

In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience. Today's Gospel is an excellent example. Jesus predicts that one of the consequences of believing in him is that divisions will follow.

We can tell from the whole text of Luke's Gospel that these divisions were certainly a part of the earliest Christian community which wrote this book and that their faith in Christ led them to confront some very tough issues: how could Gentiles inherit the promises made to the Jews; why the rich members of the community had special responsibility to the poor; the centrality of forgiveness in the Christian life; and what leadership role women should have in the earliest Church. We know that fights over these issues and faith in Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah, divided families and villages, cities, nations and a religious tradition.

This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

Sometimes when we hear Jesus use the metaphor of a blazing fire we can see a violent image, but I am not sure if it has to be exclusively interpreted this way. Fire is sometimes necessary and good to clear out the layers of undergrowth built up over time that smother the soil of a forest and prevent new growth. Fire is a beacon that gives guidance and attracts attention. A blazing fire can attract everyone to its light, warmth and power. So maybe this Gospel is a call to purge the weight of old growth that can stop fresh thinking. Maybe it gives guidance to us in the justice we are meant to live and the attention we must call to the needs of all God's children. And maybe it is a reminder that the life of our Christian community is meant to be attractive through its gentle power and warmth. If the price we pay for witnessing to any of these values is that we divide the crowd, so be it.

What's comforting about this gospel is that it recognises conflict as a necessary part of the Christian life. There are some who want to pretend that the followers of Jesus should never disagree with one another or with those outside the Church. Conflict in itself, Jesus teaches us today, is an element of our commitment to the kingdom of God. What marks out the way we should disagree with one another inside and outside the Church, however, is that it is conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. Christians always look to put the best possible interpretation on the opinions of those with whom we disagree and to be reconciled to those we have hurt, to heal divisions where we can.

May this Eucharist give us the courage to divide the crowd for the right reasons. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family. No one promised us that Christian faith was ever going to be a picnic!

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**OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**ASHMORE:**  
**TEMPORARILY CLOSED**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**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  
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**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

**Monday 15 August**  
**Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**MASS TIMES**

7.00am St Joseph the Worker – Labrador  
9.00am Guardian Angels – Southport  
6.30pm Mary Immaculate – Ashmore

**TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF 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 enquiries (8.30am to 4.30pm).

**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](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au)



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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

**POSITION VACANT – FINANCE OFFICER**

Applications are open for a position at the **Southport Catholic Parish**. A person with excellent financial experience is required for the part-time position of Finance Officer, working **22.8 hours a week over 3 days**.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

**Applications close on 21 August 2022**

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**



The online registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year is now **CLOSED**. If you require any further information in regard to this matter, please contact Lisa Perkins or Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.

**ALL OF THE BELOW WILL HELD AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, ASHMORE.**

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Sunday, 14 August @ 10.15am (after 9.00am Mass)

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CREED**

Saturday, 20 August @ 4.30pm

Sunday, 21 August @ 9.00am

Sunday, 21 August @ 5.30pm

**CONFIRMATION MEETING**

Thursday, 1 September @ 4.00pm

Sunday, 4 September @ 10.15am (after 9.00am Mass)

**FAMILY CONFIRMATION MEETING**

Saturday, 10 September @ 9.00am-12.00pm

**PRACTICE**

Wednesday, 14 September

4.00pm (for the 9.00am Celebration)

6.00pm (for the 11.00am Celebration)

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**

First Session – Saturday, 17 September @ 9.00am or

Second Session - Saturday, 17 September @ 11.00am

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2**  
**1st Reading – Is 66:18 - 21 2nd Reading – Hebrews 12:5 - 7, 11- 13**  
**Gospel - Luke 13:22 - 30**

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

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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

**TOYOKCHI ENDO & JOY CHRISTINE FORDHAM**

*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

**Brisbane City Pops Orchestra - SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, 4 December 2022 at 4.00pm** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport

### 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 2222.**

**If you are interested in being a sponsor for the RCIA and journeying with these people, please contact Fr Stephen at the Parish office on 5510 2222.**

~QUOTE~

“For by grace you have been saved through faith.”

- Ephesians 2:8 -10

### **THE STORY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 15 AUGUST 2022**



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### All Are Welcome

Let us build a house  
where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat,  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ  
the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house  
where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen,  
serve and teach,  
and live the word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face.  
Let us bring an end  
to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place. **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

### As the Deer Longs

**Refrain:**  
**As the deer longs  
for running streams, so I long,  
so I long, so I long for you.**

Athirst my soul  
for you the God who is my life.  
When shall I see, when shall I see,  
see the face of God? **R**

Echoes meet  
as deep is calling unto deep,  
over my head, all your mighty waters,  
sweeping over me. **R**

Continually,  
the foe delights in taunting me.  
“Where is God, where is your God?”  
Where, O where, are you? **R**  
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
“The sheep of my flock,” says the Lord  
“hearing my voice, they will listen,  
they will follow me, for I know them,  
they are mine.”  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## GIFTS PROCESSION

### God has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,  
spoken his unchanging word,  
each, from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holds us fast,  
God eternal reigns for ever,  
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father, ever one,  
spoken by the word incarnate,  
God from God, ere time began,  
light from light, to earth descending,  
God, revealed as Son of Man.  
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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Good Shepherd You Know Us

Good Shepherd, you know us,  
you call us by name,  
you lead us,  
we gladly acknowledge your claim.  
Your voice has compelled us,  
we come at your call,  
and none you have chosen  
will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you warn us  
of robbers and thieves, the hireling,  
the wolf, who destroys and deceives.  
All praise for your promise  
on which we shall stand,  
that no-one can snatch us away  
from your hand.

Good Shepherd,  
you lay down your life for the sheep.  
Your love is not fickle,  
your gift is not cheap.  
You spend your life freely,  
you take it again.  
You died, so we live,  
we are healed by your pain.

At one with the Father,  
you made yourself known.  
“I am the Good Shepherd,”  
at one with your own.  
You loved us  
before we had heeded or heard,  
by grace we respond  
to your life-giving word.  
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## REFLECTION

### Will You Love Me

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk  
in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

### **Refrain:**

**Will you love me  
as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me the darkness  
as I die?  
For the moon and the stars  
will be gone like the night  
and the sun will be shining on you.**

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on  
through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night  
for the world? **R**

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, light of the world,  
shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth  
you now bring us.  
Shine on me! Shine on me!

### **Refrain:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land  
with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations  
with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.**

Lord, I come  
to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood  
I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me! Shine on me! **R.**  
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