

Did you know that Lincoln's Gettysburg address was 250 words long? The man before Lincoln spoke for over an hour. The man who followed Lincoln spoke for even longer. No one remembers today what they said. Lincoln's two and a half minutes, by contrast, changed the USA's history and the mentality of the western world.

This call to brevity is always a good challenge to preachers too!

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer, which has 38 words, is another example of how a few sentences have changed history.

Around 50 years after the death of Jesus, Luke's Gospel was written for the Christian community in Antioch, which was the political and cultural capital of the Roman Province of Syria. There are six major themes running throughout this Gospel: prayer, hospitality, compassion, forgiveness, the common life and care for the outsider. Most of them are expressed in the 38 words of this prayer.

We declare that we belong to God in the most intimate of ways, as members of God's family, and therefore we belong to each other. We pray that God's Kingdom will come here and now, and, through our gratitude for God's generosity and forgiveness, we can be saved from evil.

I think Christians should keep saying this prayer with great urgency. In most western countries today there are strong right wing political movements who say they are for Christ or that they want our country to return to 'Christian values', but these policies are irreconcilable with the Lord's Prayer. Indeed one politician I heard recently argued that the Immigration Act should be reviewed so that only Christians are allowed to settle here. There is little of the Gospel's hospitality, forgiveness, compassion, common life and care for outsiders in the views of these groups. These people, of course, have every right to publicly state their views on any subject they choose. Morally, however, they must also accept responsibility for what they say and its implications.

It is so easy to allow our faith lives to become compartmentalised. For some, religious belief and practice fits into a nice little box that has no discernible influence on the rest of their lives. Coming to Church is a privatised affair. This may be many things, but it's not Christian. What we celebrate here each Sunday is supposed to have an affect on all areas of our lives, every day. Though we can try to make ourselves feel better by turning religion into a weekly spiritual bonbon, that is not what Jesus and the martyrs of our faith gave their lives for.

There is no question that these right-wing groups appeal to many of our compatriots because of the difficulties in rural areas, the demoralisation of high unemployment and the growing inequity in wealth distribution. There is, however, NO solution in using race relations, refugees, migrants, single mothers and the poor as scapegoats for our economic shortcomings. All this does is appeal to the worst traits in our human desires, where someone else is always to blame for our difficulties. Long-lasting, truthful and humanly dignified solutions to our nation's problems are those that embody the sacrificial love and compassion of Jesus. On every occasion racism, sexism, bigotry, violence and greed are sinful. This is the Gospel. This is the teaching of the Church.

Often Catholics argue that the Church's teaching should be more publicly proclaimed and obeyed. In its social teaching, the Church tells us that we should support political parties which best represent these key values in the Gospel. The Church has also taught us about refugees, immigration, gun control, violence, capital punishment and the rights of minority groups. All Catholics are called to hold true to these teachings.

Some Catholics complain that the Church should not speak out on political issues. It is, however, precisely the role of the Church to help people form their consciences and to declare what it sees as evil, sinful or harmful in society. Christ expects nothing less of all of us. And where the Church has not done this, history has judged it VERY harshly, as in the Church's relatively recent condemnation of slavery.

The old line goes, 'Be careful what you pray because you might just get what you ask for.'

Let's join then with all Christians and be worthy of the one prayer which unites us and, in the spirit of these 38 words, pray fervently that all people everywhere will become one – in Christ – under our one Father in heaven.

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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

TEMPORARY RELOCATION Ashmore office

Please be advised that the Ashmore office has been temporarily relocated to Angels on Scarborough Gift Shop, **2/115 Scarborough Street, Southport**. Opening Hours are **Monday to Friday (9.00am to 4.00pm)**. Please contact Maria Blanca on 5510 2222 with any inquiry (8.30am to 4.30pm).

Our Lady Of Fatima - Please come and join us at Marian Valley on 13 August 2022 for this feast. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am at 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 to Xavier Solomon on 0404 843 260 or Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome.

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.**

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.

For any enquiries please contact Christine Wintour at winlock2@hotmail.com or **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 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 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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~QUOTE~

“Let God’s promises shine on your problems. ”

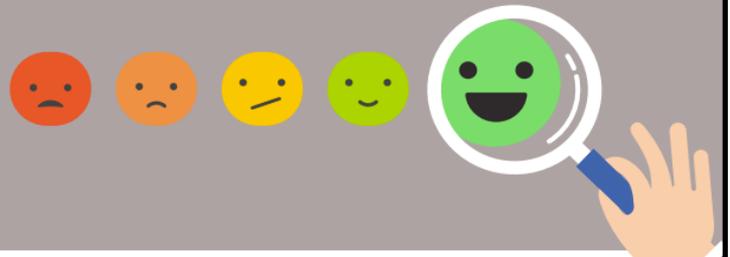
- *Corrie ten Boom*

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

The protection and wellbeing of children and the vulnerable is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important.



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TAKE THE SURVEY

CHILD SAFEGUARDING SURVEY
(CHILDREN 5-12 YRS)



PARISH SAFEGUARDING SURVEY
(ADULT)



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 30 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 – Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 2nd Reading – Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel - Luke 12:13-21**

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: Aob@stopline.com.au ONLINE: www.bncatholic.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

Nonna & Santina Fragapane, Agnes Casey

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 12noon until 1.00pm** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport (silent prayer, hymns, rosary, spiritual reflections and benediction). Confessions are available on Wednesday only. Adoration every **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 Rosary at 8.30am at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador followed by Mass at **9.00am**

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

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

PROVIDING PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

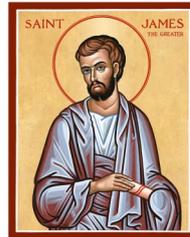
Women in Gold Coast parishes are invited to express their interest to support Sr Lis Keane in Centacare's ministry to female inmates at Numinbah Correctional Centre. A pleasant, fortnightly drive through the Numinbah Valley on a Wednesday afternoon to spend 3 hours with Sr Lis providing pastoral and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

For more information please call Judy Norris on 3324 3193 or email adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au

The Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mass and morning tea
celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen
Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
at 10.00am
Monday, 8 August 2022

FEAST DAY - 25 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.

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.

****AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS THE PREPARATION OF THE CHILD AT SUNDAY MASS, THEREFORE THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS DURING THE PROGRAM.**

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing a New Song

Refrain:

***Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung
from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.***

Shout with gladness, dance for joy,
O come before the Lord,
and play for God
on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **R**

Rise, O children, from your sleep,
your saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **R**
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THE 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, Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SUNG

This Day Was Made by the Lord

Refrain:

***This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice in salvation.***

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life,
you have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do. **R**

Your hand raised me up in triumph,
you have given me life,
you have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
is the corner stone, is the corner stone.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **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

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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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Table of Plenty

Refrain:

***Come to the feast
of heaven and earth,
come to the table of plenty.
God will provide
for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money,
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness
will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow
like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness,
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. **R**

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REFLECTION

As Gentle as Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
has been given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
has been blessed
by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide
he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times
when I've turned from his presence,
and I've walked other paths,
other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.
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RECESSIONAL 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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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