

With today's Feast of Jesus' Baptism, the Church concludes the liturgical Season of Christmas. The Child, whom the Wise men from the East came to adore at Bethlehem offering their symbolic gifts, we now find an adult, at the time when he is baptised in the Jordan River by the great Prophet John the Baptist. Today's feast links what has been celebrated at Christmas with the rest of the liturgical calendar. Next Sunday on, Jan 20, we return for six weeks to ordinary time and then on Ash Wednesday (the 6th of March) we will begin our Lenten journey towards Easter.



St Luke recounts in today's Gospel that while Jesus, having received baptism, "was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you, I am well pleased." (3:21-22). This Jesus is the Son of God who is entirely immersed in the will of the Father's love. He is the One who will die on the cross and rise again through the power of the same Spirit who now descends upon him and consecrates him. Jesus is the new man who wills to live as the son of God, that is, in love; the man who in the face of the evil of the world, by choosing the path of humility and responsibility chooses not to save himself but to offer his own life for truth and justice.

Being Christian means living like this, but this kind of life involves a rebirth: to be reborn from on high, from God, from Grace. This rebirth takes place the Baptism, which Christ gives to his Church in order to regenerate men and women to new life. An ancient text attributed to St Hippolytus states: "Whoever goes down into these waters of rebirth with faith renounces the devil and pledges himself to Christ. He rejects the enemy and confesses that Christ is God and is raised to filial status". (*Discourse on the Epiphany, 10: PG 10, 862*).

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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

Korean Mass - 5pm

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



Before Mass speak with God



During Mass, let God speak with you



After Mass, speak with others

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE
IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION IN 2019.**



The Sacramental programs for 2019, begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2019 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

The online registration (<https://scp.org.au/registration-sacrament/>) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2019 is now available and closes on **Monday, 4th February 2019**. **THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5TH OF FEB.** (for a Registration Form query please contact **Maria Blanca** on 5510 2222 or email **MariaB@scp.org.au**)

At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) between the 11th - 15th of March 2019 in the afternoon.



**SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY - AUSTRALIA DAY
MASS AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, ASHMORE
9 AM**

**NO MORNING MASS ON THAT DAY
AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR
OR GUARDIAN ANGELS, SOUTHPORT**

**ON MONDAY, 28TH OF JANUARY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MASS AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR
9AM**

Rosters

The rosters for all ministers are being prepared for the months of March and April. Please contact the parish with your changes. If you were not on the last roster please let us know and if you have changed your email address or have recently acquired one please let us know.

Southport Catholic Church Playgroup will commence on **Thursday, 31st of January 2019**. The playgroup meets each Thursday 9:00am to 10:30am at the Resource Centre. It caters for children 0-5 years. The cost is \$4 per family for further details please contact Mark Kleinert 0456 024 205 markkleinert@hotmail.com.

Guardian Angels Church due to Fr Thomas' holiday there will **NO ADORATION on Wednesday till 20th of February 2019** when he returns from his holiday. However, the Church will continue to be opened from noon till 1pm for personal prayers and devotions.



Congratulations on your First Wedding Anniversary

Franz and Drew Cañizares, may your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship for all the years of your lives!

World Marriage Day Mass, Married couples from all Gold Coast Parishes are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11:00am, at St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba, on **Sunday, 10th February 2019**, to celebrate your marriage, whether married only last year or decades ago. Padre Morgan Batt will be our Celebrant. (PP. Burleigh Heads) Invite the whole family to come along if 2019 is a significant mile-stone anniversary for you. A renewal of your Marriage Vows will be included during the Liturgy. **We invite couples to bring a plate and stay awhile, to chat with other like-minded couples, over a BYO lunch on the verandah**, Tea and coffee provided. The World Marriage Day Mass is hosted by Burleigh Heads Parish, St Benedict's Community and 'Teams of Our Lady' Gold Coast. Contact & RSVP: Sue and Bren on 5522 4880.



Couples For Christ will be conducting a Christian Life Program on **Sunday, 17th of Feb. 2019**, from 10am to 1pm at the Resource Centre of Mary Immaculate Church. Lunch will be provided. Please come and listen to God's message to you. For further information please contact Nelia Tsui on 0430 240 033.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday, 7th February 2019 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25 January 2019.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday

1st Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5, 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Gospel - John 2: 1-11

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

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Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

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

Recently Deceased: Ethel Pitman

Anniversary: Juan Solitario, Beverly Power, Viojaa Stojanovic, Pasquale Leonello, Erwin Eiberger, Len Busuttill, Robert Busuttill, Guido Busuttill, Christina Harkins.

Sick and in Need: Grace Ogilvie, Margaret Iringan, Lorraine Wilson, Christine Versace, Irene Cooper, Kevin Nicholason, John Booth, Conchita Djosovic, Mario Jose Dizon Elias Arulappan, Jerry Obe, Garth Rippin, Barbara Storey, Linda Kerr, Francisca Park, Morin Min, Sue Barker, Maria Theresa Malate, Dave Curran, Mary Kerwin, Elias Arulappan, Jan Sims, Merlyn Morris, Brian Doherty, Patricia Fisher, Wiktorija 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, Matthew Byrne, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patrick Guillon, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Harry Hunter, Victor Williams, Andrei Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner, Semeon Illescas, 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.

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 will commence on Sunday, 3rd of February 2019.

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 5 years old, and the other is from 6 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 Blancia on 5510 2222 or email MariaB@scp.org.au

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **22nd January 2019 at 10:30am, in the Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore** or for further information please contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

2019 Parish Date Claimers

Adoration at 4:15pm-5:15pm, Mary Immaculate Church every First Thursday of the Month (commencing on **7th of February 2019**).

RCIA at 7pm, Mary Immaculate Meeting room every **Thursday**.

Craft at **9:30am to 12pm every Thursday** at Mary Immaculate Church (Library) Ashmore. Commencing on Thursday 31st of January 2019.

Rosary and Novena at **6pm every Wednesday** at St Joseph the Worker Labrador. On the First Wednesday of the month, they are followed by Mass at 7pm.

Filipino Mass at **12pm every First Sunday** of the month at Guardian Angels, Southport.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord, my soul!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come to the Water

Refrain:

*Come to the water,
you who are thirsty
though you have nothing,
I bid you come!
and be filled with the good-ness
I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live!*

Why spend your money on
what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
my ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
just as a seed becomes bread.
My word upon you can never return
until my longing is filled! **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

Gather Your People

Refrain:

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of
love. Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters, each of us called
to walk in your light. **R.**

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy, waters of hope
that flow from your side. **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

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

Refrain:

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. **R.**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **R.**

You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people,
poured in endless love. **R.**
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REFLECTION HYMN

Come As You Are

Come as you are,
that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and
disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,
not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my
promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are,
that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, the Light of Your Love

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with
the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace
and mercy; send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome
presence, from the shadows into your
radiance; by the blood I may enter your
brightness, search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **R.**
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