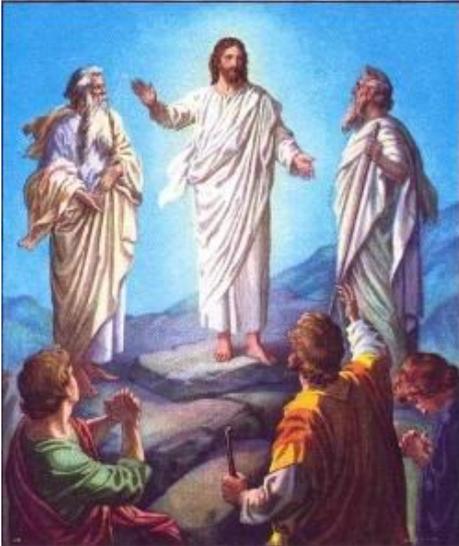


**Second Sunday
Of Lent
Year A**

March 12, 2017



The story of Jesus' transfiguration on Tabor shows to the three chosen Apostles part of his Glory (Mt 17:1-9)

In this revelation, Jesus wants to strengthen them to accept his passion and death. It will support them in their journey of faith. It also helps them to understand the meaning of Jesus' suffering, because the ordinary people would have seen his death as the end of his mission.

When experiencing the glory of Jesus, Peter wanted to stay forever in this situation, because being with God is the greatest happiness. It is the same when Jesus visited Mary and Martha, saying: "*Mary has chosen the best part that will never be taken away.*" (Lk 10:42)

These three Apostles, later on, died to protect the truth that they had witnessed on the mountain. They chose the path of serving the Lord as their number one priority.

Abraham's story shows us how he was chosen as Father of the believers. God called him to leave his home and travel to an unknown country, into an unknown future (Gen. 12:1-4). He always trusted in God and was ready to please Him, even when asked to sacrifice his only son. (Gen. 22:1-18)

Following Jesus, the disciples also travelled into an unknown future. Their future was darker and more threatening because they were Christians living in a not Christian country, so they were always considered as a minority. They needed to pray for help so that their trust would deepened and strengthened.

Serving God must be our goal. He must be our happiness. God calls us to a life of love and service. This may often seem to us to be a journey into the unknown. Like the Apostles, we too need to pray for Hope and Help, Encouragement and Consolation in our journey of faith.

Fr Van Huong

**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

(The church is open

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from

11:00am to 1:00pm.)

**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

**NO ADORATION ON
THE 1st THURSDAY IN APRIL**

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 12 Mar	Monday 13 Mar	Tuesday 14 Mar	Wednesday 15 Mar	Thursday 16 Mar	Friday 17 Mar	Saturday 18 Mar
2nd Sun in Lent	Feria	Feria	Feria	Feria	St Patrick	St Cyril of Jerusalem
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2,5-8 1:8-10 John 4:5-42						

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Thursday March 30, at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 5.30 pm** then after this celebration we are going to celebrate our Thursday evening Mass.

Additionally, Parishioners and Visitors will have the opportunity to celebrate individual confession (First rite). Please note the following times and places for this celebration of individual confession during Lent.

7 am March 13, Monday Labrador, Fr Albert
9 am March 14, Tuesday Ashmore, Fr Albert
7 am March 15, Wednesday Labrador, Fr Albert
12.30 noon March 17, Friday Southport, Fr Albert

Fr Albert will be in the confessional room from the beginning of Mass onwards as long as needed.

At Guardian Angels Church, Southport on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays **11am-1:00pm**, parishioners and visitors are welcomed to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Also, note that every Saturday afternoon at Guardian Angels Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from **4:30pm-5:30pm** as shown on the front page.

Project Compassion week 2

Like many other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a Safe life in a supportive community.

Choir has returned to its practices for Easter celebrations. Choir meets every **Monday 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm** at Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcome. Regulars: Please bring your Easter Music.

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

Invitation - Lenten Program 2017 On 1 March, with Ash Wednesday, we began 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. If anyone would like to participate in the Lenten Program **please contact the Parish Office 5510 2222**. The cost of the Lenten booklet is \$8 while the DVD and CD sets are \$17.

Parish Bus Trip all tickets are sold out. Thank you for your response. If you would like to go on the waiting list for any cancellations please call Pat on **55 395 849**
Raffle Tickets will be on sale at Mary Immaculate Church this Sunday. All money raised goes to Angels Kitchen. Thank you for your support.

"St Feria" In the box of saints and feasts (the box above) there are many ferias in this Sunday newsletter. Some parishioners might wonder what this feria is all about. Firstly, it is not a saint so don't pray to feria. In liturgical language any weekday on which no special feast is celebrated is called feria.

A feria comes from the Latin language. In the time of the Roman Empire feria was a "free day" on which the people, especially the slaves were not obliged to work, and on which there were no court sessions.

Later on, Christianity adopted this term to designate a weekday in ordinary time on which no solemnity, feast or memorial is observed.

On this coming Friday **March 17**, we are going to celebrate the feast of St Patrick an Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland 17 March, 493

On this Day we are going to celebrate Mass at Guardian Angels Church, Southport 12.30 noon.

