

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**15 JANUARY 2023 YEAR A/1**

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." [John 1:29](#)*

Saint John the Baptist speaks these words about Jesus at the moment that he sees Jesus coming to him in the distance. John knew, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus was the "Lamb of God." He knew, by this interior revelation, that Jesus would become the Sacrificial Lamb Who would lay down His life for the salvation of the world. Perhaps John did not know the details of how this would happen, but he didn't need to. He was content knowing this sacred mission of the Messiah, and he was content knowing that Jesus was that Messiah.

Today, as we ponder John's words, we are able to see them more clearly. Jesus is the One Who gave His life on the Cross for the remission of sins. He is the One Whom we now receive sacramentally in Holy Communion as the "Lamb of God." It is His flesh and His blood, poured out for us, that we now consume with the deepest reverence and love.

At Mass, these are the final words spoken by the priest after the consecration and prior to Holy Communion. Every time we participate in the Holy Mass, we relive this moment in which John saw our Lord coming to Him.

As we begin this season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to come to know this Lamb of God more fully through His many teachings, miracles and actions done during His public ministry. In the Liturgy of the Word at every Mass, we are called to unpack these words of John, coming to understand the mystery of the life of Christ more fully. And through our participation in the reception of Holy Communion, we come to know Him Who is the Lamb of God in the most personal and intimate of ways, when we enter into holy union (Holy Communion) with Him.

Reflect, today, upon these very familiar words of Saint John the Baptist. As you do, begin by prayerfully pondering the knowledge that John might have had about Christ the first time he saw Him. Why did John say these words? How fully did he understand their meaning? Did he know that his words would be echoed throughout time? As you prayerfully ponder the interior knowledge that John might have had at that time, try also to reflect upon all that we now know about these holy words. Reflect especially upon the suffering and death of the Lamb of God and the way in which He has transmitted His Saving Sacrifice to us in Holy Communion. What a gift! What a mystery! What a joy! Behold the Lamb of God within your heart, mind and soul, and prayerfully seek to know Him more fully this day.

*Glorious Lamb of God, You have come and taken away the sins of the world through the sacrifice of Your sacred life on the Cross. Please help me to understand Who You are and all that You have done for me, especially every time I come to behold You and receive You in Holy Communion. Jesus, I trust in You.*



Readings 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 January 2023  
Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

**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

**Parish Administrator**

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**Associate Pastor**

Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

**Parish Priest**

Fr Gerard McMorrow PP

**Personal Assistant**

Fiona Mahoney



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
**SOUTHPORT**

On behalf of all parishioners of the Southport Catholic Parish, I offer a warm welcome to our new Associate Pastor, Fr John Hong.

Fr Gerard

### From Fr John

Dear Parishioners,

I am John Hong Xuan Nguyen (John Hong). My appointment in the Regents Park Parish came to its conclusion at the end of last year and I have now been appointed to the Parish of Southport. I have been in this Parish now for nearly two weeks. Everything is very new for me. Yet, I feel a great and meaningful thing and that is the warm welcome I have received over the last two weeks of which I am very grateful.

I am originally from Vietnam. I came to Australia as a refugee in 1991. I am the only one in the family living in Australia. I am the second child of ten children. My father and mother have passed away years ago. Some of my sisters and brothers have died as well. I now have two sisters and two brothers left.

I was accepted to the Seminary in 1998 and was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2002. Since ordination, I have been appointed to several parishes. From this year, I now have the chance to be in the Parish of Southport which, I believe, will open to me certain valuable things in terms of carrying out the priestly life and ministry. I am privileged and happy to be a part of the life of the Southport Parish family.

Being aware of my limitations and weaknesses, I would dare to ask for your prayers. I am grateful for your acceptance, support, help and concern. May each member of our parish be filled with God's love, peace and joy.

May God bless us all!!

John Hong

## Sacramental Preparation



### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION 2023

The Sacramental Program for Reconciliation 2023 begins mid-February. It is open to children who are at least 10 years old (Year 5). The program allows the children to explore and learn deeply, the mercy and love of God and the process involved in seeking God's forgiveness experienced in Reconciliation.

#### The online registration for the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation

is **now open**

It will remain open until  
Monday 6 February 2023

At the completion of this program, the children will celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation on either Wednesday 15 March or Thursday 16 March

If you would like your child to be involved in this program please follow this link:  
<https://scp.org.au/2023-sacrament-of-recon>  
or visit our webpage to access the registration form

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



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](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**



**Pamela Elane Shelton**

*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**

### ***THE GRACE OF BAPTISM RETREAT***

presented by The Mission Team of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Brisbane

*A group of lay people whose mission is to "foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit."*



Discover how precious you are in Christ, experience the healing touch of God, encounter the Holy Spirit...

***I baptise you with water but one who is more powerful than I is coming; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Luke 3:16***

Date Saturday, 4 February, 2023  
Time 9.00am – 4.00pm commencing with Mass  
Venue St Joseph the Worker Church  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

To register or for further information, please contact Len Airey, Mission Team Co-ordinator, CCR Brisbane on 0421 977 849 or [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

**BYO lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of food to share for morning and afternoon tea**

### **Gold Coast Parishes 24 Hour Adoration**



Join our program *every Tuesday 1.00pm to Wednesday 1.00pm at Guardian Angels* as part of the PERPETUAL Adoration effort in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please consider spending an hour or two with our Lord at this time or even as a casual visitor that can fill in for others occasionally. Late hours and early morning vigil keepers have secure access to the church as it is locked for security from 6.00pm to 8.00am the next morning.

Contact [yurikos@gmail.com](mailto:yurikos@gmail.com) to join,

*your private audience with Our Lord is waiting for you to accept*

#### **ADORATION HOURS**

**Tuesday 1.00pm to Wednesday 1.00pm  
every week  
at Guardian Angels Church  
99 Scarborough Street, Southport**

**Parking onsite, church secured from  
6.00pm to 8.00am**

