

Easter Sunday Year A

April 16, 2017



Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty Kings triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all
corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to
gloom and darkness.

....and the end of this proclamation

O truly blessed night,
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.

With these words, after the silence of Good
Friday, the Church begins the Easter season
which will last till Pentecost Sunday **May 4**. The

above text expresses the meaning of Easter. It invites heaven, earth, and the church to rejoice because Christ is Risen. The lyrics recall Israel's exodus, then they proclaim a new "exodus". New Christians cross through water from slavery to freedom and from darkness to light. The night of Resurrection is the most blessed of all nights, the night of Passover and redemption.

May the Virgin Mary sustain us with her protection and help us to taste fully the Easter joy, so that we will be able to take in turn to all our brothers and sisters who haven't tasted yet the goodness of the Lord. Holy and blessed Easter to you and your families. .

Fr Jan

EASTER MONDAY MASS APRIL 17, AT ST JOSEPH the WORKER, LABRADOR 9 AM

St. Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

Sunday 7:00am

Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:00am

Wednesday 7:00am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Weekday Mass

Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Sunday Masses

8:30am, 6:00pm

Korean Masses

Sunday 3:00pm

(Last Saturday of the month
at 6:00pm)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am

Thursday 5:30pm

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 16 April	Monday 17 April	Tuesday 18 April	Wednesday 19 April	Thursday 20 April	Friday 21 Apr	Saturday 22 Apr
Easter Sunday	Easter Week	Easter Week	Easter Week	Easter Week	Easter Week	Easter Week
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31						

Thank-you for great Liturgy of the Holy Triduum

To all parishioners who have dedicated their time and talents in preparing our Holy Triduum/Easter Liturgies this year I say a big **THANK-YOU**. The Liturgy of Easter is the "Grand Finale" of our Liturgical year. To make this "Grand Finale" a special time of prayer and celebration many parishioners have worked hard in different ministers. Our choir spent hundreds of hours practicing hymns for the Holy Triduum and Easter. Others would spend hours cleaning our churches; others were setting up decorations and altars; others were washing and ironing the altar linen, dusting and tidying.

The liturgical ministries of organists, cantors, readers, sacristans, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and collectors have worked with dedication and commitment behind the scenes of this year's Easter in Southport Parish. What you see and hear at the Guardian Angels, St Joseph's and Mary Immaculate at Easter is the result of a shared responsibility of so many wonderful parishioners of our Parish. Being in the middle of these preparations to Easter I could taste something of the family life where everyone is happy to contribute whatever is needed, so again many thanks for all you have given to make this Easter a great time of prayer and celebration in Southport Parish. Fr J

Thank-you again the Ken Wallace and his sons Luke and Grant for putting the Cross on the top of Mary Immaculate Church at Ashmore. Many people, especially visitors, have been asking, where is the Cross? Well, now all visitors will know where to find our church. This Christian sign sends a clear message of who we are and where to find us. Ken and his sons generously donated their time and professional skills, first in making this wooden Cross and then installing it on the roof of our Church. Many thanks Ken. Fr Jan.

Divine Mercy Please join us at Marian Valley, Canungra, for the wonderful feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd of April 2017. The bus will leave 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am and leave Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. To book your seat on the bus please call Paula Groom on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline Zammit on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. Please book early as seats are selling fast. The cost is \$20 return.

Southport Catholic Parish Child Care Centre offering education and care to local preschool children now has limited vacancies in the Toddler Room 15 months-3 years, Junior Kindy 2- 4 years Kindergarten Room 3- 5 years (Qld Government Approved Kindergarten Service).

Please contact the centre Director on **07 5564 8937** or visit the centre website for more information.

<http://centacarebrisbane.net.au/southport-catholic-parish-ccc/>

Flood Relief If you have any sheets, towels, or blankets that you would like to give to the Lismore flood relief, please contact Monica on 55391108. Thank you.

