

**60 YEARS AS A LORETO SISTER**

I have spent much time reflecting on the great generosity of God in calling me to be a member of the Institute of the Blessed Mary (Loreto Sisters), and my response to that call. The title of a song of my youth keeps coming to mind, 'Life is like a bowl of cherries', and it is beginning to make some sense. The outside of the cherry is the sweet, luscious and energising flesh, and the inside is a solid stone. It is the stone that is the centre, the core, it is what gives the cherry shape and life during its early formation. I hope this image reflects my life – it is the formation, the love, support and encouragement of those who formed me that has enabled me to be the fruit that has fed and given life to the many people that have come within the orbit of my life. For nearly 50 years I was involved in teaching, eventually becoming a Senior Maths

teacher, and I was also involved with Sport, working in both Day and Boarding Schools in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Among my leisure time extra-curricular activities I played the Harp (I thought it might be a ticket into Heaven!), I was in a local Theatre group and involved in the media, and I gradually became more and more involved in working with people on the margins of society. I came to the Gold Coast in 2000.

I loved my time working in the Southport Parish and am proud of what I encouraged and enabled parishioners to achieve. But I realised it was time to move on so I made the bold step to follow Pope Francis' call that 'the Church must be the field hospital for the wounded'. I realise now that God had been preparing me for some years for this move and I am so grateful I was attuned to his voice. It has not always been easy but it has been, and continues to be, so rewarding.

All my immediate family have died of cancer so when I was thinking about celebrating my Jubilee I thought, 'What is the point as I have no close family to share it with'. I commented to some parishioners one day that I am now 'an orphan' (a rather lonely position), and their response was, 'You will never be an orphan while you are in our parish.' This has stayed with me, so I decided that my Jubilee would be an opportunity for me to say 'Thank You' to all of you who have encouraged and supported me, enabled me to live my dreams, and made me become the person I am today. So my **Jubilee celebration Mass on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, at 6pm at Mary Immaculate Church** is my gift to you. There were invitations for several weeks in the Newsletter and in each of the Churches, and thank you to those who responded. If you missed out and would like to attend, please contact me on **0448 618 488** or my email [Elisabeth.keane@loreto.org.au](mailto:Elisabeth.keane@loreto.org.au) – you will be most welcome, but I need to know numbers by **MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL at the latest.**

**Sr Lis**

**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Masses**

7:00am & 8:30am

**Weekday Masses**

Monday & Wednesday  
7:00am

**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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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**.

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

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

“Australians, together with New Zealanders, remember the sacrifice of so many of our armed forces on Anzac Day each year...

Yet the sacrifices that we will remember next week can heighten our appreciation of the cost of Easter. For while we may die for the sake of a good man or our family or our nation - Jesus died for his enemies.

It is the key to the message of Easter. “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8) Phillip Jensen, Sydney

**NO 7AM MASS  
AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH,  
LABRADOR  
ON ANZAC DAY  
WEDNESDAY, 25th of APRIL 2018**

**St Joseph the Worker Celebration on Friday, the 4th of May at 5pm, 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 finish at the annex where we are going to enjoy delicious food prepared by the Filipino Community. The fiesta will be another opportunity to have a little rehearsal for the 50th anniversary of St Joseph's dedication which will be on in two years. **Please put this date in your calendar.**

**St. Joseph's Holy Communion Ministry Workshop** will be on **Saturday, the 5th of May, 10am** at St. Joseph Church.

**Prayer and Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
at Guardian Angels, Southport  
every Wednesday at 12pm-1pm**

<https://scp.org.au> the new website is now available and can be accessed via PC, iPad and mobile devices. I hope that more and more parishioners and visitors will use their devices to learn about the current Parish events.

Hopefully, this new way of communication will reduce the number of printed copies of the weekly bulletins, and give access to a colourful, past and current bulletin, anywhere and at any time. This new website is a work in progress, so we ask for your patience.

Fr Jan

**“Ugandan Choir”** sings at Mary Immaculate Sunday 10th June 2pm. To partake in this lively afternoon mark your calendar.”

