



Today's readings help us to reflect on a matter that we may see as a burden or an impossibility in our life: *Forgiving our enemies.*

It seems so unrealistic. How can we love people who do us real harm? Isn't it natural to hit back? Yes, says Jesus, that is just what pagans do. The problem for many is the word 'Love', which we identify with warmth and affection. But the love that Jesus speaks about is different.

This love is a deep down desire for the well-being of the other person. Even with our enemies we can have that kind of love. We can want them to change, not only for our sake but also for theirs. Turning the other cheek is not weakness but requires great inner strength – the strength not to stoop to the level of the attacker.

We have a lovely example in the First reading (*1st Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23*). Saul is hunting David and wanting to kill him. But David suddenly finds Saul asleep and completely at his mercy, but only takes away his spear and water jug when he could have killed him. Saul has the graciousness to acknowledge that he is in the presence of a great man. Let us, too, always try to take the initiative in love.

(From *Shalom, The Thoughts for Prayer, Vol 2, pg 65, 2007*)

*"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you".* (Lk 6: 27)

Jesus wants us not to desire revenge or retaliate. He rebukes His disciples when they wanted to rain fire on the Samaritans (Lk 9:51-55); He prays for his enemies. (Lk 23:24)

Jesus is challenging us to follow his teaching. St Stephen prays and forgives those who stoned him to death. (Acts 7:54-60). St Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit (d.1597) told people before he was crucified : *" Since this way teaches me to forgive my enemies and all who have offended me, I willingly forgive the king and all those who have desired my death. And I pray that they will obtain the desire of Christian Baptism."* (St Paul Miki, SJ. by Bert Ghezzi, from *Voices of the Saints*)

All Christians are invited to live that love and are granted enough grace to practice this love. By the grace of God, what is not comfortable and easy becomes possible.

Fr Van Huong

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**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
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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

**Mass in Korean - 5pm**

**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12:30pm

**SACRAMENT OF 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**

**Workshop – the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Mary Immaculate Church.** A workshop for the Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist who do their ministry at **Mary Immaculate Church** is going to be held on **Saturday, 2nd March at 2pm**, and then for those who are not able to come on that day, there will be an additional option on **Saturday, 9th March 11am** again at Mary Immaculate. **ALL MINISTERS ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO THIS WORKSHOP.** The purpose of this workshop is to refresh the practices and ways of performing this vital ministry in our Parish. At the same time, **the new “recruits”** will be trained to do this ministry according to the principles and practices that are in place at Mary Immaculate Church.

Any ministry depends on the parishioners’ involvement. If the involvement is minimal, then the ministry is not able to serve whether it will be music or the sacristan ministry. The same pattern applies the Eucharistic ministry, so I encourage parishioners to get involved in this ministry **because Mary Immaculate needs more ministers of the Holy Communion who would serve at the morning and evening Masses on Sunday.** If the numbers are still the same, then the Holy Communion might be given under the form of the Bread only.

The yellow sheets are placed at the entrance of the Mary Immaculate Church to put your name down to become a **minister of the Holy Communion at Mass.**

**24 Hour Adoration at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.** From **Friday, 15th March to Saturday, 16th March 2019** you are invited to join us at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, guided biblical reflections, musical worship, reconciliation, silent reflection, a walkable rosary and shared meals. Beginning and ending with a **9am Mass on both days**, this event is hosted by Southport Catholic Parish. **All are welcome to experience this Love.**

This 24-hour adoration is a Lenten preparation as well as an opportunity to enhance the spiritual energy of our Parish. Please join us with our Priests, Pastoral Council, Parish Staff, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministers, Altar Servers, Volunteers and any other catholic parish group to make this a mega spiritual event. Please confirm your availability by registering your name in the sign up Roster placed in front of our churches.

