



The Word of God this week challenges us about our loyalty to God. (Josh 24: 1-2,15-17,18; Jn 6:60-69)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and told the Israelites to choose whether they would serve the Lord or the pagan Canaanite. Joshua and his people chose to serve the Lord, because they remembered how the Lord brought them out of Egypt, protected and accompanied them.

Last week, Jesus spoke about the Eucharist and offered himself as Bread from heaven that would give eternal life to those who would eat of it: *"Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever"* (Jn 6:58).

For some of Jesus' followers, it was too much and so they did not accept Jesus' words. John was sad but sincere in telling us: *"Many of his disciples left him"* (Jn 6:67). But Peter, speaking for the rest of them, accepted Jesus' words and renewed their commitment to Jesus as God's Messiah. They chose God, they chose eternal life.

When we come to Communion, the priest or minister holds up the Host and says: **"The Body of Christ"**. All we see is the bread; it will taste like the bread. But we look at the Host, and then we respond: **"Amen."** Some of us forget to say it. Some others may say it in such a soft voice that maybe no one nearby can hear it. It is only a short tiny word, but it is full of meaning. It is our **"Yes"**, our act of Faith. We believe **this is the Body of Christ**: the same **Christ** who once walked the roads of Palestine; the **Christ** who healed the sick and comforted the rejected; the **Christ** who died for us on a cross; the **Christ** who rose again in glory.

So, our **"Amen"** is a word of our profession, renewing our total commitment to Jesus. Our **"Amen"** is like Peter's declaration: *"You have the words of eternal life."* (Jn 6: 68-69). We are making a good choice: we choose God, we choose Life. (The Living Word, pg 11, B4, 2018)

Fr Van Huong

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30PM MASS
ON THURSDAY, 13TH OF SEPTEMBER
AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, ASHMORE
DUE TO THE CELEBRATION OF
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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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Some extracts from the recent Letter of Pope Francis to the People of God

Pope Francis has acknowledged that the Catholic Church "did not act in a timely matter" to protect children from sexually abusive priests over a period of decades, saying in a new letter to members of the Catholic faith around the world that the church "abandoned" minors to those who would abuse them.

"With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been ... realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives," Holy Father says in the letter, released **Aug. 20th** in response to the Pennsylvania grand jury report.

"We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them," the pope states.

"I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting," Pope states. "This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says, '**never again**' to every form of abuse." The pope's letter, which the Vatican says was written in Spanish, Francis' native language, begins with a quote from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it."

"These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons,"

"Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient," he continues. "Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated." *The full text of the letter can be found on the catholic websites: <http://cathnews.com/cathnews/32884-we-abandoned-the-little-ones-pope-francis>*

RCIA - Thinking of Becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) is a process developed for adults who consider joining the Catholic Church. Through the RCIA program candidates are gradually introduced to the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Tradition. At Easter, (21st of April 2019) those who have faithfully participated in the programme, will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. **On Thursday, 30th of August, an RCIA Inquiry Night will be held at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore.** If anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic, please let us know by contacting the Parish Office on 5510 2222. If you know someone who has expressed some interest in becoming Catholic, please let these people know about the RCIA program.

Funeral Mass for Lionel Veale
will be held at
Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on
Monday, 27th of August at 11am.

**Lionel would have celebrated
his 100th birthday
on the 30th of August.**



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Anti-Abortion Petition and Parish Information

In the coming months, the Queensland Parliament will again debate the topic of abortion. It will be the second time in two years that the Parliament has discussed the abortion.

The draft bill has some significant areas of concern for many Catholics.

Among those is the fact that the draft bill will allow for abortion until the day that a baby is born if two doctors agree that "**in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed**". This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby.

The Archdiocese wants to hear from you about this topic. A website has been set up to gain feedback on this new bill aiming to make sure that Queenslanders understand the nature of this legislation.

We need your help. Please consider signing the petition in the back of the church today

Your thoughts on this legislation are important to us and to Parliament. Thank you.

Pease find the Petition Forms which are placed on the table, near the Entrance Door of our Churches.

MARCH FOR LIFE please join us in the **MARCH to STOP Labor's LATE-TERM ABORTION BILL.** Saturday 1st of September 2pm, meeting at Queen's Gardens, 144 George Street Brisbane. Take a carload or go by train. Car pooling from St Brigid's Nerang, 39-49 McLaren Road Nerang - leaving 12:45pm sharp. Make a stand and defend our unborn!!! Great speakers also. Cherish Life - Gold Coast Branch - contact Fiona: m 0457 781 513

Light of Jesus *When going to Mass makes you long for more.* Join the Light of Jesus Family Feast Gold Coast, 4th Sunday of the month 12:00 to 4pm. Coomera Community Space, 133 Finnegan Way, Coomera, songs, prayers, talk and group sharing and lunch Francis: 0438 310 461.

Gold Coast City Choir presents "Hollywood Hits" features music from the movies. We have two special performances: Saturday, 8th of September at Robina Community Centre's Multipurpose Room at 3pm, and Sunday 9th September at St Peter's Anglican Church, Southport at 3pm. Entrance is \$10.

