

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The circumcision of Jesus marked his acceptance into the covenant community. This feast tells us that God belongs to our human community. God is incarnate within a family and in a social context. The Son of God enters into the ordinary experiences of human life, even being subjected to the law, in order to bring about the salvation of all.

Luke tells us how Jesus is presented in the temple, as was required by the law of circumcision and purification, obligatory for Jewish firstborn males. This religious practice is written in the book of Exodus of how the Lord spared the life of the Israelite firstborn when he slew the firstborn of the Egyptians. The original idea was that the firstborn male belonged to the Lord and would spend his life serving the Lord.

There were two Jewish customs behind the story. One was about the purification of a Jewish mother after childbirth. The other was about the 'redemption' of the firstborn male in a Jewish family. The actions taken by Joseph and Mary fulfil what the law prescribes regarding circumcision of the child and purification of the mother. God comes to humanity to be under the law like everyone else.

The prophet Simeon, inspired by the Spirit, praises God for what is revealed. He has now seen the coming of the one who will bring salvation for all peoples. He praises God for the deliverance of Israel that is now fulfilled. God is at work in the world. Jesus' presentation therefore, signifies God's entrance into His temple to be present to his people.

For those who are searching for God, the challenge is to find the presence of God in the ordinary world. Sometimes, the pressures of secularism and modern life can reduce our sense of God's presence in the here and now. Busy schedules, dual-career marriages, and after-school activities can weigh us down, and sensing God's presence in everyday events is difficult. Families eat fewer meals together and prayer before meals is observed in far fewer homes today.

Today's feast reminds us of what the Holy Family did to express their deepest awareness of God and their dedication to God's will. Mary and Joseph saw God at work in events they had experienced. May we always recognize the presence of God in our daily commitments.

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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

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

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

ROSTER. Southport Catholic Parish (SCP) is setting up an online roster system. This program is currently on trial and **NOT** the final Roster for March to May 2020. Therefore, we request all ministers to please give it a chance and have ago. Check your email for more information and updates of this new program "ONLINE ROSTER". All ministers who do not have email, please contact the office 5510 2222.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS. You are invited to an information session on **Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au.

FEAST OF OUR LADY. Please come and join us at Marian Valley for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on **Tuesday, 11th February** and Fatima Day on **Thursday, 13th February**. The bus will be picking up at about 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station at approximately 8.30am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return for each day. 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. All are welcome!

SAINTS OF ITALY. Explore the famous shrines and sites of Italy during this 14 Day pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe that features Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento, Montecassino and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$6490 + Tips. The fare includes International Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Depart on **7th June 2020**. For more info & bookings please contact (03) 88396615/1300721561 or pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

BREAKING OF THE BREAD. By reason of the sign, it is required that the material for the Eucharist Celebration truly have the appearance of food.

Therefore, it is desirable that the Eucharistic bread, even though unleavened and made in the traditional form, be fashioned in such a way that the priest at Mass with the people is truly able to break it into parts and distribute these to at least some of the faithful... a gesture of the fraction or breaking of bread, which was quite simply the term by which the Eucharist was known in apostolic times, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of the unity of all in the one bread...

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EMMAUS ONLINE VIDEO PRAYER AND MEDITATION LIBRARY WORKSHOP. *Come and see this answer to prayer - Creatively Experiencing the Sacred.* Emmaus Productions invites those involved in pastoral ministry and adult faith formation, chaplaincy and spiritual direction, and any interested parishioners, to a workshop at Burleigh Waters to a demonstration by Carmel Duffy on our Online Video Prayer and Meditation Library. This unique resource of over 350 video reflections and meditative prayers, facilitated by local and international spiritual writers, is truly an answer to prayer. Come and see how to use this video library for personal and / or communal prayer, spiritual enrichment and adult faith sharing, pastoral ministry and adult faith formation, chaplaincy and spiritual direction. Bookings essential please: *phone (02) 9484 0252* or *email emmausaustralia@emmausproductions.com*. At Mercy Community Centre, Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters, **Friday 21 February from 10am - 12 noon.**

FRANCIS AND JUDITH MACNUTT CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES LEVEL 1 PRAYER TRAINING 2020. Everyone is most welcome - this Level 1 course is open to all who wish to attend. On **29 February, 28 March, 18 April** (attendance at all three training days required) 9am-5pm at **Level 1, CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate** (in the grounds of St John's Catholic Church, corner of Nudgee and Fraser Roads). This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays. Cost: \$50 registration + \$35 participant's manual - payable by cash or cheque at the first training session. Catering: BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided. Registration: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au (please indicate if manual required). Queries: 0435 558 390 or 3202 6856. Registration essential by Saturday 15 February

SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC CHURCH PLAYGROUP. Our playgroup is now available every **Thursday from 9am to 10:30am** at the Resource Centre, Ashmore. It caters for children 0-5 years, older children are welcome during school holidays. The cost is \$4 per family. For further details please contact Mark Kleinert 0456 024 205 or email markkleinert@hotmail.com.

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

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Isaiah 58:7-10 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 - Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16

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

PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stopline.com.au ONLINE: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.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: Barbara Shuley, Paula Sands

Anniversary: Maynard Manlapid, Rustico Casipit, Paz Tababa, Millie Dyer, Philip & Carmen Zammit.

Sick and in Need: Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, 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, Lynette Corcoran, 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, Steve Feeney, 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, Richard McCarthy, 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, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Ann Reich, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Michelle Sarri, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

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, 4th and 18th February 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.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Mary Immaculate Church - Term 1 Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th of February 2020, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of March 2020 at 8:30am Mass every Sunday.

Guardian Angels Church - every First Sunday of the Month commencing 2nd of February 2020 at 10am Mass.

All Children under 10 years of age are welcome! Any children who are under 4 years of age should be accompanied by their parents.

2020 PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

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.

Craft is on every **Thursday** 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.

Young Adult Group at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Lynn on 0425 182 049 or Juan on 0406 705 349.

Walking Group at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador** at (please note) **6:00am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS
OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN
THE 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
FOR RECONCILIATION**

The Sacramental programs for 2020, begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.** Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2020 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

**The online registration for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Is now available and will close
on Wednesday, 5th February 2020**

<https://scp.org.au/reconciliation-2020/>

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THE 5TH OF FEB.

**At the completion of this program,
children will celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite)
between the 16th - 20th of March 2020
in the afternoon.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic.**

Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please book an appointment with Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL 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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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

Child of Mercy

Refrain:

***Child of mercy, child of peace,
Jesus, Bread of life,
food to fill our longing.
Child of justice, child of light,
Jesus, saving cup,
Emmanuel, God with us.***

All who walk in darkness
have seen a great light,
to those who dwell in fear,
a light has shone! **R**

A child is born to us,
a son is given us,
upon his shoulder glory rests! **R**
We name him: "Wonder, couns'lor,
hero, mighty God,"
the Holy One for ever,
Prince of peace! **R**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION^(ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know,
O God, your presence
let our hearts
and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own.
Teach us
through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life.
Send us forth to love and serve you
bringing peace
where there is strife.
Give us, Christ,
your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Grant us vision, gracious Spirit
to seek guests to share that feast
where triumphant love
will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.
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REFLECTION HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come
unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down your
head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life giving stream.
My thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light,
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all
your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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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 earth, 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.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again
from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.