The Holy Water of Easter The Easter Vigil includes a blessing of water. The water is a sign of purification and of baptism. Holy water, that is, water that has been ceremonially blessed is a *sacramental*. Sacramentals are "sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments [by which the faithful are] given access to the stream of divine grace which flows from the paschal mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ the fountain from which all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power." [*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, No. 60. Second Vatican Council Documents*] Some other common sacramentals are blessed palms and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday made from them, candles, medals, priestly blessings and other prayers. Catholic churches have basins or fonts containing holy water near the entrance so that believers can dip their fingers in one of them before making the sign of the cross as they enter the church as a symbol of purification. This simple gesture reminds believers of their consecration to Christ in baptism, and visibly indicates their acceptance of the Catholic faith.

A bottle of holy water used to be found in virtually every Catholic home, but the private use of holy water has diminished, probably because people no longer know what it is used for or how to use it. However, it is a very powerful sign and children especially love to learn to use holy water to bless a wreath or flowers or other special religious articles used in the home as a sign of consecration to the Lord. It would be good to have a small bowl or font of holy water near the entrance door of the house for family members to use during the penitential season of Lent.

The holy water that has been blessed at Easter is available in our parish, Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. Take a bottle and keep it at home to use for special prayers and blessings. If you put one or two extra coins on the collection plate it will help us to cover the cost of the plastic bottles that we have located next to the baptismal font. **"Come to the water all who are thirsty"**

Guardian Angels Church from Monday April 17 there will be just two priests in our Parish. For this reason the Guardian Angles Church will be temporarily not open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday till the end of May. We are looking for some volunteers who would help me and Fr Huong to keep the church open. Personally, I believe that churches should be open and I encourage parishioners to come forward and continue this good custom that Fr Dom introduced into our Parish. **Please contact the office on 5510 2222.**

Invitation – Gold Coast Marathon Walk The De Paul Manor and Villa Team is once again entering the **Gold Coast Marathon 5.7km Suncorp Challenge Walk on Saturday 1st July.**

You are most welcome to join us for a fun filled day on the track, followed by refreshments afterwards at De Paul Manor Estate. There is free entry and a T-shirt for Early Birds enlisted by **30 April 2016.** Please contact Janece on 0408763772.

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

Anniversary: Tony Sannen, Keith Smith, Grahame Hobbs

Recently Deceased: John Mahoney

Sick and in Need: Ray Balkin, Michael Skinner, Dulia 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, Michael Jamrich, Freda Lyall, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Irena Molloy, John Morgan, Robert Murtagh, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Lorraine Pledger, Yvonne See, Angela Sannen, Seraphina, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Fr Keith Turnbull, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Leslie Rabbitt, Valrae Wintour, Victor Williams

*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.*

Sacramental

RCIA Candidates and sponsors have been travelling a road of discovery over the last few months.

The Easter Vigil marked the beginning of a Catholic journey as

Enrique Sy

Melanie Kennedy

Natalie Chalmers

Kim McKenna

Hope-Maree Sharpin

Joanne Knight

were received into full communion into the Catholic Church here at Ashmore. Welcome and Congratulations to the candidates and sponsors.

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

Reminder: Registration for the term 2 First Eucharist program is open. As per the new Archdiocese Sacramental program the Sacrament of First Eucharist is offered to those candidates who are baptised Catholics and who are at least 9 years of age in 2017 (School Year 4). Registration for the Sacrament of First Communion opened on Friday March 24th and closes on Monday May 1st. The online registration form is located at www.scp.org.au.

IMPORTANT: Confirmation date has changed from Thursday, September 14th, 2017 to Thursday, August 31st, 2017.

Due to changes to the Bishop's itinerary the new term 3 Confirmation program dates are:

Registration opens Friday, **June 9th and closes Tuesday, July 11th.**

Parent information session either Thursday **July 13th or Sunday, July 16th.**

Presentation of the Apostles Creed- the weekend of **July 22nd/ 23rd.**

Confirmation meeting either **Sunday August 6th or Thursday August 10th.**

Family confirmation meeting Saturday, **August 19th.**

Confirmation practice, **Monday August 28th.**

Confirmation Thursday, August 31st.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in **Term 3, 2017** and will be available to those candidates who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older. **Candidates must be baptised Catholics and at least one parent must be a baptised Catholic.** Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify should contact **Stephen Lunn on 5510 2296.** Registration for the Sacrament will be online.

