



The readings this weekend invite us to accept suffering and challenges and to live with confidence, peace and love. With faith, we receive salvation through suffering and death.

The story of Abraham (Gen 22:1-13) is a story of faith. In his life, Abraham faces many challenges. This time, God challenges his faith by asking for his only son as sacrifice. Abraham does God's will. God keeps his word and makes him the Father of all believers.

In the Gospel of Mark (Mk 9:2-10), the three Apostles do not understand about Jesus' suffering and passion therefore Jesus allows them to see his glory to strengthen them. This encourages them to follow him and accept suffering.

In our journey of faith, often when we face trials, suffering and despair or spiritual and physical problems, we can't see God's hand. We feel that life is not easy, and that maybe the Lord abandons us.

Jesus does not promise an easy life for his followers; in fact, he is very honest in declaring that they will meet the same fate that their Master will meet. But even as we face these challenges, let us remember that trials and challenges make us stronger and that God will never try us beyond what we can bear. Let us be consoled by the hope that glory and new life await those who hold out to the end as Jesus has promised. (from 365 days with the Lord, 2018)

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St. Joseph the Worker Church
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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

Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 25 Feb	Monday 26 Feb	Tuesday 27 Feb	Wednesday 28 Feb	Thursday 1 March	Friday 2 March	Saturday 3 March
2nd Sunday of Lent	Feria	Feria	Feria	Feria	Ember Day	Feria
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17 - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 - John 2:13-25						

Last Sunday, 18 February, Jazz Yue Yi Li, Rosealie Rossiter, Susan Pulford and Katherine Crow with other participants of the RCIA journey came together to celebrate the **Rite of Election at St Stephen's Cathedral**. The Rite of Election, usually held on the first Sunday of Lent, is an important step in the **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** journey. In his homily, Archbishop Mark reminded us that the Church being a mother gives unceasingly birth to her children. The catechumens (those who are going to be baptized on Easter Vigil) will be welcomed into our family. Candidates (those who will be received into the Catholic Church) also will join us on our journey of faith.

As a loving faith community, let's continue to support them with our prayers as they begin to go through the rite of scrutinies next Sunday. May the good Lord who has begun this calling in their lives bring it to its fulfilment.



Our catechumens and candidates with their sponsors, catechist and Bishop Ken after the Rite of Election.

From left to right - Jazz Yue Yi Li, with her son Mark, Brenda Chung, Liliyani Setiowijoso, Rosealie Rossiter, Bishop Ken Howell, Judy McMonagle, Susan Pulford, Katherine Crow and Brenda Crilly



Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness raising appeal, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Boxes and envelope are available at the back of our churches.

Chanel College 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of **THE MARIST FATHERS ERA** [1958-1970]. For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218

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.

Annual St Patrick Day Trip will be on **Thursday, 15th March**. We are going 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. We already have 20 people going. Please contact Pat on 55 395 849 for booking tickets (\$50pp) for the Bus Trip and will be available from all church's this Sunday.



In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

During this time of Lent and beyond we would like to invite you to pray the rosary with us each Tuesday morning before Mass, starting at 8.35am., for the intentions of our needy world

Assisting at the Altar. IS THIS YOU??? For the Children who would like to do the ministry of the Altar Servers. The training session will be held on **Saturday, 3rd of March at 11am** or a week later, the same session will be repeated on **Saturday, 10th of March at 2pm**. Both sessions will be held at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore. The Altar Servers who served currently in our churches please come along to one of this session too.

This ministry is for the children who have received their First Holy Communion. Altar Server Ministry is very important, and you will be making a significant contribution to the Sunday liturgy of the Eucharist.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office by phone at 5510 2222 or by email at info@scp.org.au.

