
 seen the saving power of God.**

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
 All is calm, all is bright  
 Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
 Holy infant so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
 Shepherds quake at the sight!  
 Glories stream from heaven afar;  
 heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!"  
 Christ the Saviour is born!  
 Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
 Son of God, love's pure light  
 radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus Lord at thy birth;  
 Jesus Lord at thy birth.

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth  
 And let it begin with me.  
 Let there be peace on earth,  
 the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God as our Father,  
 we are family;  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect  
 harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
 Let this be the moment now.  
 With ev'ry step I take,  
 Let this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment  
 And live each moment in peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth  
 And let it begin with me.

### Repeat from beginning

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### Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing  
 "Glory to the newborn King  
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled!"  
 Joyful, all you nations rise;  
 join the triumph of the skies;  
 with th'angelic host proclaim  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

#### Refrain:

**Hark! The herald angels sing  
 "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
 Christ the everlasting Lord;  
 late in time behold Him come,  
 offspring of a virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;  
 hail the incarnate Deity!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel. **R**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings,  
 ris'n with healing in his wings.  
 Mild he lays his glory by,  
 born that we no more may die,  
 born to raise us from the earth,  
 born to give us second birth. **R**

Charles Wesley 1707-1788  
 F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-1847

### The Light of Christ

#### Refrain:

**The light of Christ has come  
 into the world.  
 The light of Christ has come  
 into the world.**

We must all be born again to see  
 the kingdom of God;  
 The water and the Spirit bring new life  
 in God's love. **R**

God gave up his only Son out of love  
 for the world,  
 So that all who believe in him will live  
 for ever. **R**

The light of God has come to us so that  
 we might have salvation;  
 From the darkness of our sins we walk  
 into glory with Christ Jesus. **R**  
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## RECESSIONAL

### Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
 let earth receive her King;  
 let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
 and heav'n and nature sing,  
 and heav'n and nature sing,  
 and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
 let us our songs employ;  
 while fields and floods  
 rocks, hills and plains  
 repeat the sounding joy,  
 repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world  
 with truth and grace,  
 and makes the nations prove  
 the glories of His righteousness,  
 and wonders of His love;  
 And wonders of His love;  
 and wonders, wonders of His love.

George Handel 1685-1759, Thomas Hawkes 1833,  
 F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-1847

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

**Recently Deceased:** Felisa Ledesma,

**Anniversary:** Freda Jones, Josephine Phillipos, Donald Atkinson, Elizabeth Di Leo

**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, Semeon Illescas

*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.*

**Young Adults Christmas Party** - We had a wonderful and exciting "Vintage Prom" last Sunday with 66 youth attending the Gold Coast deanery event "Fuse" hosted by the Coomera parish. What a testament of faith for the many youth that travelled the distance to St Mary's. Youth leaders from the deanery also enjoyed a Christmas party to celebrate the year of growth on the Gold Coast and what a joyous time of gratitude and fellowship we had. Our talk from our final *Fuse* on finding our identity in Christ rather than in people, environments and things which continually change was a message that resonated to all of us throughout the year and what a beautiful message it is to hold onto during this advent. Merry Christmas from the Venire team!



**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](mailto:southport@venireyouth.com)**



**Christmas Liturgies** - Thank you to all parishioners who have dedicated their time and talents in preparing our Christmas Liturgies. At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of God who became flesh and visible to our eyes. In the context of this mystery, the liturgical principles remind us again and again that good liturgy should speak to our eyes and other senses. To make Christmas celebrations attractive this year for our eyes, ears and our hearts many parishioners including children and their parents spent hours in practicing carols and their parts in the Christmas play. Others would spend hours preparing our churches while others patiently set up decorations and the Nativity scenes.

The liturgical ministries, sacristans, altar servers, readers, cantors, musicians, and collectors have done a splendid job in all three churches of our Parish. What you can see on the Sanctuary of St Joseph, Mary Immaculate, and Guardian Angels is the work of so many dedicated parishioners.

**From Vatican City** - Christmas joy expressed through music brings a message of peace and brotherhood for those most in need, Pope Francis said recently at a benefit concert. The pope said the talents of musicians and artists during the festive season "is a formidable way to open the doors of the mind and heart to the true meaning of Christmas."

On the 15th December Pope Francis said "Christmas is a heartfelt feast, participatory, capable of warming the coldest hearts, of removing the walls of indifference toward one's neighbour, of encouraging openness toward the other and giving freely". He hoped the concert would be "an occasion to sow tenderness - this word that is often forgotten today. Violence, war, no! Tenderness! That it may sow tenderness, peace and hospitality which flows from the grotto in Bethlehem," the pope said.

Let us enjoy the talents of our musicians and artists during this Christmas season in Southport.

# HYMNS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (MORNING MASSES)



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### Open The Heavens

##### Refrain:

**Open the heavens, Lord,  
Come to your people,  
Hide not your face, O God.  
Open the heavens, Lord.  
Come to your people,  
Open the heavens and come.**

Look on the sheep of your pasture,  
Lord.

Water your vineyard again.  
Scattered and broken,  
return to our aid,  
Open the heavens and come. **R**

Lift up your eyes to the heavens today.  
Listen to hear when he comes.  
Know the salvation will break  
like the dawn,  
Open the heavens and come. **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

#### My Soul in Stillness Waits

##### Refrain:

**For you O Lord,  
my soul in stillness waits,  
truly, my hope is in you.**

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory.  
Your radiance shines in all  
who look to you.  
Come light the hearts of all  
in dark and shadow. **R**

O Spring of Joy, rain down  
upon our spirits.  
Our thirsty hearts are yearning  
for your Word,  
come, make us whole;  
be comfort to our hearts. **R**

O Root of Life, implant your seed  
within us,  
and in your advent draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn, in dying and in rising. **R**  
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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

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

### COMMUNION/THANKSGIVING

#### The Angel Gabriel

The angel Gabriel from heav-en came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as  
flame;  
"Rejoice!" the angel said, "The Lord is  
with you."  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

"Be not afraid for you shall bear a child;  
by him shall we to God be reconciled.  
His name shall be Emmanuel,  
the long foretold,  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary humbly bowed her  
head;  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall praise and magnify his  
holy name."  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

"And so," she said, "how happy I shall be!  
All generations will remember me,  
For God has kept the promises to Israel."  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem upon that Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world  
will ever say:

Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!  
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#### We Gather at your Table

We gather at your table  
to share this holy meal  
The gifts of bread and wine we give,  
our lives a sacred seal.  
We come in to your presence ready to  
receive.  
We gather at your table unfolding mystery.

##### Refrain:

**Bread and wine gifts of life born of  
mother earth  
gathered by our hands for the table of  
life.**

Everyone is welcome  
In this meal we are made whole  
We give thanks for all your blessings  
Of your wond'rous love. **R**  
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### RECESSIONAL

#### O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

##### Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
Come to you, O Israel.**

O come, true wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. **R**  
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