Fr Thomas

**In preparation for Easter ceremonies** of the Holy Triduum, the choir will begin practice on **the first Monday after Ash Wednesday, 11th March.** The practice starts at **6:30pm to 7:30pm at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.** Singing and music are an essential part of the Holy Week liturgy, and our Parish is blessed to have so many dedicated musicians and singers who willingly give their time and talent to the music ministry.

I thank Sharon Walsh who has agreed to guide the choir in the time of preparation and to take the role of a conductor. **ST CEILIA PRAY FOR OUR SINGERS AND MUSICIANS.**

Fr Jan

**Walking Group** our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

## PLENARY COUNCIL LAST DAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY!



Last year before Christmas Parishioners answered the question; *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* Three hundred and twenty parishioners answered this question and I thank them for their input to this preliminary stage of the **Plenary Council 2020.** Straight after Christmas these answers were sent to central office of the Plenary Council. Some Parishioner put their answer directly via the Plenary Council Website; [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.com](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.com) I thank these people too for taking time and voicing their views regarding the Catholic Church in Australia.

According to the time frame the last day when the answers can be submitted is the Ash Wednesday which is on **6th of March**, (not far away). To give the opportunity to revisit this Plenary Council Question again you are invited to come to the meeting on session on Wednesday, 27th Feb. see the invitation below.

### OPEN INVITATION

to all (including Non-Catholics) for an  
Information Session  
about the forthcoming

## PLENARY COUNCIL

on Wednesday 27 February 2019  
at 7:00pm at Mary Immaculate Meeting room.

**This class is sponsored and presented by your SCL.**

### Plenary Council Information Session

**What is a Plenary Council? Why do we need a Plenary Council? What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?** These and all your questions will be answered in this Information and Group Discussion session. **See the above notice for details.** So if you are listening to what the Spirit is saying and you want to attend, contact **John Wintour** with “YES”, 1. by email at [winlock1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:winlock1@optusnet.com.au), 2. by SMS on **0423 355945**, or by phone on **5500 5772** for further inquiries (especially if this time doesn’t suit and you have another suggestion).



**World Day of Prayer.** The World Day of Prayer will be held at St James Anglican Church, Brighton Street Labrador on **Friday, 1st March at 9.30am.** The women of Slovenia prepared this year’s prayer service. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.



This February, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is celebrating 125 years since it was founded in Queensland. The Guardian Angels (Southport) Conference will conduct a membership drive to honour this anniversary. At all the Masses at Guardian Angels and St Joseph’s Church this weekend of the work of our conference will be highlighted. If you have any inkling of helping with the good works of Vinnies talk to one of our members this weekend.

### Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday

**1st Reading – Sirach 27; 4-7 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Gospel – Luke 6: 39-45**

## 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:** Patricia Hickson, Anna Frichot

**Anniversary:** Henry Dyer, Barry Heywood, Bernard Clarke, Jessie Pittendrigh, Paddy Murphy (Ireland), Catherine Hanger, Barry Galton

**Sick and in Need:** David Mulligan, Matt Aquino, Elena Lazaro, Mervyn Francis Ryan, Marcelle Guillon, Ron Martinac, Lynette Dillon, Angelina Mandarino, Fr David Austin, Tootsie Francia, Nympha Mendoza, Jean Smith, Bernadette Gaspard, Veronica James, Elizabeth Morris, Patricia Dowde, Grace Ogilvie, Margaret Iringan, Lorraine Wilson, Christine Versace, Kevin Nicholason, John Booth, Conchita Djosovic, Mario Jose Dizon Elias Arulappan, Jerry Obe, Garth Rippin, 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, Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, 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, 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, lonely or hurting.*

*Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

### Sacrament of Baptism



**Today, we Welcome into God's Family**

**Darcy** John Fenn son of John & Clare Fenn  
**Matilda** Elizabeth McCormick  
daughter of Andrew and Alicia McCormick

**Baptismal Preparation Classes** - For Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Class will be on **26th February 2019 at 10:30am, in the Mary Immaculate Church, Meeting Room, Ashmore** or for further information please contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

### Sacraments - Calendar 2019

#### **Reconciliation Meetings:**

**Presentation Session - Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 9:45am or Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 4pm** in the Parish/meeting room.

**Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)** - Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March to Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 4pm to 5pm. Estimated group of 10 - 12 Children/participants per day.

**The Sacrament of First Communion** will be offered in **Term 2, 2019** and will be available to candidates who are 9 years of age (Year 4) or older. Online Registration will be open **on Monday, 18th of March 2019 until Thursday, 18th of April 2019.**

Please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222 for further information in regards to the Parish Sacramental Program.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Do you have a young child and attend **Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore** for **8:30am Mass** on Sunday's? If yes, would you be interested in becoming a volunteer on a roster to assist with the Children's Liturgy of the Word for 20mins in the Parish Meeting Room. The children gather in the Church, just after the Entrance Hymn and are taken to the Meeting Room to hear God's word at the children's level so they can understand. We like to have two adults supervising the children, who return to Mass for the Prayer of the Faithful. Please call Maria Blanca or Email [MariaB@Scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@Scp.org.au) if you would like to assist.

**Volunteers Needed**, we are extending the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program to **Guardian Angels Church for the 10am Mass every Sunday**. 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 Blanca on 5510 2222 or email [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au)

### 2019 Parish Date Claimers

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

**Craft** at **9:30am to 12pm every Thursday** at Mary Immaculate Church (Library) Ashmore. We welcome new members to join us.

**Rosary and Novena** at **6pm every Wednesday** at St Joseph the Worker Labrador. On the First Wednesday of the month, followed by Mass at 7pm.11

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

**Young Adult Group** meet every Friday at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, at 6:30pm. For more information or enquiries please contact Lynn on 0425182049 Or Juan on 0406705349.



#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

Born about the year 69. Died on this day about 155 at Smyrna (Turkey), where he had been the beloved and respected bishop. A disciple of Saint John the apostle (27 December) who wrote to the Philipians to strengthen their faith and to defend the Church against heresy. Remembered because of the account of his martyrdom for his fearless acknowledgment of Christ, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *The Lord is kind and merciful*

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

##### **We are Called**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy  
and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God!

##### ***Refrain:***

***We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!***

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness  
will be no more! **R.**

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#### **GIFTS PROCESSION**

##### **Seek, O Seek the Lord**

##### ***Refrain:***

***Seek, O seek the Lord,  
while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer,  
and he will hear.***

God, be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us.  
Though we faint with mortal strife  
his blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love  
we owe to one another.  
How can we love God above  
and not our brother? **R**

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#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** (ICEL)

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

#### **COMMUNION PROCESSION**

##### **I am the Bread of Life**

I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons.

***And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day!***

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever. **R**

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you. **R**

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live for ever. **R**

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the son of God,  
who has come into the world. **R**

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#### **REFLECTION HYMN**

##### **Let there be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father,  
we are family.  
Let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment  
and live each moment  
in peace eternally,  
let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me.  
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#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

##### **Sing a New Song**

##### ***Refrain:***

***Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung  
from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.***

Shout with gladness, dance for joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for God  
on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound. **R**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song. **R**

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#### **LENTEN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES**

##### **ASH WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Our Lenten journey towards Easter  
begins on Wednesday. In our Parish  
on this day there will be four Masses.

**7am**

St Joseph the Worker, Labrador

**9am**

Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

**12.30pm**

Guardian Angels, Southport

**6pm**

Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

##### **STATION OF THE CROSS IN LENTEN SEASON**

**Every Friday, 6:30pm**

St Joseph the Worker Church

**Every Wednesday, 12:15pm**

Guardian Angels Church  
**(Plus adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament)**

##### **LENTEN PROGRAM**

For those parishioners who would like  
to participate in the Lenten Program,  
our Parish has ordered Guiding books  
and other materials if you would  
like to join in the discussion group  
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