St Vincent de Paul volunteers do visitations to those in need. We always take food hampers on our visits. These hampers are comprised of bought and donated items.

We have parishioners who regularly donate food items and we are very appreciative of their generosity.

We are asking parishioners to consider donating items into our containers at Mary Immaculate and St Joseph the Worker. A variety of donated foods make our basic food hampers more substantial and tastier to those who receive them. One or two items every so often would be a wonderful help.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our fellow parishioners, the Ashmore Conference of St Vincent de Paul.

MensTalk: Men's Reflection Group MensTalk provides a small group context for men to meet regularly, maybe every two to four weeks, to attend daily mass together and to meet afterwards in a local coffee shop to reflect on the Gospel from the mass of that day.

The general pattern for each meeting would be to reread the Gospel and then share some personal responses round the group, using a four step process (known as "S-O-A-P"): what **S**peaks to me, what do **O**bserve, what can I **A**pply to my life and finally a possible **P**rayers response. Our group could start with about 4-6 men; in time if more join, we could form an additional group. Burleigh Heads parish has currently had a group running for a few years now. *Proposed time: Tuesday 9.00 a.m.* Mass at MIC Ashmore on the first Tuesday of each month (tbc). To express interest, or for more information, contact

Gerard Sullivan kellsull@ozemail.com.au



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Frankie Maree Canning daughter of Kyle & Angela Canning
Lachlan John Grant son of Alan Grant & Angela Moller
Miguel Tapiador son of Jose & Rhona Tapiador

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

Anniversaries: Debbie Bridger, Paolo Di Leo

Recently Deceased: William John Kelly (father of **Fr Paul** Kelly from Sacred Heart Parish, Surfers Paradise),

Dorothy Parkes, Fr Thomas Sheeran (Toowoomba).

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 Dobo, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Ian Finlayson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Michael Jamrich, Freda Lyall, Maurie Mackenzie, 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

New Or Changed Giving Details Your financial support not only opens the church doors, but also invests in faith formation, great sacramental programs and outreach ministries. A growing community reflects the faith of the people within. By sharing our financial resources our parish community can grow. This is an invitation to take part in the continuing ministry of the Southport Catholic Parish.

Sacramental

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

The Sacrament of First Communion will be offered in **Term 2, 2017** and will be available to candidates who are 9 years of age (Year 4) or older.

Candidates for each of the sacraments must be baptised Catholic 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 each of the Sacraments will be online and notices will be placed in the Parish bulletin when registrations are open.

Baptismal Preparation Classes 2017 Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes are on **23rd March & 20th April at 7:00pm** in the hall next to **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: **0450221088** or email: **asupeli@gmail.com** as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish

Safeguard Children and Vulnerable

Adults Workshop All those working with children and the elderly are encouraged to attend this 3 hour course on **Sunday 26th March 2-5pm** Safeguard Children and Vulnerable Adults. PHC 50 Fairway Dr Clear Island Waters (tea and coffee and refreshments provided). **RSVP....10th March 2017.**

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team

requires committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3rd May to

22nd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications is Friday 21st April 2017 Please apply now in writing to: Fr Jim Smith Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 Or Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm Fax (07) 32571885 email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Welcome Mary for some time now changes have been taking place around our churches. At present the most noticeable is at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore.

A new face is coming! Mary will provide a prompt for the churches' name sake as we move into Mary Immaculate church. The diagram illustrates what the end result will look like.

It is envisaged that once this area is completed it will prove to be a little "speed bump" to help us come into a quiet frame of mind; a contemplative area; and also an area from which to launch celebrations and functions. We ask that while work is still to be completed that parents be mindful of their children's whereabouts around the work area.

A blessing of Our Lady on the 2nd April is planned.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN**A Trusting Psalm*****Refrain***

***Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.***

The Word of the Lord is
faithfulness and love.
this love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have
ever seen,
So let us place our trust in God. **R**

The Word of the Lord
means a patient, gentle God.
Whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though
our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in God. **R**
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NO GLORIA IN LENT**GIFTS PROCESSION**

Return To God (Instrumental only)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

When we eat this bread and drink this
cup we proclaim your death O Lord until
you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION**On Eagle's Wings**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN:

***And he will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.***

The snare of the fowler
will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thou-sands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **R**

For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**R**

And hold you, hold you in the
palm of his hand
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God Of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and com-pass-ion,
Show your ten-der-ness a- new;
Fa-ther, let me call you Fa-ther
'tis your child re- turns to you. **R**

Refrain

***Je-sus, Lord, we ask for mer-cy;
let us not im-plore in vain;
All our sins we now de-test them,
may we nev-er sin a-gain.***

By my sins I have of-fen-ded God
al- might-y in heav'n a-bove,
Where the saints re-joyce for ev-er in the
Fa-ther's bound-less love.. **R**

See our Sa-viour, bleed-ing, dy-ing, on
the cross of Cal-va-ry;
through his wounds we can find hea-
ling, through his love we can be free.**R**

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Recessional Hymn**Be Not Afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safe-ty,
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in fo-reign
lands,
and all will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

***Be not a-fraid,
I go be-fore you al-ways,
Come fol-low Me,
and I will give you rest.***

If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you, through it all.
R

**The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, and
by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.