



*Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:20–22](#)*

The scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling. Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

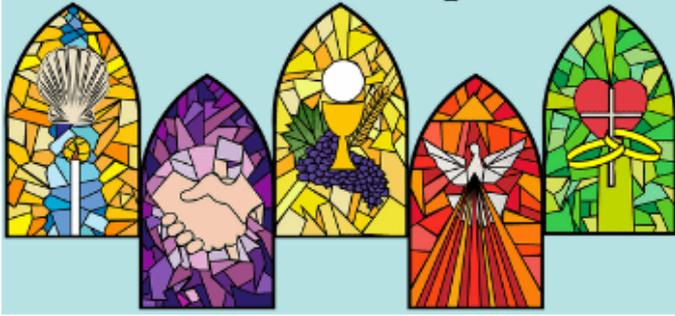
Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life.

*Lord of all grace, You came and not only taught us about the heights of holiness, but You also lived it and have bestowed upon us all we need to imitate Your every virtue. Please fill me with Your mercy and strength so that I may live a new righteousness of the fullness of love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## Sacramental Preparation



THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR  
**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR  
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**IS NOW CLOSED**

### **2023 Reconciliation Program**

#### **Parent Information Meeting**

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 10:45am (after 9.30am Mass)  
or Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 4pm  
at Mary Immaculate Church

#### **Rite of Enrolment**

**Saturday 18 February @4:30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate**  
**Sunday 19 February @ 9am Mass at Mary Immaculate**  
**Sunday, 19 February @ 5:30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate**

#### **Children's 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 4.00pm to 5:30pm

#### **Children's 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March @4.00pm to 5:30pm  
both at Mary Immaculate

#### **Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.00pm to 5.00pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.00pm to 5.00pm

If you have any queries please contact  
Lisa Perkins on 5510 2222 ext 3 or  
Email: sacramental@scp.org.au



## World Day of Prayer 2023

The World Day of Prayer service will be held at  
Mary Immaculate Church on  
Friday 3 March at 10.00am

The theme for this year is  
***I have heard about your faith***  
It will be prepared by the women of Taiwan

There will be morning tea available after the service  
We would appreciate it if you could also bring a  
plate to share

For more information please contact  
Carmel Donaghy on 5594 0719

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

22 February 2023

7.00am	St Joseph the Worker
9.00am	Mary Immaculate
12.30pm	Guardian Angels
5.30pm	Mary Immaculate



Shop 2/115 Scarborough Street, SOUTHPORT  
Monday to Friday (9am to 4pm)

### **WANTED VOLUNTEERS**

We are seeking volunteers  
to work in our gift shop,  
Angels on Scarborough in Southport.

The shifts are for 4 hours either  
9.00am to 1.00pm or 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Fore more information please contact  
Catherine Francis, Office Support  
Monday and Tuesday  
Southport Catholic Parish  
5510 2222 or parish@scp.org.au



### Anointing of the Sick

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at  
Mary Immaculate 9.00am Mass  
we will be celebrating  
the sacrament of  
Anointing of the Sick

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](mailto:aob@stopline.com.au)  
ONLINE: [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)  
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

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 and friends will be recorded in these books in each church*

**Please pray for all whose names are recorded in the Books of Remembrance**

## Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word continues each Sunday at Mary Immaculate Church at the 9.30am Mass throughout the school term**

### **Volunteers needed**

to help us bring the Word of God to our children and teach them about Jesus at our Children's Liturgy held at our 9.30am Sunday Mass each week

Please contact Lisa Perkins  
5510 2222 or [sacramental@scp.org.au](mailto:sacramental@scp.org.au)

No experience necessary and all materials and lesson plan provided

## SCL

### Renew our Parish in 2023

With the start of a new year, let us now refocus on the goals and pillars of your laity group, SCL. Your Southport Christian League strives to create an active, enjoyable and involved congregation while at the same time trying to help those less fortunate or in need with donations from our fundraising events.

**We invite you**, both individually and as groups, to assist SCL achieve its mission of making our parish an excellent centre of Christianity.

Below are some initial ideas where your input about their success would be most welcomed and appreciated.

- A craft group where items like beanies, blankets, socks, etc can be displayed on a market table following Mass at our morning teas with proceeds going to the Hillston project.
- A social event each month like trivia nights, movies outings and Friday afternoon wine and melody sessions.
- Two bus trips per year, for example, to the Tweed with a river cruise.
- Light exercise and yoga sessions.
- Bible and Christian-living talks, at times with guest speakers.
- Games, computer applications and other learnings.

Please forward your thoughts, ideas and suggestions to **Christine Wintour**

email: [winlock2@hotmail.com](mailto:winlock2@hotmail.com)  
phone/text **0431 630 446**

We will listen to your voice and together we can invigorate our parish through your involvement

God bless and have a happy new year



**12 February 2023**

**St Joseph the Worker Church**

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

**Sunday Mass**

8.00am

**Weekday Masses**

Monday & Wednesday 7.00am

1st Wednesday 7.00pm

1st Saturday 9.00am

**Rosary**

Monday & Wednesday 6.00am

1st Wednesday 6.00pm

1st Saturday 8.30am

**Novena**

Wednesday 6.00pm

**Guardian Angels Church**

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

**Korean Mass**

Sunday 3.30pm

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**Filipino Mass**

1st Sunday 12.00pm

**Prayer & Adoration**

Wednesday 12.00pm

**Rosary & Mass**

Friday 12.00pm



**Mary Immaculate Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

**Saturday & Sunday Masses**

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

**Adoration & Rosary**

Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

**Gold Coast University Hospital**

**Rosary & Mass**

Friday 10.00am

**PARISH CONTACTS**

Ph 07 5510 2222

<https://scp.org.au>

**Parish office Ashmore**

9.00am-3.00pm

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore, 4214

**Parish office Southport & Gift Shop**

9.00am-4.30pm

115 Scarborough Street, Southport, 4215

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**Sacramental Coordinator**

Lisa Perkins E: [sacramental@scp.org.au](mailto:sacramental@scp.org.au)

**Associate Pastor**

Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

**Parish Priest**

Fr Gerard McMorrow PP

**Personal Assistant**

Fiona Mahoney