

Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central

Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies.

Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

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**OFFICE OPENING HOURS**  
**ASHMORE:**  
**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**  
**8.00AM TO 4.00PM**

**SOUTHPORT OFFICE:**  
**(ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**9.00AM TO 4.30PM**



### Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.*

**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**  
Rosary 10.00am  
Friday Mass 10.30am

**Guardian Angels Church**  
99 Scarborough Street, Southport

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**  
**Saturday Reconciliation 4.30pm**

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm  
Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am  
Sunday 3.30pm Korean Mass

**Prayers & Adoration**  
Wednesday 12.00noon – 1.00pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12.30pm

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Guardian Angels Church**  
Saturday 4.30pm



## SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church

prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Fr Gerard, Fr Stephen, Maria and the Parishioners of Southport Catholic Parish.

I have decided to retire and move to Newcastle NSW to be with my children and grandchildren.

The last 14 years that I spent here have been most memorable. I have had the opportunity to work with many kind, caring, supportive, wonderful Parishioners. I will miss you all very much and would like to say a big **Thank You** to you all. May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.

Daloras Howes  
Parish Secretary

## SCL News

### Social - Bus Trip

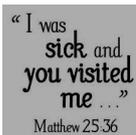
**Sad news!** Thank you to all our wonderful responders who have so far indicated that they wanted to participate and socially enjoy our proposed upcoming bus adventure to Mt. Tamborine. **Unfortunately, this SCL event is being postponed for the present.**

Considering the existing financial climate that many people are experiencing with the present high cost of living, SCL endeavoured to keep the price for the bus to a minimum. We were working on hiring a minibus with one of our parishioners being the driver. To be fully covered insurance-wise, advice from Church Office requires us to engage a bus with a driver.

Consequently, the revised price for bus hire alone would be about \$40 per person. SCL feels that it would be unfair to burden people with such a price hike without further consultation. But there is good news too!

At this stage, this does **NOT** mean that our parish cannot have such a bus trip in the future. It does mean that **SCL requires your advice** and especially feedback from those who have already responded. Please email Christine Wintour at [winlock2@hotmail.com](mailto:winlock2@hotmail.com) or to provide your advice, please contact her by mobile on **0431 630 446**.

Finally, please look out for future events such as our upcoming Trivia Night. To make all SCL activities successful, **please invite your family and friends as everybody is welcome**. SCL sees our involvement as part of our church's mission and evangelisation of our laity in the Southport community.



### New pastoral care of the sick in hospitals

Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility criteria, please email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone Judy Norris on 3324 3193.



Shop 2/115 Scarborough Street, SOUTHPORT  
Monday to Friday (9am to 4pm)

**Have you ever wanted to work with others in a retail environment and utilise your current skills or develop new ones?**

### Requirements:

- ◆ Commitment to be present at regular shifts
- ◆ Able to work easily within a dynamic team

### Available days & time:

- ◆ One spot available for Monday and Tuesday
- ◆ 4 hours per day – 12.30pm to 4.30pm

**Full training will be provided. Contact Maria on 5510 2222 (Ext 4) to express your interest.**

**Our Lady of Fatima.** Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.07.2022. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus fare is \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome.



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**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2**  
**1st Reading – Genesis 18:1-10- 2nd Reading – Colossians 1:24-28**  
**Gospel - Luke 10:38-42**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE, (INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED ANONYMOUSLY) MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: [A0B@stopline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopline.com.au) ONLINE: [www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com)**

**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

**Southport Catholic Parish**

Kerri Kleidon

*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.*



### RECENTLY DECEASED

**DAVID JONES**

*By request the names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books in each church.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THESE BOOKS**



### **St Bonaventure – feast day 15 July**

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when

he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.

