

On last Wednesday (1st of May), with the celebration of the feast of St Joseph the Worker, we began the month of May. May is normally part of the Easter season, the period of fifty days which lasts from Easter to Pentecost. During this time, we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, a celebration which climaxes with his Ascension to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. It is fitting to dedicate this time to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to recall her intense joy over her Son's Resurrection and the comfort and guidance she gave to the Apostles during this difficult period. In these days of May many Catholics, both in church and in the privacy of their homes, offer up to Mary from their hearts a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

During the Easter season, Mary's presence in the beginnings of the Church is emphasised in the Acts of the Apostle. She was present in the first community of disciples. In Acts 1:14 we read that, she was present with the Apostles in the upper room as they prayerfully waited for the descent of the Holy Spirit with hopeful expectation. As Pope St. John Paul II stated in Encyclical Letter on Mary Redemptories Mater, "Mary was in the Upper Room, where the Apostles were preparing to take up the mission with the coming of the Spirit of Truth: she was present with them. In their midst, Mary was "devoted to prayer" as the "mother of Jesus" (cf. Acts 1:13-14), of the Crucified and Risen Christ." Mary's maternal presence was humble and discreet but fundamental. Among them, she acted as a guide, an exceptional witness of the mystery of Christ, a role she had since His conception and birth, as well as a model of true faith.

In the same way, Mary is present today in our lives as she guides us on our journey of faith. Devotion to Mary should be natural for us as we look to her as a mother. When we honour Mary, we honour Christ. As a Mother, Mary cares for her children and makes intercession for them.

Fr Jan

**LABOUR DAY MONDAY, 6TH OF MAY 2019**  
**MASS AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR AT 9AM**

**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



**Before Mass speak with God**

**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



**During Mass, let God speak with you**

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore  
Ph: 5510 2222

**Sunday Masses**  
8:30am & 6:00pm

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Thursday 5:30pm

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**Holy Hour 4:15pm**



**After Mass, speak with others**

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**Thank you** to the Filipino Community Last Wednesday, on the 1st of May, we honoured St Joseph the Worker the Patron Saint of our church in Labrador. The celebration began with Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and then the Eucharist. After the Eucharist parishioners moved in procession to the annex to continue the celebration at the fiesta table. With a deep bow, I thank the Filipino ladies who prepared "the second (fiesta) table" of our celebration with such delicious food of their national cuisine. I thank **Marci Harris** for donating the Lechon (Roast Pig) many thanks also go to **Gler Ramos** for coordinating of the work of so many wonderful Filipino ladies who brought many goodies to the table from their kitchens.

Singing at Mass was led by the Filipino choir directed by **Irma Courtney**.

I also would like to extend my appreciation to the sacristans, readers, Eucharistic ministers and those who took care of the logistics of setting up the church for Mass, tables, chairs, etc... Also, many thanks to the parishioners who came along to this fiesta and had a great time on Wednesday evening while celebrating the feast of St Joseph. Next year in 2020 there will be the celebration of the golden jubilee that we are going to have at St Joseph hopefully in the New LUMEN CHRISTI CENTER.

The collection (\$500) that was taken last Wednesday has been given to the fundraising of the LCC.

Fr Jan

With your wellbeing in mind and following a review of the **Emergency Management Plan** for the Parish over the last few months you may have noticed some changes in the churches. Most noticeably to signs/diagrams, particularly the evacuation signs. For your safety, take time to check out the signs and to notice where your nearest exit and the assembly area is. Further, you may have noticed that AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) have been installed in the churches. We pray we never have cause to use this device. Thanks Leanne

**Good Friday Collection** to maintain and preserve the shrines and other significant Christian places in the Holy Land in all Catholics parishes there is a collection at the celebration of the Lord's Passion. In keeping with this tradition, being united with all Catholic parishes across the world, we too had a collection at Mary Immaculate Church. This year on Good Friday **we collected \$1,970**. This money has already been transferred to the Commissariat of the Custody of the Holy Land which is run to the Order of Friars Minor (OFM, Franciscans).

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population. **Many thanks for your generous response to the Good Friday Collection**

**Bus Trip** Wait list only. All Aboard for Byron Bay and the Rattler **Thursday, 16th May**, 8am from St Joseph the Worker church 8.15 The Manor. 8.30 BP Service Station Ashmore.

**HOLY HOUR FOR THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

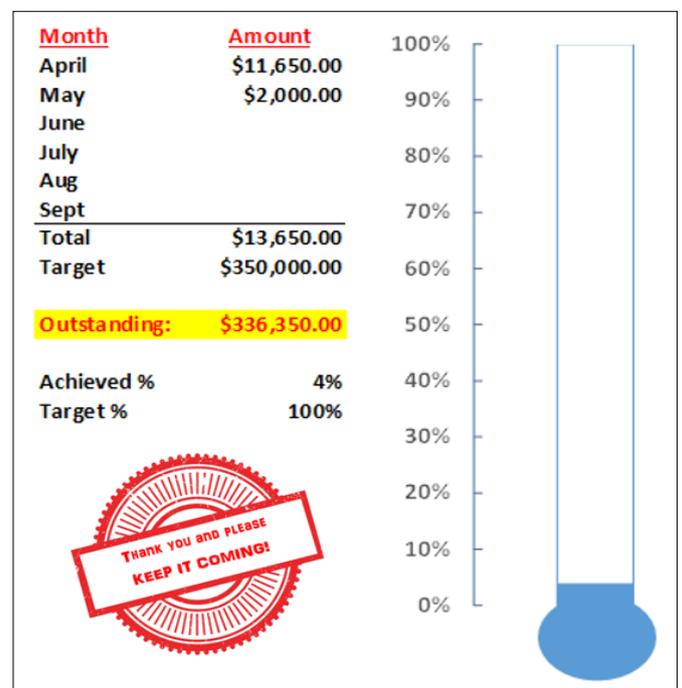
**From 4:15pm to 5:15pm  
At Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore**



Our Lady has received a gift. Last week "the undercover angel" placed a pot of the beautiful flowers next to the statue of Our Lady at Ashmore. It is good to see how some parishioners take initiative in their hands and contribute to the parish life in a positive way. In these days of May these flowers will remind us of the new life that we celebrate in the Easter season. The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven".

