

**THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR A/2  
29TH DECEMBER 2019**



It is not surprising that following the celebration of Christmas, the Birth of Christ, the Church invites us to contemplate and celebrate the virtues of the Holy Family of Mary Joseph and Jesus. In fact, this feast makes a lot of sense for us since we are all fruits of a given family, a community of parents and children, brothers, sisters and relatives. In today's feast, we celebrate the responsibility we owe each other.

The feast of the Holy Family is an invitation to strengthen our own family relations and become aware of our responsibilities. Pope Francis has emphasized the need of thinking about others in his encyclical "The Joy of the Gospels" as a characteristic feature of the Catholic church.

Jesus started a chain of love at Christmas, and he entrusted his followers to continue that chain of love. Love is all about giving. There is no true love without giving. There is no true love without sacrifice. This is the true spirit of Christmas – **Giving, Caring and Sharing**. This is the secret of successful family life. Giving always costs but giving is always richly rewarded. Those who are sacrificially giving of themselves find the greatest fulfilment here and now – and in the heavenly realm beyond.

Hence the family is a mirror reflection of heaven it should be always the residence of freedom and happiness, fertile ground for the children to sprout and grow. It is like a nest for children, protecting them from evil and deviating influences (there are many of them these days), which could lead them astray from God. A real model of a family can be identified in the family of Nazareth, consisting of Mother Mary, Joseph and a little baby Jesus. A family is made up of two vital bonds – the bond of blood and the bond of love.

As the Church is celebrating the Feast of Holy Family on this Sunday 29th of Dec., let us dedicate our families to Our Lady, and become aware of our responsibilities in our family lives, especially the bond of love which is a gift from God.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS  
WEDNESDAY, 1ST OF JANUARY 2020  
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER  
9AM**

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**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**



**Last year** around this time the Parish bulletin publicised some statistics referring to the Sacramental Life of our Parish. Similarly, at the threshold of 2019, I'd like to share some figures that tell parishioners about the ministry of Southport Parish. To give some point of reference, let's recall what happened in 2018:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Baptisms	79	75
Reconciliation	32	39
1st Eucharist	60	66
Confirmation	68	51
Weddings	5	3
Funerals	48	48
RCIA	5	4
Hospital Visits	253	290

These figures above, testify that the Southport Parish is present in all circumstances of people's lives; from the moment of birth then, through joys and hopes, through grief and anguish of the people affected by sickness, up to the moment of death.

The sacramental presence which embraces all paths of human experiences is not only the work of the priests but also the commitment of so many dedicated parishioners who generously give their time and talent in different ministries of our Parish. Without the assistance and help of so many parishioners, we priests wouldn't be able to offer spiritual healing to many people who ask for Sacraments.

**Today, I thank all parishioners who generously assisted Fr Van Huong, Fr Thomas, Fr Stephen and myself in our ministry to the people of the Gold Coast in these last 12 months. The Catechism of the Church highlights that "The Church celebrates the sacraments as a priestly community" (CCC, 1132), so the parishioners' involvement in the sacramental life of Southport Parish in 2019 wasn't ornamental. Quite the opposite, many parishioners with their profound personal experiences of faith played an important role in bringing back to the Lord, those who for different reasons, distanced themselves from God and the Church.**

With these words of thanks, I'd like to invite all parishioners to reflect on these figures and on **their involvement in the ministries of Southport Parish.**

Fr Jan

**Rosters** The rosters for all ministers who do not have an email address, your roster can be collected on the table at the front entrance of the church.

**"Music has the power to move us and no more so than at Christmas when carols unite singers and congregation alike"** (Lisa Jardine)

This year again as we sang the carols at our Christmas Masses, we were united together around the child lying in the manger. Through our carols, we shared the same deep delight at the birth of the baby Jesus who was to become the Saviour of the world. I thank the musicians of our three churches for their generosity in leading us in singing beautiful carols and uniting all of us around the one who brings peace and harmony into our hearts and our world.

Many thanks to "the midnight choir" of Guardian Angels which at the 10:30pm Mass look after the music ministry. At the end of the Mass, parishioners could hear "the Silent Night" being sung in 7 languages. I thank Audrey Chung for taking the role of coordinator and conductor. Thanks to musicians Bernard Crow (organ), Ethan Cantos (clarinet) and Romer Cantos (guitar). Finally, many thanks to all singers and musicians of St Joseph, Guardian Angels and Mary Immaculate. I will miss you and your beautiful singing.

