

Matthew 1:23

They shall call His name Emmanuel  
(which is translated, God with us).

“Name him Jesus,” commanded the angel. Why? Unlike Mary at the Annunciation, Joseph in his dream did not have any time to pose questions to the angel. The answer came too quickly, “Name him Jesus *because* he will save

his people from their sins.” Joseph’s dream, convincing him that Mary’s pregnancy was a divine act, is like a summary version of Mary’s encounter with the angel Gabriel.

The angel tells him, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid” to wed your betrothed. The Holy Spirit did this; God is doing something here. He is bringing forth a son through her, “Jesus,” who “will save his people from their sins.” And you have a part to play.

To understand Joseph’s dream, we have to remember what Gabriel said to Mary at the Annunciation. It is a massive announcement: “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”

All this is precisely encapsulated in his name, “Jesus.” He will be “great.” How great? He will be given the great royal title of “Son of the Most High”: see, he is the heir to David’s throne. He will fulfill the ancient promises God made to David: see, he will “rule over the house of Jacob forever.”

His Kingdom will be endless! A just ruler over Israel will lead to justice, peace and prosperity, not only for Israel but also for the entire world. Life lived without fear, without suffering, without death. Blessing upon blessing. Divine presence. God’s goodness unquestionably evident in every facet of life. This is human life as it has always been intended to be! It is all true and all coming true! Finally, here and now! God is on the move!

That is what it means to “save his people from their sins.” Jesus is the name that saves. It is the human name of God. To Mary and Joseph, it must have been a shock that they were *chosen* to be the privileged custodians of this ultimate transformation of the world from end to end, summarised by the words “salvation from sins.”

But this shock should also be ours. Why? Like Joseph, like Mary, we are the privileged custodian in the present day of this same Kingdom, this same act of God through which he is fulfilling his deeply good purpose for the world. We too, each and every one of us, bear the mystery of the name of Jesus within you. Say “yes” to it like Mary. Play your part like Joseph.

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**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019**

**Tuesday, 24th of December**

Mary Immaculate - 6pm

Guardian Angels' - 6pm

Guardian Angels'  
10:30pm

**Wednesday, 25th of December**

St Joseph the Worker  
7am and 8:30am

Guardian Angels'  
7am and 10am

Mass in Korean - 5pm

Mary Immaculate  
8:30am

**Thursday, 26th of December**

St Joseph the Worker - 9am

**(NO 5:30pm Mass  
at Mary Immaculate Church)**

**NEW YEARS DAY**

**Wednesday, 1st of January 2020**

St Joseph the Worker - 9am

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Parish Website**

<https://scp.org.au>

**Parish Phone Number**

5510 2222

**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

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am  
**Mass in Korean** - 5pm

**Prayers & Adoration**  
Wednesday 12noon - 1pm

**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

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

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



**After Mass, speak with others**

Thank  
you

I have been overwhelmed by the many thoughtful words and cards of farewell presented during recent morning tea gatherings at St Joseph's and Guardian Angels. As I read these notes, I was deeply moved by kind words of appreciation. It

has been a privilege and an honour to be your pastor over the last six years. When I think about it, I thank God for putting me in Southport where I have met so many wonderful people who love the Church, the Parish and their Catholic faith. The faith and piety of so many parishioners have nourished my faith, and it has been an inspiration in my ministry as a parish priest.

In these days when I put my belongings and books into the boxes, I take with me a bit of Southport Parish and the wonderful experience of these six years journey with the people who worship at St Joseph, Guardian Angels and Mary Immaculate. I have learned a lot at this time, and with your help, I have moved forward in my journey of faith. Taking a bit of Southport Parish with me to Maroochydore I hope a little part of me will be added to the tapestry of this great parish in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

I thank all for your cooperation and enthusiasm in different activities and initiatives that, I hope, have brought us closer together around the altar of Our Lord. I thank the parishioners of different ethnic backgrounds for their generous participation of the parish life and in so many ministries. Your generosity has already enriched Southport parish, and I am sure that in the future, more enrichment will come from your generous hearts. To all parishioners and to your families a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2020



**LUMEN CHRISTI CENTRE** I am pleased to let parishioners know that I signed the building contract to proceed with the construction work of the Lumen Christ Centre. The construction work awarded the Redline Building & Constructions. Total cost of the construction is below (500K+GST) This was the lowest price of the 3 quotes supplied. The work will commence at the beginning of January 2020 and with God's help will be completed on June 1, 2020.