Children's Liturgy

The dates for Children's Liturgy in **Term 2, 2017** are: April 23rd, April 30th, May 14th and June 11th. Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on **5510 2296** or email him at: StephenL@scp.or.au.

Easter Rising 1916 Volunteer The Irish Australian Association of Queensland (**IASAQ**) invites you to a short ceremony on Easter Monday, 17 April, at Nudgee Cemetery, where we will dedicate and bless the headstone and grave surround which we have placed on the grave of William (Dan) Ryan.

William, or Bill as he was known to friends in Brisbane, fought as a volunteer in the Dublin GPO during the Easter Week 1916 Rising and later in Ireland's War of Independence. He migrated to Brisbane in 1926 and died after a long illness in 1958. He had worked as a barman for a substantial period of time in the Alliance Hotel in Spring Hill. We will gather at 11.00am at his gravesite for our short ceremony. Please come and pay tribute to someone who bravely stepped forward to help Ireland on the road to independence.

For further details, please phone our Co-coordinator on **0432 087 0328.**

ANZAC DAY Mass the Anzac Mass will be celebrated in our Parish on Tuesday April 25, at Guardian Angels Church, **Southport at 7 am.**

On this day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones.

St Joseph the Worker Celebration on Friday May 5, at 6 pm , at St Joseph's The Worker Church, Labrador there will be St Joseph's fiesta. The Fiesta begins with the Mass then after Mass there will be a procession with the statue of St Joseph. The procession will end at the annex where we are going to enjoy delicious food prepared by the Filipino Community. These celebrations dedicated to St Joseph are little rehearsals for the 50th anniversary of St Joseph's dedication. **Please put this date in your calendar.**

Baptismal Preparation Classes Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on the **20th April, 11th and 25th May at 7:00pm**, in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.**

Happy Easter

PROCESSIONAL

This Day Was Made By The Lord
Refrain: This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad. This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation!

I thank you, your love is eternal,
 you have given me life,
 You have given me life.
 I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**

Your hand raised me up in triumph,
 you have given me life.
 You have given me life.
 I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**

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SPRINKLING RITE

Water Of Life**Refrain:**

**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us;
 Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

All you who thirst, come to the waters,
 And you will never be thirsty again. **R**

As rain from heav'n, so is God's word,
 It waters the earth and brings forth life.
R

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
 Death shall no longer have pow'r over us. **R**

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
 You will find peace in his infinite love. **R**
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GLORY 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

Keep in Mind**Antiphon:**

**Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us
 And is risen from the dead.
 He is our saving Lord,
 he is joy for all ages**

If we die with the Lord,
 we shall live with the Lord.
 If we endure with the Lord,
 we shall reign with the Lord. **Antiphon**

In him all our sorrow,
 In him all our joy.
 In him hope of glory,
 in him all our love. **Antiphon**

In him our redemption,
 in him all our grace.
 In him our salvation,
 in him all our peace. **Antiphon**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Table Of Plenty**Refrain**

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

**Come to the table of plenty!
 God will provide for all that we need,
 Here at the table of plenty.**

O, come and sit at my table,
 Where saints and sinners are friends.
 I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
 To share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money;
 Come to drink without price.
 My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
 With faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
 Through days of sorrow and woe.
 My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
 To flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness;
 Your homes will flourish in peace.
 For I, the giver of home and harvest,
 Will send my rain on the soil. **R**
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Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks.**Refrain:**

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 He is the King of creation **R**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 Jesus has died and has risen. **R**

We have been crucified with Christ
 Now we shall live for ever. **R**

God has proclaimed his gracious gift :
 life eternal for all who believe **R**

Come let us praise the living God,
 Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**
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Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone;
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed;
 us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how:
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 When the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 "I am with you ever more"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, and on earth our food, our stay!
 Alleluia! Here the sinful come to you from day to day:
 Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
 Rev William C.Dix 1837-1898 D; Rowland H Prichard 1811-1887

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing to the Mountains**Refrain**

**Sing to the mountains
 sing to the sea.**

**Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
 This is the day the Lord has made.
 Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
 You have answered my plea.
 You have saved my soul from death.
 You are my strength and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. **R**

This is the day that the Lord has made.
 Let us be glad and rejoice.
 He has turned all death to life.
 Sing of the glory of God. **R**
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