



A Queensland grazier, a Sydney stockbroker, and a woman barrister from Melbourne died and were standing in line, waiting for their chance at the entrance to Heaven.

St Peter called the grazier first. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' St Peter said, 'You must spell "God".' 'Easy enough,' said the bloke from Queensland, 'G-O-D.' And he entered Heaven.

Next, St Peter called the man from Sydney. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' he said. 'You must spell "God".' 'No problem,' said the stockbroker, 'G-O-D.' And he went in.

Finally, the woman barrister approached St Peter. 'Good riddance to the world,' she said. 'My whole life, I've tried to excel in a male-dominated society, only to continuously bump into the proverbial "glass ceilings" at every point. I can't tell you, St Peter, how glad I am finally to be rid of male chauvinism.'

'Well, you'll certainly find none of that here,' said St Peter. 'I'm sure you'll enjoy heaven, if you can meet this one simple requirement for entrance. You must spell "Czechoslovakia".'

One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away.

When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.' To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

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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
한인미사 일요일 오후 3시 30분

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

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But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leaderships roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons. avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it.

At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'

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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.**

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.

Please email Christine Wintour at winlock2@hotmail.com or to provide your advice, please contact her by mobile on **0431 630 446**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA.

In October the Southport Catholic Parish will begin the RCIA for 2022– 2023. The Catechumens (RCIA members) will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Saturday Vigil.

Preparation will start in October with a journey through the book - *At Home with God's People*.

If you or your family and friends are interested please call and speak to Fr Stephen at the Parish Office Weekdays on 5510 222.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for the RCIA and journey with these people please contact Fr Stephen at the Parish Office Weekdays on 5510 222.

A VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.



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I want to take this opportunity to thank Daloras for her dedication, service, efforts, and her friendship throughout the fourteen (14) years and especially for the last three years (3). The success of our Parish is built on the efforts of our employees. Thank you for the dedication, loyalty, commitment, etc. that you have shown to all of us. Daloras is leaving to relocate for family reasons. We are sorry to see Daloras go, but we completely understand that her priority must be the needs of her family.

I am happy to have had the opportunity to work with Daloras.

Bon Voyage.
Fr Stephen Camiolo

 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.

 **A Morning's Prayer** is a 3 hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.

We have an upcoming "A Morning's Prayer Retreat":
Saturday 30th July.

Time: 9.00 am - 12.00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre
(267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: \$20

Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading – Genesis 18:20-32- 2nd Reading – Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

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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

JOHN MORGAN, EDNA NEUENDORF, GATA FIOCCO

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

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 Janeece on 0408 763 772

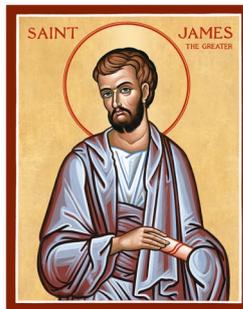
PROVIDING PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

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 or call Judy Norris on 3324 3193.

~QUOTE~

"Let God's promises shine on your problems. " - Corrie ten Boom



Feast day—25th July

St. James, also called **James, son of Zebedee**, or **James the Greater**, (born, Galilee, Palestine—died 44 CE, Jerusalem; feast day July 25), one of the Twelve Apostles, distinguished as being in Jesus' innermost circle and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12:2).

James and his younger brother, St. John the Apostle, are designated Boanerges (from the Greek *boanerges*), or "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17), perhaps because of their characteristic fiery zeal (Mark 9:38 and Luke 9:54). With Saints Peter and Andrew, James and John were the first four disciples whom Jesus called (Mark 1:16–19) and whose question ("Tell us, when will this [the destruction of the Temple] be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?") sparks Jesus' eschatological (pertaining to the end-time) discourse in Mark 13.

As a member of the inner circle, James witnessed the raising of Jairus's daughter from the dead (Mark 5:37 and Luke 8:51), the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2), and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33 and Matthew 26:37). James and John asked Jesus to let them sit, one at his right and one at his left, in his future glory (Mark 10:35–40), a favour that Jesus said was not his to grant. James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I of Judaea; according to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts Christian pilgrims from all over the world.

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.

The Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mass and Morning Tea
celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen
Elizabeth St, Brisbane
at 10:00am
Monday, 8 August 2022

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All are Welcome

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams
and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace,
here as one we claim
the faith of Jesus.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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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

A Trusting Psalm

Refrain:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord
is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing
we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. **R**

The word of the Lord
means a patient, gentle God,
whose love can never grow weary.

God's mercy is as though
our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. **R**

The word of the Lord
is fire burning strong,
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost
until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. **R**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

“Even if you have to die,
close to my word keep faithful.
For your faithfulness
I will give you the crown of life.”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain:

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain
with no life.**

If we have died with him,
then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm,
we shall reign with him. **R**

If anyone serves me,
then they must follow me.
Wherever I am, my servants will be. **R**

Make your home in me
as I make mine in you.
Those who remain in me
bear much fruit. **R**

If you remain in me
and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples. **R**

Those who love me
are loved by my Father.
We shall be with them
and dwell in them. **R**

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REFLECTION

Come As You Are

Come as you are,
that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved and forgiven,
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
no need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away
shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners,
not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

How Shall I Call You

How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset and painter of sky,
father almighty,
who's running to find us,
giving his son
who must suffer and die.

Refrain:

**Glory to the Father,
the Son and the Spirit,
let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father,
the Son and the Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

How shall I call you?
Lover of children,
shepherd and teacher
and brother and friend,
healer of blind man
and healer of leper,
you are beginning
and middle and end. **R**

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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