



Alleluia! If there's one word that can characterise our Easter celebrations this Sunday, it's this. We've been holding off from using this alleluia for the whole of Lent just so that we can sing it with renewed intensity to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We sang it back and forth many times last night at the Easter Vigil. Today to highlight our joy and exultation we sing it again and again from the beginning of Mass to its the dismissal at the end. This 'Alleluia' summarises the whole of our Easter celebration – it gives it its character and the right mood.

But just what does it mean, this 'alleluia' that expresses our celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead? The word does have a meaning – it comes from a Hebrew word that means '*praise the Lord*' – but Christian tradition hasn't translated it, leaving instead the joyous sound that obviously lies behind the Hebrew word for 'praise.'

St Augustin points to the essence of the Easter joy that is expressed in singing "Alleluia".

"Today, my dearest friends; there is every reason for heaven to rejoice and for earth to be glad. It is a day on which more light shines forth from the tomb than rays from the sun. When our Lord and Saviour was born as the man he brought light into the world; so also today, being dead in the body, he has illumined the underworld with the powerful presence of his divinity as well as of his human soul. Today at the Lord's visitation there is leaping and dancing in the whole universe over the fulfilment of the prophecy: The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light. He who created Adam has this day sought him out in the underworld, and by his own power has set him free." (From a homily attributed to Saint Augustine)

So, as we celebrate today Christ's Resurrection, his victory over death itself, we renew that joy which lies at the heart of the Christian message with a cry that sums up the whole of that message: **Alleluia Christ is Risen!** May the Lord, make us Easter people, men and women of peace and light, filled with the fire of his love.

Fr Jan

**EASTER MONDAY MASS 2ND OF APRIL - 9AM
AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR**



A warm welcome to the athletes and visitors who have come to the Gold Coast to participate in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. We thank you for representing your countries, local Parishes and cultures at the Easter celebrations in Southport Parish. Being gathered around the Eucharistic Table we are all God's children regardless of whether we come from the East, West, South or North, we are one family. We are blessed to celebrated Easter with you and we pray for your safe stay on the Gold Coast and then a safe journey back home. May **Saint Sebastian**, Patron Saint of Athletes, protect you and guide you as you strive for victory at this Commonwealth Games.

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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SEQUENCE

O Flock of Christ

(Cantors sing verses)

O flock of Christ,

your homage bring to Christ the Lamb,
your glorious King.

His Easter praise in triumph sing!

Refrain – All sing
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace has come down from God on high.
The King of peace in death did lie.
To save the sheep the Lamb did die. **R**

Never on earth was stranger sight:
Life fought with death in darkest night,
yet lives to reign in endless light. **R**

What saw you, Mary, on your Way?
“I saw the tomb where Life once lay,
whose glory shone this Easter Day! **R**

Angels their joyful tidings spread!
Grave clothes I saw where none lay dead,
the cloth that once had veiled his head! **R**

Christ is my hope, who rose for me!
Soon will you all his glory see!
Christ bids you go to Galilee!” **R**

Christ has indeed a risen then
as Lord of life, to reign again!
On us have mercy, Lord! Amen. **R**

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“Come to the water all who are thirsty” The blessing of the Holy Water is a significant part of the Easter Vigil celebration. The water is a sign of purification and baptism. The 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. II Vatican Council]

All Catholic churches have Holy Water fonts near the entrance so that people can dip their fingers and make the sign of the cross as they enter and leave the church. This simple gesture reminds believers of their consecration to Christ in baptism, and visibly indicates their acceptance of the Catholic faith. In the past a bottle of the Holy Water used to be found in every Catholic home, but the private use of the 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 love to learn how to use the Holy Water as they head off in the morning for school. The holy water that has been blessed at Easter is available in our parish at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. Take a bottle and keep it at home to use for special prayers and blessings. To cover the cost of these bottles we would appreciate you put one or two extra dollars on the collection plate. The Holy Water bottles can be collected from the white table next to the baptismal font.

Grieving Support - Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 11th of April 2018 at St Joseph the worker 4pm.

Sr Elisabeth’s Diamond Jubilee Mass. Sr Lis invites all Parishioners to this Mass, being held on Friday, 20th April, at 6pm at Mary Immaculate Church. If you are coming I ask that you write your name on the sheets provided in each Church as I need to know numbers for the Booklets. The lists will be removed from the churches after the Easter Sunday Masses, so enter your name NOW!

