

**SOLEMNITY, JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

26th November, 2017



This Sunday is the thirty-fourth and last Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is the end of the Church's liturgical year, and on this day the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. Jesus is the Lord and ruler of creation already, but Jesus is also still to come in glory at the end of time. He is the king of the future as well as of the present.

As we come to the end of another Church year, this feast of Christ the King helps each of us to maintain a healthy perspective towards our growth in faith. It

may well be that we don't seem much closer to God than we were on the First Sunday of Advent 2017. We may have had many crosses to bear this year and not be sure how successfully we have carried them. Maybe our life has been monotonous and ordinary, and we have just walked along from Sunday to Sunday. Have these last twelve months of my life been of any use to the Lord? Maybe instead of moving forward, we find ourselves wondering about in circles. What is the meaning of our daily efforts?

These are all appropriate questions, all proper things to reflect upon, but the feast of Christ the King tells us whatever responses to these questions our salvation does not depend just on us. Our salvation is not determined exclusively or even principally by our achievements. There is no need to wonder how things are going to turn out. The lines from the Book of Revelation read: "Behold, he is coming amid the clouds and every eye will see him, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth." (Rev 1: 5) "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children." (Rev 21: 11)

As years end and years begin we have all come a long way on our journey of faith, and we still have a long way to go. Today's feast reminds us that, wherever we may be in our lives, both our present and future is in the hands of Christ the King whose kingdom is "eternal and universal, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." (From the Preface of today's feast).

Fr. Jan

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 26 Nov	Monday 27 Nov	Tuesday 28 Nov	Wednesday 29 Nov	Thursday 30 Nov	Friday 1 Dec	Saturday 2 Dec
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	Feria	Feria	Feria	St Andrew Apostle	Feria	Blessed Virgin Mary
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Isaiah 63:16-17, 1Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark13:33-37						

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is the tittle 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. The tickets will be available from this Sunday onwards for **\$2 (sausage sizzle) and \$3 (burger)** after Mass in every Church. For catering purposes, please RSVP - Parish Office - 5510 2222.

The Year of Youth – will soon be upon us as it officially begins on **Sunday, 3rd December.** The Year will focus on young people, faith and vocational discernment, in line with the Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis, to be held in October 2018. This year will particularly celebrate young people aged 12-30. Like the year of Mercy, the Year of Youth will be not just a series of events for young people but a shift in focus to include young people in everything we do in the parish and the diocese. We need new eyes to see that young people are not just the Church of the future but are the Church of now.

This comes at a time when we are being called to become a listening Church, a Church attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit. As Pope Francis has said:

A Synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realizes that listening is more than simply hearing. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17).

IMPORTANT DATES RELATED TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2018

Here are some of the themed days and weeks that are celebrated in the wider Australian community and in the Catholic Church that relate directly to the lives of young people. Below you can see some examples of how you can take action as a parish on these dates.

Brisbane Youth Week (6th – 5th April) - is an annual celebration and showcase of young people from 12-30 years of age. It provides opportunities for young people to share ideas, attend live events, workshops, activities and forums and celebrate their contribution to the community. **Action:** Organise for a group of young people from the parish to attend one of the events planned across Brisbane (see www.brisbane.qld.gov.au).

World Day of Prayers for vocations (22nd April) - the Catholic Church throughout the world prays for vocations, particularly those to the priesthood and to consecrated life. **Action:** Contact Vocation Brisbane for resources on how to engage young people in a conversation about vocation (visit: www.vocationbrisbane.com).

National Families Week (14th – 21st May) is a time to celebrate with family, make contact with extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. **Action:** Have a special Family Mass that Sunday aimed at families with children who are teenagers and young adults.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL WEEKEND 2ND/3RD DECEMBER

The Annual Christmas Appeal of **Ashmore and Southport Conferences** of St Vincent de Paul takes place on the weekend of the 3/4th December. Conference members will hand out appeal envelopes at all Masses at Guardian Angels, Mary Immaculate, and St Joseph the Worker churches.