### **PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2022**

**Rosary** is held every **Monday and Wednesday at 6.00am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador and every **Tuesday and Thursday at 8.00am** at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held every **Thursday from 7.45am until 8.45am** at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore (rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and private prayer), followed by Mass

**Holy Hour** is held every **Wednesday at 12.00 noon until 1.00pm** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport (silent prayer, hymns, rosary, spiritual reflections and benediction). Confessions are available on Wednesday only. Adoration on **Friday from 11.30am**

**Novena** is held every **Wednesday at 6.00pm** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador

**1st Wednesday Rosary 6.00pm** at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass **at 7.00pm**

**1st Saturday Mass at 9.00am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador (Rosary at **8.30am**)

**1st Sunday Filipino Mass at 12 noon** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport

**Every Saturday Walking Group** meets at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador at **6.30am**. Contact Janece on 0408 763 772

### **PROVIDING PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT**

Women in Gold Coast parishes are invited to express their interest to support Sr Lis Keane in Centacare's ministry to female inmates at Numinbah Correctional Centre. A pleasant, fortnightly drive through the Numinbah Valley on a Wednesday afternoon to spend 3 hours with Sr Lis providing pastoral and spiritual support to the women in this low security facility with training and reimbursement of travel costs provided.

For more information please email [adminpasmn@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmn@bne.catholic.net.au) or call Judy Norris on 3324 3193.

### **~QUOTE~**

"God is able to take the mess of our past and turn it into a message, He takes the trials and tests and turns them into a testimony.." - **Christine Caine**

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2022**

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is **now available online until 5 August 2022.**

Following the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Sacrament of Confirmation is available to all **Baptised children who are in Year 3 or higher** You are invited to be included in the 2022 Preparation for Confirmation group.

All meetings will be held **at Mary Immaculate Church, 31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore.** Meeting dates and times are available online upon registration. Parents are asked to choose to attend one of these meetings but do not need to attend both. Information packs will be distributed at the Parents Information Meeting.

If you require any further information in regard to this matter, please contact **Maria Blancia** on 5510 2222.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### 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.

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### **THE GLORIA: (All Sung)**

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, Amen.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

### Seek, O Seek the Lord

**Refrain:**  
**Seek, O seek the Lord,**  
**while he is near, trust him,**  
**speak to him in prayer,**  
**and he will hear.**

God, be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling.  
Break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us.  
Though we faint with mortal strife  
his blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts  
the love we owe to one another.  
How can we love God above  
and not our brother? **R**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The word of the Lord is alive,  
the word of God is active,  
it can judge our thoughts,  
bring us closer to the Father.  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.

By this shall others know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.  
By this shall others know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Seed Scattered and Sown

**Refrain:**  
**Seed, scattered and sown,**  
**wheat, gathered and grown,**  
**bread, broken and shared as one,**  
**the living bread of God.**  
**Vine, fruit of the land,**  
**wine, work of our hands,**  
**one cup that is shared by all,**  
**the living Cup,**  
**the living bread of God.**

Is not the bread we break,  
a sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless,  
the blood of Christ outpoured? **R**

The seed which falls on rock  
will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground  
will flower and have life. **R**

As wheat upon the hills  
was gathered and was grown,  
so may the Church of God  
be gathered into one. **R**

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## REFLECTION

### We are Many Parts

**Refrain:**

**We are many parts,**  
**we are all one body,**  
**and the gifts we have,**  
**we are given to share.**  
**May the spirit of love,**  
**make us one indeed.**  
**One, the love that we share,**  
**one, our hope in despair,**  
**one, the cross that we bear.**

God of all, we look to you,  
we would be your servants true,  
let us be your love to all the world. **R**

So my pain is pain for you,  
in your joy is my joy, too,  
all is brought together in the Lord. **R**

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Let Heaven Rejoice

**Refrain:**

**Let heaven rejoice**  
**and earth be glad,**  
**let all creation sing.**  
**Let children proclaim**  
**through every land,**  
**“Hosanna to our king.”**

Sound the trumpet into the night,  
the day of the Lord is near.  
Wake his people, lift your voice,  
proclaim it to the world. **R**

Raise your voices, be not afraid.  
Proclaim it in ev'ry land.  
Christ has died, but he has risen,  
he will come again. **R**

## 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,  
(all bow)  
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