

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
(2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER)
8TH APRIL 2018



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast officially established by St. John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000. It is truly a feast for modern times, for we are desperately in need of the message of God's unconditional, immeasurable mercy – a message that shines out beautifully in today's Gospel. The Risen Lord turned Thomas' doubt into an event of mercy for generations to come. Out of repentance, born from touching the wounds of Jesus came out a wonderful profession of faith. "My Lord and My God" Pope St Gregory was pointed out that, "Thomas' doubt healed the wounds of all of our doubts".

In his homily at the canonisation of Sr Faustina on the 30th of April 2000 Pope St John Paul II said; "Today, my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble woman was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that

Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings of millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy." What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will, unfortunately, be no lack of painful experiences." *St John Paul II*

How prophetic these words of St John Paul II became after the 9/11 terror attack, after the Bali and Spain tragedy, London attack and other tragic events that have occurred in Europe and the Middle East.

In the context of all these events that took place after the year 2000 "it is important ... *continuous St John Paul II ...* then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." In the various readings, the liturgy indicates the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among all human beings." *St John Paul II*

Through the Paschal Mystery of his death and Resurrection, the Risen Lord shares with us the fruits of his victory over the darkness of sin and death. Let us open our hearts to receive these fruits and with St Thomas let us say, "My Lord and My God" and with Sr Faustina let us say "Jesus I trust in you".

Fr. Jan

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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Thank You - participating again in the Liturgy of the Holy Triduum, we could see how beautiful and rich is this liturgy that celebrates the Last Supper of the Lord, his Passion and his Resurrection. This Liturgy, however, needs people who "release" the richness and beauty that is "locked in" rituals and different ceremonies. This year the ministers and volunteers who "unlocked" for us the splendour of the Holy Triduum came from our three churches; St Joseph's (**Holy Thursday**), Mary Immaculate (**Good Friday**) and Guardian Angels (**Easter Vigil**). Today, I'd like to say **THANK-YOU** to all who so generously responded to the invitation to take part in our last week's Liturgy.

If I count all the people, who were involved in this liturgy, beginning with the washing of the feet and then the liturgical ministries, musicians, organists, coordinators, cantors, readers, sacristans, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and collectors it would be more than 70 people. What was experienced and seen last week at Mary Immaculate, St Joseph's and Guardian Angel's was the result of shared responsibility of so many wonderful parishioners. Their generous involvement and work helped all of us to pray in these special days in our liturgical calendar.

Let me also say **THANK-YOU** to our choir. Through their beautiful signing they "unlocked" the richness and splendour of the Holy Triduum in their own way; hundred hours of practice, many hours of choosing the right hymns, etc.... and everything blended so well. So, many, many thanks to you all and blessed Easter season.

Fr Jan

The Liturgy in the Easter season uses the white colour which represents heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.

In the earliest centuries, all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Book of Revelation, washed white in the blood of the Lamb. As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonised into their present form with the green, purple, red and white colour of the vestments used at Mass.

Feast of the Annunciation this year the feast of the Annunciation has been moved from **25th of March to the 9th of April** which falls on this Monday. This change has happened because on 25th of March we celebrated the Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week.

I encourage parishioners to attend Mass on this special day which marks the beginning of our salvation when Our Lady accepted God's will to become the mother of Jesus.

Mass at St Joseph Church Labrador 7am.

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 **Jazz Yue Yi Li, Rosealie Rossiter, Fiona McLean, Susan Pulford and Katherine Crow** were received into full communion into the Catholic Church here at Ashmore. Welcome and Congratulations to the candidates and sponsors.



*From Left to Right
Jazz, Katherine, Susan, Fiona, Rosie*

New website coming soon! Just like Easter much preparation has gone into the coming of a new website for the Parish. We hope you find the new site at <https://scp.org.au> fresh and informative. Check it out on your mobile. There are some changes such as enrolment for the sacramental programs. This is a work in progress so we ask for your patience.

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

"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.

Big Thank you to all those special ministers from St. Joseph's who kindly assisted me in my role of rostering people for Holy Thursday Evening - **CONGRATULATIONS!** With your support and generosity of spirit you made my task so much easier and more pleasurable, through your willingness to help. You all carried out your ministry in a magnificent way! I was proud of you all on the night. I am sure our heavenly Father and his beloved son Jesus were proud also! I could almost hear Jesus saying **"WELL DONE, GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS"**! Thank you Fr Jan for letting me to be a part of this special event, it was truly an honour. May our Risen Lord Bless you all in a Special way this Easter Alleluia! Alleluia! Your Sincere friend in Christ Sheila O.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading – Acts 3:13 – 15
2nd Reading – 1 John 2:1- 5, Gospel – Luke 24:35- 48**

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

Recently Deceased: Ann Adelman, Sean Diviney

Anniversary:

Sick and in Need: Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Rebecca Siganto, Letwina Malinga, Judy West, Theresa Birmingham, 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, 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 - Special Thanks to **Raphaelle Bazataqui and Pauline McDonald** for conducting the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the **Easter Sunday Mass!** The Children had lots of fun decorating their Easter Bunny art work. We look forward to seeing you all in **Term 2, 22nd of April 2018.**



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.



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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good his love is everlasting

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken
like the first morning,
black bird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where His feet pass.

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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

Without Seeing You

Refrain:

***Without seeing you, we love you;
Without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow;
Without seeing you, we believe.***

We return to you deep within,
Leave the past to the dust;
Turn to you with tears and fasting;
You are ready to forgive. **R**

The sparrow will find a home,
near to you O God;
How happy, we who dwell with you,
forever in your house. **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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love,
and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
Until with you I have one will,
to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.
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Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me
bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

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Publications

RECESSIONAL

Glory be to God in Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well:
On the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring!

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away.
Now with God in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!
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