

**THE NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
24TH OF JUNE 2018**

The Birth of St John the Baptist



This Sunday is one of the very few Sundays to celebrate a saint's feast. We normally celebrate the feast day of Saints on the day commemorating their death – their 'birth' into eternal life. Only in the case of Jesus, Mary and John, we celebrate their birth on earth.

Today's Feast day is a fitting tribute to John, a humble and courageous man. Before he was born, John had been chosen to do a special work – to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. (Lk 1:57,66,80)

John was a strong person. Many people gathered around him, even though he didn't want to form them into a group of supporters. We can see his humility and honesty when he introduced Jesus as "The Lamb of God" (Jn 1:29). John knew clearly his role: "He must increase, but I must decrease". (Jn 3:30). He also said: "I am not worthy to untie (his sandals)" (Jn 1:27)

John is a courageous prophet who challenged people even the powerful ones, as we see when he rebuked Herod for his misconduct. Because of that, He died alone and in prison for truth.

Like John, we are called to do a special work for God. We may ask ourselves: How do I respond to the call to serve God and His people? Am I willing to do God's work even if it makes me unpopular or uncomfortable?

Perhaps today we could reflect prayerfully in answer to these questions, and then ask God for the strength to be what He wants us to be and to do the work that I alone myself can do for Him.

Fr Van Huong Nguyen

Requiem Mass for Marie Frances Pfeiffer
21/03/1932—17/06/2018
On Monday, 25th of June 2018, 1pm
At Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

"Marie used to attend the 6pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore."

St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses
7:00am & 8:30am

Weekday Masses
Monday & Wednesday
7:00am

Gold Coast University Hospital
Friday 10:30am

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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Commissioning of the new Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion at St Joseph. On this Sunday, at 7am Mass at St Joseph's, Labrador two ladies **Eva Harward Galarza and Gler Ramos** are to be commissioned to do the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion in our Parish. This ministry has its roots in the ancient tradition. The earliest "communion ministers", although never designated by this term, were ordinary Christians who carried the Eucharist to sick or imprisoned family and friends. Over the centuries, the practice of distributing Communion during Mass and carrying it to the sick became the sole responsibility of ordained ministers, but the need for all Christians to share in the Eucharist never diminished. In 1973, so that the faithful might have greater access to Holy Communion and share more fully in the fruits of the Mass, Pope Paul VI, in the instruction "Immensae Caritatis", once again extended to the lay faithful permission to assist priests in distributing Holy Communion. Today, I thank Eva and Gler for taking on this ministry in our Parish which is always short of these ministers.



From Uganda

Mwangaza Children's Choir

LIGHT UP TOUR 2018

Australia
New Zealand
Singapore

THANK YOU Southport Parish and Parishioners for your generosity in raising \$1,002.50. These funds will help support the Missionaries work in Uganda and other countries of Africa.

 



New Privacy Laws: "The mission of the Church and the many community services it entails require us to collect and hold the personal information of the many thousands of people with whom we deal. Respect for a person's dignity and individual rights flow from the heart of our Christian faith. Therefore I want to make clear that the Archdiocese will do all it can to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles." from the Archbishop of Brisbane.

Francesca McCullough is a member of the Southport Parish Pastoral Council and is also a member of the Pastoral Council of Korean catholic community at Guardian Angels' Church in Southport. She was born in Seoul Korea and came to Australia to study in 1997. She's married and has two children. She has been living on the Gold Coast for 21 years, previously lived at paradise point and is now living at Parkwood. She is working as an accountant.

Peter's Pence Collection will be on **Sunday, 1st July 2018.** As you are aware, in every diocese around the world the faithful are to be given the opportunity once a year to make a contribution to the Holy Father in support of his global ministry as Successor of Peter. From this year onwards, and in keeping with the practice in most other dioceses, we will now hold the collection on the first Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. This year it is **Sunday, 1st July 2018.**

Marian Valley Please join us on **Saturday, 30th June 2018** at Marian Valley for the Filipino Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The bus will pickup at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. If sufficient numbers book for pick up at Palm Beach, collection will be 7.45am at 7 Lind Avenue Palm Beach. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station, bus stop A, on the Boulton Street side, at approximately 8.30am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573 or Beth on 0408 785 207.

SCP Website we invite all parishioners to visit our updated website. If you search through **Google**, remember to write a review (and leave **lots of stars**). For the latest Event Photos (located under Gallery) and for a Video from the Mwangaza Children's Choir 10/06/18 (please look under Get Involved then click on Community Life section).

Walking Group. Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:30am.** 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.

YOUTH SECTION

VENIRE RETREAT 2018: BRAVE 4 DAYS. 70 FRIENDS. MT TAMBORINE. Join us for our fourth annual Venire retreat during these school holidays in July! This is open to all high schoolers and recent school leavers. Retreat is a time to relax from the business of life, and instead be surrounded by great people in a fun and supportive space. Retreat is filled with opportunities to meet youth from across the Gold Coast, hear great speakers; live worship music; a whole range of exciting games and activities; time to reconnect with God; experience the Sacraments; and have an all round memorable experience.

Retreat this year is from the **9th - 12th of July 2018.** We're going back to QCCC, and thanks to the Archdiocese of Brisbane, retreat will only be \$160 per person!

