

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
4TH FEBRUARY 2018**



**Fasting and Reparation** - With the coming of Ash Wednesday, (14th of February) we will begin our Lenten preparation for Easter. On this day we receive ashes as a sign of our repentance and readiness to "turn our minds to things above" - as we sing in an old Lenten hymn.

This year the beginning of Lent will be marked by days of **Fasting and Reparation, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th of February 2018.** At the November 2017 Plenary meeting, the Australian Bishops Conference passed the following motion. **"That the Conference proclaims the days from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after Ash Wednesday in 2018 as days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims."** Along with other Parishes in the Archdiocese, Southport Parish, will be guided by this motion in these first days of Lent when we pray, fast and repent.

The letter which introduces the Liturgical resources says that "at the kernel of the prayers, recommended in these days, is the Biblical notion of Lament. Lament and lament language have a unique place in the theological expression of Israel. It is an expression of suffering, and in lamenting before God, we acknowledge and dignify the suffering. The resources recommended by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have two foci, namely a communal focus and a home focus. I encourage all parishioners to use the home focus prayers not only on the first day of our Lenten Journey but through the rest of this season that leads us to the Easter joy of resurrection.

In our Parish, we are going to use the prayers recommended by the Bishops Conference which will be the evening prayer of the Church (Vespers).

**On Ash Wednesday, 14th February** we will pray the Evening Prayer of the Church with the distribution of Ashes at Mary Immaculate Church at 6pm. During this prayer, there will also be the distribution of ashes for those who were not able to attend the morning Masses on that day.

**On Thursday, 15th February** before the 5:30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate, we will again pray the Evening Prayer of the Church.

**On Friday, 16th February** before the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's at 6pm there will be again the opportunity to pray the Evening Prayer of the Church.

**On Saturday, 17th of February** special prayers will be added to the prayers of the Sunday Eucharist at Guardian Angels Church Southport.

What the Australian Bishops Conference recommended in the November motion shouldn't be a single event but a continuous journey of Fasting and Reparation. In this journey our personal prayers and sacrifice will bring the healing and new life which comes to us in the Resurrection of our Lord.

May all of us participate in the journey of Fasting and Reparation so that the new life of Easter may reveal its energy on Easter Sunday when the Risen Lord will greet his disciple; "Peace be with you".

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**  
7:00am & 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 4 Feb	Monday 5 Feb	Tuesday 6 Feb	Wednesday 7 Feb	Thursday 8 Feb	Friday 9 Feb	Saturday 10 Feb
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Agatha	St Paul Miki & Companions	Feria	St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita	Feria	St Scholastica
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39						



### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES, 14TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Our Lenten journey towards Easter begins this year on the 14th of February, on this day there will be four Masses in our Parish.

**7am St Joseph the Worker, Labrador**  
**9am Mary Immaculate, Ashmore**  
**12:30pm Guardian Angels, Southport**  
**6pm Mary Immaculate Church**  
*(Evening Prayer of the Church with the distribution of Ashes.)*

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday at 7pm at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

**Lenten Program 2018** on 14th of February, with Ash Wednesday, we begin Lent. The Lenten program has a long tradition in our archdiocese and I am sure that this year again many parishioners will take part in this activity. To order enough books for the participants we need to know how many people are interested. If anyone would like to participate in the Lenten Program **please contact** the **Parish Office 5510 2222**. The cost of the booklets is \$8.

**Pope Francis - has declared 8 February to be the world day of prayer and action against human trafficking.** He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

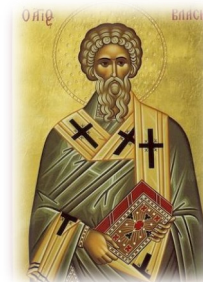
You are invited to join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day in your parish and school communities. Find out more about the campaign at <http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** - Please come & join us at Marian Valley, Canungra to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, **11th February**. Bus leaves Sacred Heart Church, **Clear Island Waters at 8:15am**. Cost \$20 return. Please ring Paula Groom 0402930918 or 55827950 or Madelene Zammit 0405252367 or 55291573

**Celebrating the Fatima Day** - Please come to the Marian Valley on **Tuesday, the 13th of February** and celebrate Fatima Day. The bus will **pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, at 7:45am** and then pickup again at **Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8:15am**. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

**An important meeting for Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans** who do their ministry 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.

**A prayer to St. Blaise, whose Feast is celebrated on the 3rd of February.** Blaise of Sebaste BM (RM), also known as Blase, Blasien, Biagio; Died c. 316.



**O Blessed St. Blaise,** you received from God the power to protect men from throat diseases and other maladies. Take away the illness that afflicts me, keep my throat healthy and perfect so that I can talk correctly and be able to proclaim and sing praises to God.

**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. With thanks from Carmel Donaghy.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane 2018** Opening Event with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate on **Saturday, 10th February from 9:30am - 1:30pm**. ALL welcome. Bring and share lunch. For more info contact: Miriam (3202 6856) or [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au)

**RECOGNITION** a long-time member of Southport Parish has been honoured for his service to the community of the Gold Coast in the recent Australia Day awards. Service across the Gold Coast includes (but not limited to): Southport/Surfers Paradise Volunteer Marine Rescue; Honorary Solicitor to the German Club, Director of Southport Golf Club, member of Nerang Rotary Club, involvement in a number of local schools including Founding Director of Tamborine Mountain College. In Southport Parish, **Michael Kyle** has been a member of the Parish Finance Committee since 2005 and worked with the Stewardship Committee as chairman for some time during 2007 and 2014. Congratulations Michael on receiving an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) and thank you very much for the work you undertake in this Parish.

