

As offensive as the Monty Python film, *The Life of Brian* was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been entrusted, had to hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil all our expectations or run to our timetable.

Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

ASHMORE:

**TEMPORARILY CLOSED
UNTIL FUTHER 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

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 and celebrate our first Australian Saint. Coffee, tea and snacks will be served at the Lumen Christi Centre.

**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

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 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.

**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 also.

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.

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

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~

He only is my ROCK and my SALVATION, my fortress; I shall not be shaken...
- Psalm 62:6

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2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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21st August 2022 catholiccampaign.com.au

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C
1st Reading – Jerimiah 38:4-6. 8-10 2nd Reading – Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel - Luke 12:49 – 53

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PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stopline.com.au ONLINE: www.bnecatholic.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

RICHARD LAWSON & MARGARET HUDSON

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 4.00pm at Guardian Angels Church, Southport

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 Blancia on 5510 2222.

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).

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

City of God

Awake from your slumber.
Arise from your sleep.
A new day is dawning
for all those who weep.
The people in darkness
have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.

Refrain:

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears
be turned into dancing,
for the Lord,
our light and our love,
has turned the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning,
we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us
has brightened the way.
The Lord of all kindness
has called us to be
a light for his people
to set their hearts free. **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

Lift up Your Hearts

Refrain:

**Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy.
Sing out your joy to the Lord
whose love is enduring.**

Shout with joy to the Lord,
all the earth,
praise the name above all names.
Say to God,
"How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name." **R**

Let the earth worship,
singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name.
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name. **R**

God's right hand
made a path through the night,
split the waters of the sea.
All creation lift up your voice,
our God set us free. **R**
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!**
Stay awake, pray at all times,
praying that
you may be strengthened,
that with confidence
you can meet the Son of Man.
**Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

GIFTS PROCESSION

Let All the Peoples

Refrain:

**Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,
Let all the peoples praise you.
Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,
Let all the peoples praise you.**

Nations shall fear
the name of the Lord
and all the rulers of earth your glory,
when the Lord shall build Sion again,
coming in glory. Alleluia! **R**

Let this be written for ages to come,
peoples unborn may praise the Lord,
who has come down
from the sanctuary on high
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia! **R**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Like a Shepherd

Refrain:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully
close to his heart,
leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah,
"Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top,
lift your voice,
Jerusalem, here is your God." **R**

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue
and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest." **R**

"Come unto me
if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke
upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest." **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

From Penola's Plains

Loving God,
we give you thanks this day
as gladly we rejoice
that a woman's life should so proclaim
a love that heard your voice.
Now inspired by her example,
may we strive to seek your face,
so that in our rugged homeland
the poor will find a place.
Here with Mary of the Cross we pray
your truth may guide our way,
that our open hearts may hear
your call to follow you each day.

Let our praise now fill this joyful space
as loudly we proclaim
that in Mary's life we see the faith
that glorifies your name.
For her heart knew your compassion
at the plight of children poor.
So she mustered all her courage
and saw her future call.
Trusting firm in you
she ventured forth,
her eyes upon your cross.
From Penola's plains to all the world,
her arms reached out in love.
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