

Sometimes I catch myself talking to myself. Usually, it is quite interesting, seldom any contradictory remarks! It is in the form of a dialogue, but of course it is a monologue – a totally self-contained conversation.

Did you notice in today's gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers – to his advantage, of course, or so he thinks.

The point is obvious. He is so bound up with his property, his possessions, that there is no room in his life for real conversation with real people, *other* real people, or conversation with the Creator.

If he had talked to others about what to do with the surplus grain, he would have opened himself to the risk of discovering that there may be a claim on his wealth, a claim on his property, arising out of our common humanity – that it wasn't 'all about me'.

He may have heard the plea: 'Give us this day our daily bread.' In responding, he may have decided on a different course of action, the distribution of the surplus grain to grind into flour for the poor.

I was taught by the Christian Brothers that if a poor man is so destitute that he can't feed himself and his family, then if a rich man refuses to give him what he needs for the necessities of life, he can take from that rich man and it is not the sin of stealing – it may be a crime, but it is not a sin!

This comes from the core Catholic teaching that all the earth and its resources belong to every person as a gift. But, whilst that is true, Our Lord was not laying the foundation for some political ideology. Why was He really concerned for this sort of rich person? The answer is that the rich man was denying the need for conversation.

But, conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell, particularly if there is a long period of recovery. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation. In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised.

There are two dimensions of conversation we need:

With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father;

With other people, dialogue with them might reveal something about them such that we need to respond, and of course something about ourselves, that we are built for talking with others.

Otherwise when we arrive at the moment of death, which, as in this gospel, may be at a time unknown to us, we will survive because our souls are immortal, but we could find ourselves monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence.

We need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth. What should we do in the light of today's gospel? If you knew you were going to die, say, before the end of the year, and you wanted to die 'rich in the eyes of God' as the Gospel puts it, what could you do? Look at your wealth, and if you are old enough, look at your Will. Enter imaginatively into dialogue with those in need, and, after providing for the security and dignity of those close to you, could things be re-arranged to satisfy the real needs of others? And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

Let us pray the 'Hail Mary', lingering on the last phrase, that we may be saved from monologuing for all eternity. Learn the language of Heaven here on earth and ask Our Lady to pray for us 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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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

**MONDAY 8 AUGUST AT 7.00AM SOLEMNITY OF
ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP)**

Mass at St Joseph the Worker come celebrate with us our First Australian Saint. We will go for Coffee after Mass.

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

MASSES TIMES

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

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.

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 inquiry (8.30am to 4.30pm).

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.



**Be the face of
Christ for others**

We are called to be the face, hands, and heart of Christ in our communities. Every day, God showers us with blessings so we will have gifts to share. Your support serves those in our community who need our care today.



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**PARISH INFO NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST AT 7.00PM
AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH**

2021-2022 has been a big year for our parish with many new initiatives and projects.

Join us for an information session (wine and cheese provided) where Fr Gerard will explain some of the big projects underway, recent changes and future direction of the parish. The Finance committee will be available for a Q & A session too.

POSITION VACANT – FINANCE OFFICER

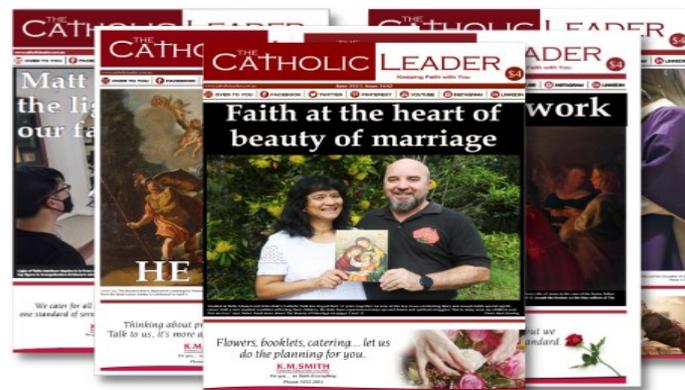
Applications are open for a position at the **Southport Catholic Parish**. A person with excellent financial experience is required for the part-time position of Finance Officer, working **22.8 hours a week over 3 days**.

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.

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~QUOTE~

“What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God”.

- Hans urs van Balthasar

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C
1st Reading – Wisdom 18:6-9 2nd Reading – Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel - Luke 12:32 – 48**

**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 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

*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 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 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 OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP) FEAST DAY – 8 AUGUST



Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne. On 8 August 1909, she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop took her vows at the age of twenty five, and the religious name, "Mary of the Cross". In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop founded several schools.

Within five years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over thirty schools in South Australia. By that time, more than one hundred women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. As a result, Mary MacKillop pioneered a new form of religious life in Australia, and commenced a "system" of "Josephite" schools that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor. In 1873, Pope Pius IX gave Papal approval for the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010. In January 2013, St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) was declared by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, to be the Second Patron Saint of Australia. This means that Australia now has two Patron Saints: Mary Help of Christians and St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop).

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

Come to the Water

Refrain:

***Come to the water,
you who are thirsty
though you have nothing,
I bid you come,
and be filled with the goodness
I have to offer.
Come! Listen! Live!***

Why spend your money
on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
goodness and peace in your heart. **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

The Cry of the Poor

Refrain:

***The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

Let the lowly hear and be glad,
the Lord listens to their pleas,
and to hearts broken God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

Ev'ry spirit crushed God will save,
will be ransom for their lives,
will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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“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

Micah's Theme

Refrain:

***Hear then what God asks of you:
to live justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God.***

I have come that you may have life
and have it to the full. **R**

Ask and you shall receive,
knock, and it shall be yours. **R**

Father, your kingdom come,
may your will be done. **R**

Take up your cross and follow me,
you shall share my life. **R**

I am with you always,
till the end of time. **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**

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you.
Peace which the world cannot give
is my gift. **R**
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REFLECTION

I Found the Treasure

Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth
or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

Refrain:

***I found the treasure in a field,
that neither time nor death
can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.***

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord. **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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