The success of this appeal enables the conferences to make sure families doing it tough in the community receive **food** and **toy hampers** for their children to ensure they enjoy the Spirit of Christmas.

Thank you Parishioners for your support.

Barry Litfin (Southport President)
Sharne Lord (Ashmore President)

On 1st Sunday of Advent, 3rd of Dec. in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take up the Peter's Pence collection. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father Pope Francis. To help Holy Father to look after the poor and the needy, we are going to have a retiring collection in all our church next Sunday.

Festival of Nine Lessons at Mary Immaculate Church, **2pm Sunday 10th December 2017** Presented by Parish Choir and Melody Majors Choir. For the past four years, the Parish Choir has presented this Concert in the Manor, but as numbers have grown this year we will present it in Mary Immaculate Church. This year a Combined Choir will be presenting it again and you are invited to attend as a preparation for Christmas. We promise you an uplifting and inspiring afternoon's entertainment. If you would like to be involved by doing one of the Readings, please contact Sr Lis, Unit 7905, or 0418 618 488. **Entrance will be a gold coin (or more!) for Angel's Kitchen (A charity run by our Parish with no Government Assistance) that provides a hot meal every Sunday afternoon for the homeless.**

Congratulation to Donna Yusuf who, after completing her studies at Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy and Community Ministries, on Wednesday night was officially commissioned to do her ministry as a Hospital Chaplain at Gold Coast University Hospital. We are very blessed to have another dedicated chaplain who joined the existing ministries.



Donna with the current chaplains

Sabina Sannen
& Salen Petrovic



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Arthur Petherbridge son of John and Jasmine Petherbridge

Wylie Martin Wiltshire son of Paul Wiltshire and Jasmine Boyne-Hardie

Jahlena Jean Wiltshire daughter of Paul Wiltshire and Jasmine Boyne-Hardie

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

Recently Deceased: Carmelo Papale,

Anniversary: Damian Burke, Eileen McDonald

Sick and in Need: Theresa Burmingham, Carmen Buttigieg, Patricia Fisher, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, 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, 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. Last date for Term 4 is 3rd of Dec.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

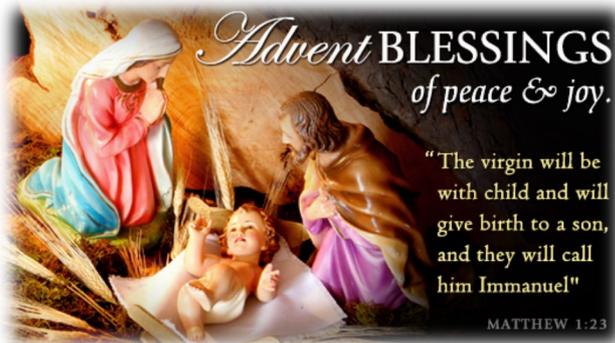
Rosary and Novena - At 6:00pm every Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker. On the First Wednesday of the month, they are followed by **Mass at 7:00pm.**

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.

Angels Kitchen Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 26th November 2017 after the 8:30am Mass at Mary Immaculate. **Prizes: 1st prize-Christmas Hamper, 2nd prize-70cms x 30cms hand made porcelain doll, 3rd prize-Bottle of French Champagne and an assortment of Wines and 4th prize-Two (2x) framed pictures.** Prizes can be collected at the Office. Thank you for your continual support to Angels Kitchen.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honour

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honour to you,
Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made
sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's Name coming,
the King and Blessed One. **R.**

The company of angels are praising you
on high; as we and all creation, exultant,
make reply.

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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 to 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

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

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GIFTS PROCESSION

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 every
heart,
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom
from all fear. **R**

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Like a Shepherd

Refrain:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his
heart, leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God. **R**

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest. **R**

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest. **R**

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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 pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **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**

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RECESSIONAL

Hail Redeemer

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of ever lasting peace.

Refrain:

**Angels saints and nations, sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."**

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with thy praises King of kings. **R**

Patrick Brennan, / G Elvey OCP



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