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading - Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24
2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:7,9, 13-15
Gospel - Mark 5:21-43**



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Mack Kingsley Ryder son of Heath & Jaimie Ryder

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

Recently Deceased: Marie Pfeiffer, Maud Spiteri, Kevin Litfin, John Buchanan

Anniversary: Marica and Ivan Doljanin, Stellar O'Brien, Jennifer Jones.

Sick and in Need: Martha Manickum, Ken Webster, Patricia Fisher, Claire Keefe, Terry Sharpin, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Arthur Smith, Bernice Lynch, John Flannery, Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Rebecca Siganto, 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, 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 Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner, Semeon Illescas, Alma Spurdle, Jim Kiely, Arsinio, Leoncia Dizon

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2018

The Registration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is now available online until the 15th of July 2018. The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered ONCE IN A YEAR.

Following the Sacramental Policy of Archdiocese of Brisbane the Sacrament of Confirmation is available to those children who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older. This is the next spiritual journey that your child will engage in after their Baptism. They will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. **(Children must be baptised Catholics).**

If you require any further information in regards to this matter please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222 or email to MariaB@scp.org.au

USB (Photos) for the First Holy Communion 2018 is now available and can be collected at the Ashmore Office.

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Tuesday, 10th and 24th July at 10:30am** in **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.



Children's Liturgy this Sunday, 24th of June is the last Children's Liturgy class for this term **(Many thanks to the facilitators for all their hard work this term)**. Children Liturgy will recommence in Term 3, 22nd, 29th of July, 5th, 12th, 19th, of August and 2nd, 9th, 16th of September at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. If anyone is interested in assisting with The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 (Wednesday or Friday) or email MariaB@scp.org.au

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 Event - Rally Round the Picnic

Long for the good old days when life was simpler, when you made your own fun, when you enjoyed the outdoors with food and great company, and when you had fun with imaginative games that didn't involve an electronic device? If so, then SCL has a **great upcoming social event** for you. **Check** out the poster below or around your church, **mark** the date on your calendar, **gather** family and friends to fill your car, and **register** your group using the details below.

Rally Round the Picnic
An Social Event *You're Invited!*

Car Challenge
Sunday 22 July
Like the old Car Social Rallies. No alcohol any time drinks.

Start: Mary Immaculate Church
Time: 11:30am Flag Off
Venue: Drive to scavenge and find the unknown park.
Cost: \$10 per car

Picnic
1:00pm Lunch
2:00pm Picnic Games
Tugs-of-war Sack races, Egg and Spoon races, Three-legged races and lots more fun
3:00pm Conclusion Challenge and Picnic Results

Entry by Registration Only
Contact **John Wintour**: 55005772 or wintlock1@optusnet.com.au

Car Challenge and Picnic

Date: Sunday, 22nd July 2018

Venue: Mary Immaculate Church

Time: 11am for 11:30 start

Activities: Prizes for drive to discover the picnic park, Soft drinks for sale (@ \$2 /can) Raffle, games and lots of fun.



Christmas Lunch in July to be held on **Sunday, 8th July at 12 noon** At the Labrador Community Hub, 57 Billington St

Labrador The Cost is \$35 per adult or \$100 per family. Raffles will be on sale, phone

Judy on 5679 5370 or 0451 895 975. Money raised will go towards a water tank to be built for refugees under the care of the FMOL sisters for the refugees in Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I praise you Lord for I am wonderfully made

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the Way

There was a man of God
whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light,
the voice of one in the wilderness:

Refrain:

***Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.***

Mountains and hills shall be brought
to the ground,
the winding paths be straightened
and all on earth shall see his face; **R**
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PENITENTIAL ACT

People:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault
through my most grievous fault,
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest:

May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring
us
to everlasting life Amen.

Priest: **Lord have mercy**

People: Lord have mercy

Priest: **Christ have mercy**

People: Christ have mercy

Priest: **Lord have mercy**

People: Lord have mercy

GIFTS PROCESSION

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

***Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!***

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R**

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God! **R**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
come and rest in me.

Refrain:

***Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.***

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. **R**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live! **R**
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My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain:

***For you, O Lord,
my soul in stillness waits.
Truly, my hope is in you.***

O Lord of Light,
our only hope of glory.
your radiance shines
in all who look to you.
Come light the hearts of all in dark and
shadow. **R**

O spring of Joy,
rain down upon our spirits.
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your
Word.
Come, make us whole;
be comfort to our hearts. **R**

O Root of Life,
implant your seed within us,
and in your advent
draw us all to you.
Open to us the pathway of your peace. **R**

Come, let us bow before the God who made
us.
Let every heart be opened to the Lord, for
we are all the people of His hand. **R**

Here we shall meet the maker of the
heavens,
creator of the mountains and the seas.
Lord of the stars, and present to us now. **R**
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RECESSIONAL

Go Now You Are Sent Forth

Go now, you are sent forth
to live what you proclaim;
to show the world you follow Christ
in fact not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
to walk this troubled earth,
to share your faith with everyone,
and prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
as God's ambassador;
by serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.
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Plenary Council 2020 Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South
Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in
Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one
another and to recognize Jesus, our com-
panion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and
to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each
other and a discerning heart to hear what
you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled
future, that we may live the joy of the
Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for
the journey from age to age. Amen

**Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.**