**Video Taping Volunteers** are urgently needed to help in the recording of the Mass for the senior residents at De Paul Villa Aged Care every Sunday (will be based on a roster). If interested, please contact the SCP office at 5510 2222. No experience required and training will be provided.



**Cherish Life... What you can do to stop the decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland.** The people who get to make the decision are our members of parliament, elected to represent us on our behalf. They will each be voting on this second attempt to decriminalise abortion. The most important thing you can do to ensure that your state MP actually hears from the community is to communicate directly with him.

Sign the official Queensland parliament e-petition. As this is an official petition conducted by the Queensland Parliament, it will actually carry weight and come into consideration by MPs when deciding how to vote. (Non-official petitions are routinely ignored as they cannot be verified by the parliament.) For easy access, go to [www.cherishlife.org.au/petition](http://www.cherishlife.org.au/petition) or if you don't have a computer access please contact **Isabelle** on **0412 552 561**.

**The Timor Leste Immersion 2018 will be held on the 14th - 25th of May.** Expressions of Interest. Burleigh Heads Parish and Catholic Mission offer an opportunity to join an immersion to Timor Leste. The number of participants will be limited to 2. The itinerary has been developed by Catholic Mission in collaboration with local hosts and partners. The immersion experience is an opportunity for you to experience a different culture and witness the day to day life style of the local people. Enquiries: **Sue & Bren Milsom 5522 4880**.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading – Acts 4:8-12, 2nd Reading – 1 John 3:1- 2 Gospel – John 10:11-18**



## Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Hunter Jean McInnes daughter of Joel & Kerrie McInnes

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

**Recently Deceased:** Iris Dyer, Sean Diviney, Gladys Quinn (mother of Christine Wintour), Tony Anthony

**Anniversary:** John Mahoney, Annie May Maloney, Mary Stanfield, Madeline Morgan, Manny Aguire, Donna Hockey, Stella Stankiewicz

**Sick and in Need:** Inge Vom Bruch, John Flannery, Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Rebecca Siganto, Letwina Malinga, Judy West, Theresa Birmingham, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, Barbara Raymont, 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, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Harry Hunter, Victor Williams, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner, Semeon Illescas, Alma Spurdle, Jim Kiely

*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 PROGRAMS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2018**

Registration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now available online <https://scp.org.au> and will close on Friday, 20th of April.

The First Holy Communion Mass will be held at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore **on Sunday, 3rd June 2018 at 11am. This Mass will be an additional Mass.**

This First Holy Communion programme is for children who have already celebrated **the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017.**

**Baptismal Preparation Classes** - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **24th of April or 8th & 22nd of May at 10:30am in 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.

### **Parish Date Claimers**

**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.

**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 (commencing 21st of April). The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring Janece on 0408 763 772 for further details.

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

The Children's 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 4 years 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 2222 (every Wednesday or Friday) or email [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au)**

### **Youth Section**

[wydbristbane.org.au](http://wydbristbane.org.au)



**EXPRESSIONS OF  
INTEREST NOW OPEN**



**WYDPANAMA 2019** are you interested in attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama with the Archdiocese of Brisbane? Find out more and register your interest here: <http://wydbristbane.org.au/>

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### 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**

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### GLORY TO GOD

**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

#### I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come  
unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your  
head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn,  
and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he  
has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I  
freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down,  
and drink and live."

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life  
giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

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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

#### Prayer for Peace

Peace before us, peace behind us,  
Peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
Let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us,  
Love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us,  
Let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us,  
Light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us,  
Let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us,  
Christ under our feet.  
Christ within us, Christ over us,  
Let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Peace before us, peace behind us,  
Peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
Let all around us be peace.  
Let all around us be peace.  
Let all around us be peace.

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### One Bread, One Body

**Refrain:**

*One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we  
bless.*

*And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. **R**

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### RECESSIONAL

#### That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
the glad apostles saw their Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
who with your grace our hearts possess,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
That we may give you all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
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