**Thank you** to all parishioners who have dedicated their time and talents in preparing our Christmas Liturgies. At Christmas, we celebrated a mystery of God who has become flesh, who has become visible. Liturgical guidelines remind us again and again that the good liturgy should speak to our eyes and other senses. To make this year Christmas celebrations expressive to our eyes, ears and our hearts, many parishioners, including children and their parents, had to spend hours in practising carols and Christmas play. Others would spend hours to prepare our churches; others with patience were setting up decorations and the Nativity scenes. The liturgical ministries; sacristans, the Holy Communion ministers, altar servers, readers, cantors, musicians and collectors have done a splendid job. What you can see on the sanctuary of St Joseph, Mary Immaculate and Guardian Angels is the work of so many wonderful and dedicated parishioners.

Fr Jan

Special Thanks to the SCP Children's Choir  
**Lead by Sharon and Mick Walsh**

and to the Nativity Cast at Mary Immaculate Church

Mary - Popi Ho  
Joseph - Heat Coliat-Allwood

\*Angels\*  
Kiara Coliat -Allwood, Daniella Tablan & Helouise Scanlan

\*Three Wise Men\*  
Jericho Huerto, Tristan Bergola & Ricardo Blanca

\*Shepherds\*  
Christabel Scanlan, Angelina Tablan & Syriah Blanca

\*The Singers\*  
Mya Bergola, Lilly-Anne Murphy, Lucinda West

\*Costumes\*  
Daloras Howes & Lourdes Abelardo

Organised and coordinate by Maria Blanca  
Assistant Coordinator - **Mrs Maria Carla Coliat**

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

**1st Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6 - 2nd Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 - Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12**

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### **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.*

**Anniversary:** Len Busuttill, Robert Guido

**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, Efen Hatulan, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Angelina Mandarinino, 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, Wiktoria 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**

**Harrison** Mark Stevens son of Mitchell & Lucy Stevens

**Chisom** Clare Chidiebere  
daughter of Chinonso & Anne Hwosu

### **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.

### **2020 PARISH DATE CLAIMERS**

**St Joseph the Worker Church.** Every 1st Sunday of the month, morning tea after the 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy the fellowship with other parishioners.

**Craft's next session will commence on Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at 9:30am to 12pm** 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. **Year 2020 Dates: 5th January, 2nd February, 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December.**

**Young Adult Group's next meeting will commence on Friday, 10th January 2020** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, at 6:30pm. Happy holidays! For more information or enquiries please contact Lynn on 0425182049 Or Juan on 0406705349.

**Walking Group's next meeting will be on Saturday, 11th of January 2020** 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.** Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **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**  
*Blessed are those who fear the Lord*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**Once in Royal David's City**

Once in royal David's city,  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby,  
in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down  
to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable,  
and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor,  
and mean, and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all  
His wondrous childhood  
day by day like us He grew.  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us He knew,  
and He feels for all our sadness, and He  
shares in all our gladness.  
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**PENITENTIAL ACT 1**

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**

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall,  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing.  
Christ the child is Lord of all;  
Christ the child is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping,  
shepherds keeping vigil  
till the morning new,  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow.  
Christ the child was born for you.  
Christ the child was born for you.  
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**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by  
Your Cross and Resurrection you  
have set us free.

**COMMUNION PROCESSION**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains:

**Refrain:**  
***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***  
***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say, what may the tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? **R**

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing,  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **R**

See Him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise.  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid  
while our hearts in love we raise. **R**

**REFLECTION HYMN**

**Born in the Night**

Born in the night, Mary's child, a long  
way from your home,  
coming in need, Mary's child,  
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light,  
Mary's child,  
your face lights up our way,  
light of the world, Mary's child, dawn  
on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child,  
you tell us God is good,  
prove it is true, Mary's child,  
go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child,  
you're coming soon to reign,  
King of the earth, Mary's child, walk  
in our streets again.  
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**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come.  
let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
and heav'n and nature sing  
and heav'n and nature sing  
and heav'n and heav'n  
and nature sing.

Joy to the world!  
the Saviour reigns.  
Let us our songs employ  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love;  
and wonders of His love;  
and wonders, wonders of His love.  
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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.**