

**First Sunday
In Lent
Year A**

March 5, 2017

Each year the Vatican requires statistical information to be lodged by the Archdiocese. We, as Southport Parish, are required to forward to Rome information regarding the number of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Marriages celebrated in our Parish in the period between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016.

The Vatican Office wants to have some figures that would help to assess the situation of the Catholic Church in 2016. Our office has already sent the required information regarding the Sacramental celebrations in 2016. These figures we published in the 22nd January bulletin.

The Vatican officials will, probably, see just the dry numbers of baptism, confirmations etc.... but we know that behind these numbers, there is a living community, which nurtures and nourishes the faith of its own people and visitors coming to Southport Parish.

This mission of nurturing and sharing faith cannot be done without parishioners who so generously participate in various ministries of our parish life. Today I say thank to you all for your dedication and commitment in 2016. Each ministry, even the ones behind the scenes, (like washing the altar linen) contributes to the growth of our Parish. Only a growing community can share and nurture the faith of others.

Another factor that cannot be ignored in this context is the financial support that Southport Parish received from parishioners and visitors in 2016. Today I thank you for your generosity in maintaining the parish pastoral work. **Without your money, it would be impossible to take care of the spiritual needs of people who live on the Gold Coast.** I am sure that in 2017 Southport parish will continue its mission with the help of wonderful parishioners and visitors.

Towards the end of March, we will be distributing the new sets of envelopes for parishioners who contribute through the Planned Giving Program. As I ask you today to continue your financial support of our Parish, I assure you that your money is managed carefully. All decisions, how to spend what you put on the plate every Sunday, are responsible. In the background of making decisions there is the work of the Finance Committee. Today I'd like to say thank you to the members of this Committee who are always willing to share with me their wisdom and expertise.

Thanks again for your generosity in helping our Parish to grow and serve God's people, who every Sunday come, from different cultures and backgrounds, to the same Table to be nourished with the Eucharist of our Lord.

Fr Jan

**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

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 5 Mar	Monday 6 Mar	Tuesday 7 Mar	Wednesday 8 Mar	Thursday 9 Mar	Friday 10 Mar	Saturday 11 Mar
1st Sun in Lent	Feria	Sts Perpetua & Felicity	St John of God	St Francis of Rome	Day of Penance	Virgin Mary
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9						

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.

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. 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 booklet is \$8 while the DVD and CD sets are \$17.

Project Compassion 2017 demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives this year. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia. This Lenten season is themed "Love your neighbour". This year you will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours from the Philippines, Timor Leste, Indigenous Australia, Vietnam, and Fiji. The Project Compassion contributions will help to build a better future for our common home.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday at Guardian Angels Church. Every Thursday from **March 9 till Holy Week**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **11.30am -12.30 pm**.

The RCIA journey has reached the final stage in preparing our Catechumens and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments. This **Sunday March 5** at the Cathedral of St Stephen Brisbane at 3:00pm the Rite of Election will be celebrated for the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who will be initiated into the sacramental life of the Church at Easter this year. In our Parish, we have six people who are going to participate in this Liturgy: **Enrique Sy, Melanie Kennedy, Natalie Chalmers, Kim McKenna, Hope-Maree Sharpin and Joanne Dacanay**. Please keep these people in your prayers and when the rites of scrutinies begin on the third Sunday of Lent introduce yourself to them after the 8:30am Mass at Mary Immaculate. I would like to say thank you to the Catechists who facilitated the RCIA meetings: Sr Lis, Br Peter Heany and Fr Paul. Many thanks go to the sponsors who shared the RCIA journey with our Catechumens and Candidates.

Office Furniture We have 3 filing cabinets, a table and brand new coin counter left. If you are interested please call the parish office on **5510 2222**.

Parish Bus Trip Friday **March 17th**, North Coast Trip leaving the **Manor 7.15 am, Ashmore Plaza 7.30am, & St Joseph's Labrador 8.00am**. Morning tea Nudgee Beach, Lunch & Entertainment at Maleny. Returning 4.30-5pm. Please ring Pat on 55 395 849 for reservations. Tickets will be sent to the piety stall in the church that you attend. Kindly remove the ticket from the envelope provided, place the money in the envelope and return to the piety stall for collection.

Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters, First Tuesday of the month, new time 10am commencing 7th March 2017.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and the feast of St Joseph Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the beautiful feast of **Our Lady of Fatima on March 13, 2017 and the feast of St Joseph March 20**. The bus will leave from the normal pick up point at Palm Beach at 7.30am then from Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$20 per person return. Please call Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madelaine Zammit on 5529 1573 or 0405 252 367 to secure your seat.

Multicultural Mass May 28, 2017

Thank you to the Leaders who attended the last meeting preparing our Parish for the Multicultural Day that will be celebrated on the 28th May. Next meeting will take place at 10am Saturday 11th March at Mary Immaculate Church. Light lunch will be provided.

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**.



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Ned Low son of Kyle & Deeka Low

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

Anniversaries: Debrah Bridger, Brenda Scantlebury, Rose Morrow, Anthony Webb, Ulrich Holz
Recently Deceased: John Boyle, Patricia Fitzgerald
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

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting.

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 vibrant 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

Reminder: Candidate registration has now closed for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to those candidates who are baptised Catholic and who are at least 10 years of age in 2017 (School Year 5).

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.

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 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** 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

MensTalk: Men's Reflection Group MensTalk is a men's reflection group which has emerged from the *MenAlive* movement. 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**rayer 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 M 0400 359 511**.

Thank you for supporting the unborn. Many thanks to all those people in our Parish who signed the petition and/or contacted their local MP to stop the two Pyne abortion bills. Through our prayers and actions the MP's have listened and responded on Monday having made a unanimous conscientious decision not to support the bills. Meaning they were withdrawn the day before they were to be debated in parliament. We praise God for this and at the same time, thank YOU, for your incredible response to the call for action.

Over the campaign 55,000 signed 2 petitions against these bills. Close to 4,000 marched through the streets of Brisbane. Thousands of you sent emails and made phone calls to your MPs, asking them to vote no to these dangerous bills.

It is always right to speak out and show a moral stance for life and be a voice for the unborn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN**Grant To Us O, Lord*****Refrain:******Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed;
Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!***

Behold, the days are coming, says the
Lord our God,
When I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel. **R**

Deep within their being I will implant
my law;
I will write it in their hearts. **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**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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Beyond The Days***Refrain:******Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
We see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for
guidance
to walk with you day by day.***

Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice. **R**

Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
To the yearnings of our hearts. **R**

In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care;
May your gentleness be there. **R**

On our Lenten path we see
the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
Be the promise of our lives.
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Recessional Hymn**Blest Be the Lord*****Refrain:******Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me from the nets
of all my foes.

He will protect me from their
wicked hands.

Beneath the shadow of His wings
I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

I need not shrink before the terrors
of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul. **R**

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**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
became man

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.