The scope of the work includes the new building attached to the existing annex, the toilets for the people with disabilities and landscaping and rearranging car park to the requirements of the Gold Coast City Council.

I thank all who have supported this project with prayers and financial contributions, so far more than 60.000 dollars has been raised. I hope that in the coming months of the construction and after that figure will reach 100K.

God Bless Fr Jan

**Farewell for Fr Jan.** Fr Jan's new appointment as the Maroochydore Parish Priest will be effective from 1st of January 2020 and his departure will leave a gap in our Parish. His leadership and new initiatives have strengthened the Parish and many will want to farewell him before he departs. You will have the opportunity to do so this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass here at Mary Immaculate that will be celebrated by Fr Jan.

**\*Mary Immaculate, 22nd Dec following the 8:30am Mass**

Parish Council



The new project of our, Parish Pastoral Council offers another opportunity to grow in faith and reflect on our journey through this year Advent. If your email is not registered with the parish, or if you would like to add additional addresses, please to register at [bested78@gmail.com](mailto:bested78@gmail.com) I thank the PPC for this great initiative that employs modern technology in spreading the Good News among us. I also thanks Eddie Doherty for working behind the technical side to keep it simple.



**We are calling for more Eucharistic Ministers.** If interested to join this ministry and are able to serve at the 10:00am Mass at Guardian Angels Church, please contact the Parish Office at **5510 2222**. New Eucharistic Ministers will be provided training in January 2020 - time and date to be advised in the coming weeks. Watch this space! Meantime, there will only be two chalices of the sacred wine until Christmas because of the shortage of Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00am Mass, We will return to four chalices when we have enough people to support the ministry. New rosters to be published in the beginning of the new year.

**Parish Emergency Evacuation.** Parishioners, you are asked to take time to note the nearest green EXIT light to you in case of an emergency, further, familiarise yourself with the Emergency Evacuation Plans on the walls of the church and meeting areas.

The parish emergency lighting and firefighting equipment are tested regularly. We aim to comply with current WHS obligations. Safety is everybody's concern.

#### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY**

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. Safe recruitment and selection practices – helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. Adhering to the code of ethical behaviour – having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. Operating safe activities for children – can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. Mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and legislation.

- Most Rev Mark Coleridge - Archbishop of Brisbane

**The ministers of the Word of God** (readers) for Guardian Angels Church, **(the 10am Mass)** in case of your absence please contact **Audrey Chung, (0417 798 662)** the coordinator of the ministers of the Word of God of the 10 am Mass. Audrey will organize an alternate reader on the current roster to prepare and fill in the vacancy.

#### **Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2**

**1st Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, - 2nd Reading – Colossians 3:12-21 - Gospel - Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: [AOB@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopleveline.com.au) ONLINE: [www.bnecatholic.stoplevelinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplevelinereport.com)**

### **Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

**Guardian Angels Church**  
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
Raphaelle - 0414 915 047

**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
Cathy - 0414 982 749 (Chinese)

*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.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions  
those we love and those who have died, 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.*

**Recently Deceased:** Francis Arcangeli, Josephine Dowd, Fr John Bernard O'Connor, (Priest of the Cairns diocese), Fr Peter Grice, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Joseph Au (Malaysia), Martin Huxley, Albert Maher

**Anniversary:** Michael Stojanovic, May Wockner, Gil Wockner, Roy & Diane Bevan, Freda Jones, Elizabeth Di Leo, Donald Atkinson, Josephine Phillipos.

**Sick and in Need:** Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad) Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Ron Gledhill, Marcelle Guillon, Karen George, Patrick Guillon, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Michelle Sarri, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Sam Ryder, Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

Alexandra Mary Watson daughter of  
David & Kate Watson

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND NATIVITY WORKSHOP  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS (6PM)  
AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, ASHMORE**

**Practice at Mary Immaculate Church:**

Sunday, 22nd of December (9:45am - Last Practice)

### **BAPTISMAL PREP**

**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, 7th and 21st January 2020 at 10:30am (Mary Immaculate Church Meeting Room).** To book please Register Online <https://scp.org.au> (Baptism/Baptismal Prep/Registration) **Please note that Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday's @11am at Mary Immaculate Church.**

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2020**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** - will commence in **Term 1, 2020.** As per the Archdiocese Sacramental program requirements, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on offer to those candidates who are Baptised Catholic and who are at least 10 years of age in 2020 (School Year 5). **The online registration will open on Monday, 13th January 2020 and close on Monday, 7th February 2020.**

The Sacrament of the **First Communion** will be offered in **Term 2, 2020** and will be available to candidates who are 9 years of age (Year 4) or older. **The online registration will open on Monday, 16th March 2020 and close on Thursday, 16th April 2020.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic.** Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.

