

“Preparation for Christmas”



Advent is a time of preparations to receive Jesus at Christmas. The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts for Jesus. We have already started our Christmas preparations by decorations, putting up the trees and all the lights, purchasing the gifts, special cooking and baking, etc. All these make Christmas special. But we need spiritual preparations to make Christmas more meaningful and beautiful.

John the Baptist who comes as a Herald of Jesus said, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight”. John the Baptist was a voice in the wilderness urging the people to prepare a way for the Lord, preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord’s visit. The preparation on which he insisted was a preparation of heart and of life. “Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth” (Lk 3:5). We have to fill in the “valleys” of our souls which have resulted from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living our Faith.

The twenty-four-hours of adoration hosted by our Southport Catholic parish was a good preparation for Christmas. It undoubtedly has been a spiritual banquet and upliftment in the spiritual journey of our parish. More than two hundred people attended this adoration. May I take the opportunity to thank all the participants, parishioners, Venire Youth, Pastors Jan, Huong, Father Vince, Fr Saji and Fr Paul Kelly.

A special thanks to Chris Underwood and Tahlia who organised this spiritual event.

Fr. Thomas Varkey

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2018

Monday, 24th of December

Mary Immaculate - 6pm

Guardian Angels’ - 6pm

**Guardian Angels’
12midnight**

Tuesday, 25th of December

**St Joseph the Worker
7am and 8:30am**

**Guardian Angels’
7am and 10am**

Mass in Korean - 5pm

**Mary Immaculate
8:30am**

Wednesday, 26th of December

**St Joseph the Worker
9am**

NEW YEARS DAY

Tuesday, 1st of January 2019

**St Joseph the Worker
9am**

PARISH CONTACTS

**Parish email address
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**Parish Website
<https://scp.org.au>**

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

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

Plenary Council 2020



“Give us the courage to tell our stories and speak boldly of your truth” from the *Plenary Council Prayer 2020*

Last Sunday I asked parishioners to pray and think about the Plenary Council 2020 question **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”**.

I hope many of us prayed and reflected upon this question in the previous week. Today after the homily we will have a few minutes to put the answer in writing. **The Plenary cards and pencils can be found on the pews.**

After you fill these little cards, then put them on the first collection plate.

Keep in mind that the answers you give will shape in the Plenary Council agenda and the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Fr Jan

Adoration - 24hrs of Love



Last Friday and Saturday Mary Immaculate Church hosted a 24hr Adoration, beginning and ending with morning mass. I was moved to see so many people in the church to adore the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For some of the students at Aquinas College and Guardian Angels this was their first experience of Eucharistic adoration. The age of our attendees ranged from unborn children in the womb all the way up to those in their 80s or 90s, with visitors from Sydney, Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba and other parishes along the coast.

We hear from St Faustina that time spent “before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect from God’s goodness and love”. Through Eucharistic adoration Jesus unleashes an ocean of graces upon us, our families and the whole world.

Thank you to all the volunteers, priests, musicians, caterers and supporters who made this event possible! Contact Chris if you would like to get updates about the next 24hr adoration later in 2019 – chris.underwood92@gmail.com or 0403428302.

The Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, 10th of December

St Joseph the Worker Church
7am to 8am

Tuesday, 11th of December

Mary Immaculate Church
9am to 10am

Wednesday, 12th of December

St Joseph the Worker Church
7am to 8am

and
Guardian Angels
12 noon to 1pm

Thursday, 13th of December

Mary Immaculate Church
5pm to 6:30pm

Friday, 14th December

Guardian Angels Church
12 noon to 1:30pm

Fatima Day will be held on **Thursday, 13th of December** 2018 at **Marian Valley** and we would love for you to join us. 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 on the Leagues Club Drive side, at approximately 8.30am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. When booking your seat, please verify your point of pickup. You can secure your seat with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

Southport Catholic Church Playgroup CLOSED due to school holidays. The 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. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God’s Word Because of the high demand, the parish has ordered extra books of the daily reading of “God’s Word” . They will be available at the parish office please call if you would like one.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3: 14-18 - 2nd Reading – Philippians 4:4-7 - Gospel – Luke 3:10-18

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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

Anniversary: Thomas A. Fitzmaurice,

Sick and in Need: 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.



Sacrament of Baptism

Today, We Welcome into God's Family

Summer Jade Garcia- Ireland daughter of Oscar Garcia Salinas

Alfie Wayne Drury son of Wayne & Briana Drury

Eva Claudia Drury daughter of Wayne & Briana Drury

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday is the last Liturgy Class for this year. On behalf of Southport Catholic Parish, we would like to extend our appreciation to our Volunteers/Leaders this year. Thank you, for all your support, effort, hard work and time to lead the CLOTW this year. May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Catholic Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Tuesday, 18th December 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 **Abas** on **0450 221 088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

Children's Choir and Nativity Workshop for the Christmas Eve Mass at Ashmore Church. Thank you to all the parents and children who attended last Sunday, Children's Choir and Nativity Workshop. The next practice will be on **Sunday, the 16th of December 10:30am - 12:30pm** at **Mary Immaculate Church.**



Getting ready for Christmas!

Singing practice for the midnight Mass (Guardian Angels) continues every **Wednesday, at 7:00pm - 8:30pm** at Guardian Angels' Church.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers/Leaders (from top to bottom) Mrs Pauline McDonald, Mrs Nina Cueva, Mrs Iman Betrus, Mrs Andrea Hauff, Mrs Lilli Setio, Mrs Sally Rigby, Ms Raphaelle & Mr Sean Cottrell (not in the photo).



The Youth Section - Friday, the 14th of December 2018 End of Year Fuse @ Surfside Paradise Parish- Dress up in 80s Rock'n'Roll!!!

The Annual Christmas Lights festival at St Gerard Majella, Chermside West is now on and will continue every night till 23rd December. Huge lights display, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Barbecue, Drinks, ice Creams and Op Shop all operating from 6pm till 10pm nightly. Free entertainment every night. The program for our free concerts can be found on our website: www.olapishchermside.org.au.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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**

He is the lamb of God
and you must follow him
who takes the sin of the world,
for he has come to give you life. **R**
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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

A Voice in the Wilderness

Refrain:

**A voice in the wilderness
calls to prepare,
for we are standing
on the edge of changes.
Across the desert sand
and mountain high
the Lord is coming.
Make your way.**

I will hear what the Lord will say,
a voice of peace for all his people.
His voice is never far for those who
know His glory dwelling in our land. **R**

Faithfulness and mercy have met,
peace and justice have embraced
here.

Faithfulness shall spring from the
earth and justice look down from
the sky. **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

Table Of Plenty

Refrain:

**Come to the feast of heaven and
earth!**

**Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we
need,
here at the table of plenty.**

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your
spirit
with faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of
gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. **R**

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REFLECTION HYMN

Advent Litany (Verses 1 - 4)

Word of justice, Alleluia,
Come to dwell here, Maranatha!
Word of mercy, Alleluia,
Live among us, Maranatha!
Word of power, Alleluia,
Live within us, Maranatha!
Word of freedom, Alleluia,
Save your people, Maranatha!
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

**Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **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
companion 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.

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