

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'

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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
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

Gold Coast Parishes - 24 hours Adoration

Tuesday 1pm to Wednesday 1pm every week



at Guardian Angels Church
99 Scarborough Street, Southport
parking onsite, church secured from 6pm to 8am

We are joining the effort to have Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. To make this a success we need 2 people per hour.

Please indicate your availability for a one hour commitment. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of your local church, alternatively email brisbane.adoration@gmail.com. We will be in touch mid-October to confirm your exact time and other details. We expect to start our Adoration cycle on the first Tuesday in November 2022.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - The Church in Australia marks this occasion **today, 28 August**. In their Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

POSITION VACANT PASTORAL MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic committed person to join the Parish team and assist them with the coordination of a variety of pastoral ministry programs.

The position is permanent part-time 28 hours per week with the days of work to be negotiated.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/548356/pastoral-ministry-coordinator-sunnybank-parish>

Applications close: 14 October 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.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
to be celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

Saturday 24th September 2022
11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 21st September
email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030

The Cathedral car park will be available.

FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE VIRGIN MARY - Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of the Birthday of the Virgin Mary on **3 September 2022** and on **13 September 2022** the feast of our Lady Of Fatima. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus fare is \$25.00 return for each person. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260 or Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome.



WANTED - VOLUNTEERS

This position is to assist our Gift Shop at Southport (Angels on Scarborough Gift Shop, 115 Scarborough Street, Southport) once a week for only 4 hours.

Available days/shifts

Monday - afternoon shift 12.30pm - 4.30pm.
Wednesday - afternoon shift 12.30pm - 4.30pm.
Friday - afternoon shift 12.30pm - 4.30pm.

Job training will be provided. For more information, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 ext:4

PIETY SHOP AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

Please note that the Piety Shop at Mary Immaculate Church in Ashmore will only be opened before the Mass on Saturday & Sunday. **It will not be opened during the week.** Please visit the **Angels on Scarborough Gift Shop**.

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 Blancia on 5510 2222 with any enquiries (8.30am to 4.30pm).

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year C/2
1st Reading - wisdom 9:13-18 2nd Reading - Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

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.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

**BASIM IBRAHIM GAGI, MARGARET GROTH AND
BABY JAYDA EVELYN**

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 2.00pm 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~

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it....

- Lou Holtz

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

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 on 5510 2222 or email LisaP@scp.org.au.

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

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



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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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

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**

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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

Come to Me

Refrain

***Come to me, all who labour
and are heavy burdened
and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke
and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy
and my burden is light.***

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The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest **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

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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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

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

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people,
salt for the Kingdom of God.
Share the flavour of life, O people,
life in the Kingdom of God.

Refrain

***Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God.***

You are a light on the hill, O people,
light for the city of God.
Shine so holy and bright, O people,
shine for the kingdom of God. **R**

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