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.



Volunteer with Palms Australia. Get out there and be the Church, “bruised, hurting and dirty”. Communities in the Pacific, Asia and Africa seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainably. Palms volunteers don’t do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, Admin or trade skills, share **them with our global family! Please contact Christine at Palms on 029560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.auvolunteer/**



This plant that was placed to beautify St Joseph’s church on Palm Sunday went through its “**Good Friday**” at the hands of some people, who coming to church on the day picked up the branches to have them blessed. Whoever took these branches did not show any sign of respect for the work of others. It’s not good when the work and contribution of other Parishioners are not valued and appreciated. When Fr Van Huong showed me this photo, I asked myself what sort

of thinking or philosophy is behind this action. Is the church a place where I do anything I like? The answer to this question is **NO**. St Joseph’s, like any church, is the place where we should show reverence to God’s presence and respect for the work of others who dedicated a lot of time in making St Joseph’s a beautiful and fitting place to meet with God and God’s people.

Fr Jan

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading– Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading– 1 John 5:1-6, Gospel– John 20:19-31

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Joe Wilson op. (Our Lady of Graces parish , Carina) Elda Gasbarra, Rosalia Brooke, Dolores Stevens, Jeanette & Tony Cox, Zhengchong Gong (father of Fr Baiyi Gong), Jan Koziol, Michael Richardson

Anniversary: Peter Stanfield, Ibraheem Gaggee, Sawsan Al-Quassmatee, Sr Marie Al-Quassmatee, Raida Daaud, Azhar Abbaush, Abbaush Khithir, Khithir Daabaul, Habeebah Karraumy.

Sick and in Need: Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Rebecca Siganto, Letwina Malinga, Judy West, Theresa Burmingham, 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, 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, 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.**

The Candidates for First Holy Communion must be a Baptised Catholic. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify, contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.

Children's Liturgy - Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy please can contact Maria Blanca 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 **10th and 24th of April 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 in order to obtain the **Marriage Preparation Course**. Contact by phone on: **0450 221 088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

St Vincent's Care Services are in need of a volunteer to assist a small group of elderly people (3-4) pray the Rosary at the facility in Arundel. If you are able to assist (whether it be weekly, fortnightly or monthly) can you please contact John Manouk (Pastoral Carer) at St Vincent's Arundel on either 5594 8111 or 0459 870 283.

NO HOLY HOUR FOR THE APRIL At Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore



SCL Needs You - As a newly formed group, your Southport Christian League (SCL) aims to bring parishioners together on three levels with social events, Christian ministries and learning classes. Proposed examples of such activities are:

Social - theatre outings, bus trips, trivia nights, etc
Christian - prayer groups, bible studies, faith presentations, etc
Learning - book club, travel, computing, board games, etc

If you are interested in participating as a member of any of the above activities, then you are wholeheartedly invited to join our league.

To become a member, you can:

1. view our website and download a membership form from: <http://www.sclmember.com>.
2. obtain a printed copy from the back of this church or from the Parish Office at Ashmore.
3. contact Cathy Ryan by phone: **0438 824 395** or email: ceryan@bne.catholic.edu.au.

If you have a passion to lead any of these activities or want to suggest other possibilities, please contact John Wintour by email: winlock1@optusnet.com.au

The SCL would like to acknowledge the wonderful work contributed by the Catholic Women's League to our parish over its years. Our objective is to build on its foundation and to then make it broader and more inclusive. The SCL operates to bring everyone together to enjoy Christian fun and learning under the banner, "**Growing Together With Christ**".

Please note that the SCL is a voluntary organisation that is open to all persons of all genders and backgrounds. While we are an initiative of your parish, we are not sponsored financially by the Southport Catholic Parish.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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**

GIFT PROCESSION

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**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

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

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.

Alleluia! King eternal!
you the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
You within the veil have entered
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.
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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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By Your Kingly Power, O Risen Lord

**Antiphon: By your kingly power,
O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored.
In your resurrection be adored.**

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison;
Shout our triumph to the sky.
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen **Ant**

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
Death has no more victory.
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen **Ant**

Death has lost and life has won;
Every newborn child we christen
now the Father's Child becomes.
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen **Ant**
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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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