### **BEQUEST**

Leaving a Legacy. Have you desire to leave a legacy? To make a difference in the lives of our family, and in our communities? A gift in your Will, also known as a bequest, can make a difference in people's lives and can be a significant way for you to personally advance the good work of the Church.

The Parish website <https://scp.org.au/bequest/> has further details about how to go about preparing a bequest or contact the office on 5100 2222 for further information.

**Walking Group** our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at (please note) 6:00am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janeece on 0408 763 772.**

### **Fr Jan's Email Address**

Please note that the only email address that Fr Jan uses is [janstarza@gmail.com](mailto:janstarza@gmail.com) any other email address should be considered as spam/junk email.  
**Please do not reply to it, mark it as junk/spam or delete.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Let the Lord enter, He is king of glory*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### O Emmanuel

**Refrain:**

**O Emmanuel  
come into our hearts.  
O Emmanuel  
we're waiting for your light.  
O Emmanuel God is with us now.  
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.**

We your people  
are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting all throughout the earth.  
We your people  
are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting to celebrate your birth. **R**

We your people  
are longing for you, Lord,  
longing with hope and with joy.  
We your people  
are longing for you, Lord,  
longing for the sign to rejoice. **R**

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### GIFTS PROCESSION

#### Advent Chant

Twilight, then darkness,  
night falls and candles glow.  
Gently surrounding us  
a new birth of hope.  
Watching, waiting,  
awakening a new birth of hope.

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

When we eat this Bread and drink  
this Cup, we proclaim your Death,  
O Lord, until you come again.

### COMMUNION PROCESSION

#### My Soul in Stillness Waits

**Refrain:**  
**For you, O Lord,  
my soul in stillness waits.  
Truly, my hope is in you.**

O Lord of Light,  
our only hope of glory.  
Your radiance shines  
in all who look to you.  
Come, light the hearts  
of all in dark and shadow. **R**

O Spring of Joy,  
rain down upon our spirits.  
Our thirsty hearts  
are yearning for your Word.  
Come, make us whole,  
be comfort to our hearts. **R**

O Root of Life,  
implant your seed within us,  
and in your advent  
draw us all to you.

Our hope reborn,  
in dying and in rising. **R**

O Key of Knowledge,  
guide us in our pilgrimage,  
we ever seek,  
yet unfulfilled remain.  
Open to us  
the pathway of your peace. **R**

Come, let us bow  
before the God who made us.  
Let every heart  
be opened to the Lord,  
for we are all  
the people of His hand. **R**

Here we shall meet  
the maker of the heavens,  
creator of the mountains  
and the seas,  
Lord of the stars,  
and present to us now. **R**

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### REFLECTION HYMN

#### The Angel Gabriel

The angel Gabriel  
from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow,  
his eyes as flame.  
"Rejoice!" the angel said,  
"The Lord is with you"  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

"Be not afraid  
for you shall bear a child.  
By Him shall we to God  
be reconciled.  
His name shall be Emmanuel,  
the long foretold",  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary humbly  
bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleases God,"  
she said.  
"My soul shall praise and magnify His  
holy name."  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Wait for The Lord

**Refrain:**  
**Wait for the Lord,  
whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord,  
keep watch, take heart!**

Verse sung by Cantor

#### **Refrain**

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#### Nicene Creed

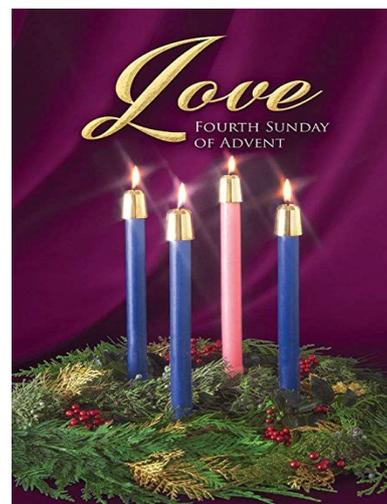
**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible  
and invisible.**

**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.**



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