**Volunteer needed** - Due to resignations and transfers, the Mary Immaculate church altar society is very short of workers. The work involves one Saturday a month for an hour and a half. Work includes looking after the altar linen and sacred vessels. If you are able to help could you please leave your name at the parish office 5510 2222.

**Craft** - Every Tuesday 9:30am to 11:30am in the Annex of St. Joseph. Beginners welcome. Craft Class will commence on **Tuesday, 13th of February 2018**.

*Today We Welcome*

**HUGO JOCHEN MICHAEL AND HANNAH LILY ROSE SHLEIMER LUNNEY**

*children of Paul and Stephanie Shleimer Lunney.*

*Today, Hugo and Hannah join our family of Southport Catholic Parish. Let us pray for them, may their journey in the Catholic family be a joyous and fruitful experience.*

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

**Recently Deceased:** Nina Czydel, June Buckley

**Anniversary:** Mollie Dyer, Jose Portes, Kevin Dolan, Donald Atkinson, Stephen O'Callaghan

**Sick and in Need:** 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, Peter Tsui, Bruce Todd

*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**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS IN 2018**

The Sacramental programs for 2018 begins with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**.

This programme is for the children who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016** and then **First Holy Communion in 2017**. These children, through this Sacrament of Reconciliation, will complete the three-year cycle of the Sacramental Program policy that was introduced across the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2015 by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

**The registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now open and will be closed on Monday, the 5th of Feb. 2018. Registration forms must be returned or emailed back before the 5th of Feb. (for a Registration Form, please email [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto: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 **Tuesday, 13th and 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](mailto:asupeli@gmail.com) as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

**The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program**

The Children 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 4years 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 Blanca on 5510 2296 (every Wednesday or Friday) or email [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au)**

**Youth Section**

**Youth Group will be this Sunday, the 4th of February at Mary Immaculate Meeting room 4-6pm.** Please bring your musical instruments, friends and your journals!

**Fun Fact!** Did you know the Catholic Church saved nearly a million Jewish people from the Holocaust, more than all the other international relief organisations put together. (Source: Catholic Herald UK)

**Venire @ Southport - Term 1**

**25/02 Sun.:** Youth Mass (Mary Immaculate Church) 4-7pm

**04/03 Sun.:** Youth Group (Mary Immaculate Meeting Room) 4-6pm

**09/03 Fri.:** Fuse @ Surfers (Contact Catherine for more info)

**25/03 Sunday:** Youth Mass (Mary Immaculate Church) 4-7pm

**For more info contact Catherine on 0466 512 811.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted*

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

##### All The Earth

###### **Refrain:**

**All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
sing your praise to God.**

Serve you the Lord,  
heart filled with gladness.  
Come into his presence singing for joy! **R.**

Know that the Lord is our creator.  
For he is our Father; we are his own. **R.**

We are the sheep of his green pasture.  
For we are his people; he is our God. **R.**  
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#### GLORLY TO GOD - Mass Shalom

###### **Refrain:**

**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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R Amen**

#### GIFTS PROCESSION

##### Come To Me, All Who Labour

###### **Refrain:**

**Come to me, all who labour and are  
heavy burdened**

**and I shall give you rest.**

**Take up my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart.**

**And you'll find rest for your souls.**

**Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is  
light.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be  
in need.

Fresh and green are the meadows where  
he gives me rest **R**

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Vermont

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

#### COMMUNION PROCESSION

##### Blest are they

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

###### **Refrain:**

**Rejoice and be glad!**

**Blessed are you, holy are you!**

**Rejoice and be glad!**

**Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill. **R.**

Blest are they who show mercy,  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
they shall see God! **R.**

Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs. **R**

Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the  
kingdom:  
Shine for all to see. **R.**  
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##### Bread of Life, Hope of the World

###### **Refrain:**

**Bread of life, hope of the world,**

**Jesus Christ, our brother:**

**Feed us now, give us life, lead us to  
one another.**

As we proclaim your death, as we recall  
your life,  
we remember your promise to return  
again. **R.**

The bread we break and share was  
scattered once as grain:  
Just as now it is gathered, make your  
people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread, we drink this  
saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world,  
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
That the world may believe in you, God of  
all who live. **R.**

You are the bread of peace, you are the  
wine of joy,  
Broken now for your people, poured in  
endless love. **R.**

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##### A Blessing Hymn for Australia

Ancient land of wide and sun burnt  
plains,  
where feet have long since trod,  
you have known the stories of our search  
to find the face of God.  
God you hovered over darkness  
when the void was silent still;  
Then your voice rang out in splendour;  
creation knew your will,  
and your eyes of love beheld in light  
this land of sweeping plains.  
Now our voices too rejoice again  
creation's song of praise.

Holy Spirit, gift of love divine,  
with you we dare to dream,  
so to walk in justice  
all our days this land of gold and green.  
From all nations we have gathered;  
lead us on in unity.  
In this vast and rugged home land,  
may you our centre be.  
May our lives show forth your tender  
love,  
compassion, strong and bold.  
Help us bring Good News to all the world;  
Your gracious love unfold.  
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