St Joseph the Worker Labrador Piety Stall has cards and gifts for Confirmation and all other occasions. The piety stall is open before and after the Sunday Mass.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1st Reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
2nd Reading - James 1:17-18, 21-22,27
Gospel - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

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

Recently Deceased: **Bernice** Stewart (Fr Vince Hobbs' sister), **Lionel** Veale, **Ana** Lopic, **Fr Harry** Bliss (retired Priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane) **Sr Jacinta**

Anniversary: **Donald** Dinneen, **Ricardo** (Boy) Arceo, **Donald** Atkinson

Sick and in Need: **Barbara** Storey, **Linda** Kerr, **Francisca** Park, **Morin** Min, **Sue** Barker, **Maria** Theresa Malate, **Dave** Curran, **Mary** Kerwin, **Elias** Arulappan, **Jan** Sims, **Rex** Beer, **Merlyn** Morris, **Brian** Doherty, **Patricia** Fisher, **Wiktor** Stojanovic, **Arthur** Smith, **Bernice** Lynch, **Ron** Gledhill, **Terry** Neal, **Margaret** Iringan, **Rebecca** Siganto, **Theresa** Birmingham, **Peter** Selby, **Sheryl** Fleet, **Patrick** Sullivan, **Teresita** Adrid, **Michael** Skinner, **Lucio** Dumas, **Debbie** Poulton, **Stephanie** Alijahn, **Douglas** Bateman, **Robin** Bourke, **Christopher** Browne, **Jan** Buttigieg, **Matthew** Byrne, **Anne** Chandler, **Amado** Dizon, **Ely** Deganos, **Clare** Dobozy, **Bernadette** Douwes, **Narelle** Dwyer, **Patrick** Guillon, **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, **Arsinio**, **Leonia** 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.

THE NEXT ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE IN 2019.

NEXT CONFIRMATION MEETING

FAMILY CONFIRMATION MEETING: Saturday, 1st September @
either 10-12am or 2-4pm.

**CONFIRMATION MASS ATTENDANCE CARD - PLEASE SUBMIT
THIS CARD TO EITHER FR JAN, FR HUONG OR FR THOMAS
ON SUNDAY, 2ND OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AFTER ATTENDING
THE MASS.**

CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 1): Thursday, 13th Sept.
@ 5pm Practice on Monday, 10th Sept. @ 4pm.

CONFIRMATION & PRACTICE (SESSION 2): Thursday, 13th Sept.
@ 7pm Practice on Monday, 10th Sept. @ 6pm.

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

Youth Section- FUSE Recap



On Friday, 17th of August, the Southport Parish hosted the largest Deanery event this year with over 70 young people in attendance at Aquinas College. The night began with games and then into an amazing home cooked dinner by the Southport Youth parents and then into a talk by Sister Mel and Cosme from Vocations Brisbane talking about their journey to follow God's voice. The night centred around the scripture from Matthew 17:20 "If you only have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move mountains". Youth were challenged and inspired to plant their own seeds of faith in a prayer experience symbolising their commitment as well as invited for prayer teams and worship lead by our deanery band. It was wonderful to see the youth from our earlier retreat in the year reunite and the many Brisbane supporters in attendance were in awe of the welcoming and prayerful environment.



THANK YOU

This was a huge achievement by the parish and the parish express its heartfelt thanks to the youth, the youth facilitators especially the team leader Catherine Lee, the youth parents and well-wishers who prepared and served the food and all involved in making the night happen. The prayers and presence of our pastors was great encouragement for the youth. We look forward to sharing more success stories of our growth in youth ministry in Southport Catholic Parish.

The next Youth Gathering is on the 2nd of September from 4pm-6pm @ Mary Immaculate. Please RSVP to southport@venireyouth.com

Fr Thomas Varkey

Wedding Announcement: Congratulations to **Kane and Natasha Gaitau!** Who were married last Saturday, 18th of August. We wish you both a marriage filled with love and joy.



Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Tuesday, 28th of August and 25th of September at 10:30am in Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.**



Children's Liturgy of the Word for this term dates are: 2nd, 9th, 16th of September 2018. If anyone is interested in assisting, or you know anyone that would like to assist us with The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 or email Marib@scp.org.au.

Grieving Support Meeting - will be on **Tuesday, 28th of August 4pm at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.**

Southport Youth Group Information, please visit our website <https://scp.org.au/scp-youth-group>

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain:

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings. **R**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. **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

The Fullness of God

Deep in Christ I pray you know
the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live,
strong in faith and built on love
until you know,
How high and long,
how wide and deep,
The fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ,
The Father we serve,
fill your mind that you may see,

deep in your heart,
what hope his call now holds for you
His promise true
To fill your heart with power to live
The fullness of God.

Know the way you learnt from Christ
to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to Him;
let Christ renew the hope in you
to grow into...
Goodness and Truth!
And living so you'll come to know
the fullness of God!

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you
come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

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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REFLECTION HYMN

Lord To Whom Shall We Go

Refrain:

*Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread,
broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.*

The manna we ate,
yet our hunger remained;
our hearts left unsatisfied. **R**

O Lord, you feed us
with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **R**

The bread you give
is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world. **R**

Your word, O Lord,
is a lamp for my steps,
a light for my path of life. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Take the Word of God With You

Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make
them grow

Refrain:

*Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God
with you as you go.*

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace and make
them grow. **R**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy and make
them grow. **R**

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make
them grow **R**

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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.