Well done "the undercover angel" now let's hope that other "angels" will look after the flower pot next to the statue of Our Lady.

**LCC Fundraising Update!!!**



Thank you to all parishioners who have already donated to our parish Lumen Christi Centre Project. Thank you for getting the ball rolling!!! While we thank those who have already made some generous contributions, we also encourage those who haven't, to please support this Fundraising.

Those who wish to donate please visit our website [www.scp.org.au/LCC](http://www.scp.org.au/LCC) or collect the form from the church and return to the Southport Catholic Parish Office.

On Monday **13th May 2019 we will be celebrating Fatima Day, also on Saturday 18th May 2019 we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians** at the Marian Valley and would love for you to join us. The bus will be picking up at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at approximately 8.15am. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station 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.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C**

**1st Reading – Acts 13:14, 43-52 2nd Reading – Revelation 7:9, 14-17- Gospel - John 10:27-30**

## 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:** George Varghese Nadivelekunnakkatu (Fr Thomas' Brother), Cesar Gerat, Mary Kerwin, Lesley Snow, Annie Ptolemy

**Anniversary:** John Maloney,

**Sick and in Need:** Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, David Austin (priest), Sue Barker, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Dave Curran, Lynette Dillon, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Ron Gledhill, Marcelle Guillon, Karen George, Patrick Guillon, Norm Harding Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Angelina Mandarino, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, David Mulligan, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholason, Jerry Obe, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Rob Peters, Debbie Poulton, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Francis Ryan, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Jean Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, Christine Versace, David Walters, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

*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.*

**Baptismal Preparation Classes at Mary Immaculate Church.** For Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, our **Online Baptismal Registration is now available.** The next Baptismal Prep will be on **Tuesday, 14th of May and Tuesday, 18th of June 2019.** To book please Register Online <https://scp.org.au> (Baptismal/Baptismal Prep/Registration).

### Children's Liturgy

**The dates for Children's Liturgy in Term 2, 2019 are: 5th, 12th, 26th of May and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd of June 2019.** Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Maria Blancia on **5510 2222** or email her at: [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au).

**\*19th of May - Guardian Angels School Family Mass**

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOTW) ~VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT GUARDIAN ANGELS~**

During the 10am Sunday Mass at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, we have an opportunity for children to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is a time when children go to a separate space in the Church (TBA) with Adult leaders, to hear and discuss the readings of the day on their level. **We are in need of volunteers to help lead this program.** Materials and a leader's guide are provided to help plan the sessions. This volunteer will be required to lead the liturgy at least once or twice a month. If anyone is interested in assisting or you know anyone that would like to assist us, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 or email [MariaB@scp.org.au](mailto:MariaB@scp.org.au).

#### POLICY STATEMENT

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. - Mark 10:14*  
Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

**Photographers Volunteers** are urgently needed to help in capturing the Ceremony and celebration of the **First Holy Communion this year at Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday, 1st of June (5pm) and Sunday, 2nd of June (11am)** If interested, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.

### 2019 Parish Date Claimers

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

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

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

**Christmas in July** on Saturday, the 20th of July 2019. More information to Follow.

**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.**

**Rosters** the rosters for all Ministers are being prepared for July & August. For those who have email addresses, there have been quite a few emails that have been rejected. If you have not received your roster and have changed your email address please email or contact the parish office with your changes.

### YOUTH SECTION

#### **Youth Retreat - Expressions of Interest!**

Southport Catholic Parish would like all youth in high school (year 7-12) and recent high school leavers to attend our mid-year retreat on **Monday, 8th to Thursday 11th of July 2019** at Tamborine Mountain QCCC Centre. Cost - \$210, Early bird paid by May - \$200 (Payment plans available).

Please email [catherinemaree@live.com.au](mailto:catherinemaree@live.com.au) to register your interest and let us know if you would like a parent information session or would like input in the program or running of the retreat.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will praise You Lord, for You have rescued me*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### Praise To You O Christ

**Refrain:**

**Praise to you,  
O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father,  
calling us to life;  
Son of God  
who leads us to freedom.  
Glory to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!**

You are the Word  
who calls us out of darkness,  
you are the Word  
who leads us into light.  
You are the Word  
who brings us  
through the desert:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R.**

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### PENITENTIAL ACT

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.

### GIFTS PROCESSION

#### 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.**

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
And profess your Resurrection 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

#### Will You Love Me

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light  
of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth  
of my ways? **R**

**Refrain:**

**Will you love me  
as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me  
the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars  
will be gone like the night  
and the sun  
will be shining on you.**

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
Is your love strong enough  
to endure?

Does your faith carry on  
through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night  
for the world? **R**

Can you walk  
in the footprints of silence?  
Through the wilderness sands  
in the sun,  
from the desert of doubt  
and temptation,  
to the glorious mountain of fire? **R**

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### RECESSIONAL

#### Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
"Jesus, out of every nation,  
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from  
sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

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