Southport Catholic Parish Child Care Centre offering education and care to local preschool children are now taking enrolments for term 1. Positions available in our; Toddler Room 15months-3 years, Junior Kindy 2-4 years, Kindergarten Room 3-5 years (Qld Government Approved Kindergarten Service). Please contact the centre Director, Brenda Fabri, on 07 5564 8937 to find out more and to organise a tour of the service. You can also visit the Centacare Child Care website to down load a Booking Request form and for further information. <http://centacarebrisbane.net.au/southport-catholic-parish-ccc/>

Youth Section - Our next Youth Group **will be today 25th February followed by a Youth Mass at Mary Immaculate 6pm.**

RECONCILIATION LENT 2018 - the Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 14, at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 6 pm**. Additionally, Parishioners and Visitors will have a few opportunities to celebrate the individual confession (First rite).

Please note the following times and places for the individual confessions.

- 7am Mon, 5th March**, - St Joseph, Labrador
- 9am Tues, 6th March** - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore
- 7am Wed, 7th March** - Labrador, St Joseph
- 12-1pm Wed, 7th March** - Southport, Guardian Angels
- 12.30pm Fri, 9th March** - Southport, Guardian Angels
- 7am Mon, 12th March** - St Joseph, Labrador
- 9am Tues, 13th March** - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

A priest will be in the confessional room from the beginning of Mass onwards as long as needed.

At Guardian Angels Church every Wednesday from 12noon till 1:00pm, confession is available for parishioners. Also, note that every Saturday afternoon at Guardian Angels Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 4:30pm-5:15pm as shown on the front page.



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Gemma Zelig Mary Lawler daughter of Desiree & Bede Lawler
Harrison Ryan Northcott son of Ryan & Sarah Northcott
Thomas Ryan Northcott son of Sarah & Ryan Northcott
Leon Claudio Zarafa son of Michael & Vedrana Zarafa

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

Recently Deceased: **Bernie** Clarke, **Eugenie** Carrigg, **Roberto** Dela Vega

Anniversary: **Henry** Dyer, **Barry** Galton

Sick and in Need: **Ron** Gledhill, **Pat** Gledhill, **Terry** Neal, **Margaret** Iringan, **Melton** Rounds, **Rebecca** Siganto, **Letwina** Malinga, **Judy** West, **Theresa** Birmingham, **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, **Jim** Kiety

*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

Welcome Fr Thomas Varkey

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS IN 2018

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



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 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 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.



I am **Fr. Thomas Varkey**, a new arrival from India, I am a member of Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS), and belong to the Zion Province of this order. I was born and brought up in Kerala which is known as God's own country, one of the southern states of India. I was born in 1971. After my twelve years of priestly formation by God's grace I became ordained a priest in 1998. I served the Church in India in various ways as Youth Animator, Seminary Professor, Pastor in Parishes and Missions. Just after my tenure as the Assistant Provincial Superior of MCBS Zion Province and Councilor for finance I came to Australia in January 2018. After having a time for settling at St. Patrick's Parish Beenleigh, I received my first appointment as the associate Pastor at Southport Catholic Parish. I am grateful to our dear Pastor, Rev. Fr. Jan Bialasiewicz who wholeheartedly welcomed me together with Fr. Van Huong Nguyen the associate Pastor and the parishioners here. I request your valuable prayers for a fruitful ministry here. I pray that my Guardian Angel's constant care and protection and the intercession of St. Joseph and Mother Mary make me move ahead.

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

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Class 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** 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.

St Vincent's Care Services are in need of a volunteer to assist a small group of elderly people (3-4) pray the Rosary at the facility in Arundel. If you are able to assist (whether it be weekly, fortnightly or monthly) can you please contact John Manouk (Pastoral Carer) at St Vincent's Arundel on either 5594 8111 or 0459 870 283

GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH OPENS

**Every Wednesday
from 12noon till 1pm.**

HOLY HOUR FOR THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday at 6:30pm
St. Joseph the Worker, Labrador**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Have Loved You

Refrain:

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine:
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.*

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him;
He will bring you his light and his peace. **R**

Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him;
He will bring you his joy and his hope. **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 we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

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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

Here I am Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **R**

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their heart be satisfied.
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? **R**
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Open My Eyes, Lord

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see Your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear Your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love

I live within you
deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**
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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