

There is something attractive about Thomas the Doubter – something about his obstinate integrity in not too readily accepting the other disciples' report that they had seen the Risen Lord.

After all, he had devotedly followed this Galilean for several years, but then there was the shock and trauma of the barbaric death on the cross. Who could be surprised at his doubting the reports of his fellow apostles?

But our Risen Lord Jesus Christ was quite willing to wait, to embody the patience of God.

And the other disciples – now the 'true believers' in the resurrection – must have caught something of this patience of God. They did not expel Thomas from their company but kept him within their circle. It was their continuing friendship with the Doubter which gave him the opportunity to be present for the appearance of the Risen Lord in their midst.

Perhaps there is a lesson for the Church to not too quickly raise the barriers excluding those struggling with belief in the Christian faith.

That is a consoling aspect of this gospel episode. Another aspect ends up as quite a challenge for us.

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Did you notice that Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such? That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can join Thomas in *this* faith, can *only* join Thomas in this faith, by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded by hunger, humiliation, illness, enslavement in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds: feeding, esteeming, visiting, breaking chains. Otherwise, we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

As Pope Francis says: "Jesus asks us to take a leap of faith towards Him, but through these, His wounds.

You, or the other person, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

In the meantime, we can take heart from the final blessing of Our Lord. Blessings are promised to we who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who find that, in touching his wounds we cannot help but proclaim, 'My Lord and my God'.

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Readings Third Sunday of Easter 23 April 2023
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21;
Luke 24:13-35

2023 First Holy Communion Sacramental Program

The registration for the Sacramental Program for
First Holy Communion is closing this
Thursday 20 April 2023.

First Holy Communion is the second step in your child's
sacramental journey. It is available to all children who
have completed their Confirmation and are in Year 4 and
above (9 years and older). The program runs from 23
April 2023 with Holy Communion celebrated on
17 & 18 June 2023.

The link for the online registration form is:
[https://scp.org.au/first-eucharist/2023-sacrament-of-
first-holy-communion/](https://scp.org.au/first-eucharist/2023-sacrament-of-first-holy-communion/)

or you can visit our webpage to access the form.

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



Join Catholic Mission online to honour
Mother Mary during the month of May
by praying the rosary.

Monday – Friday at 2.00pm—join Zoom meeting
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>



Caritas Australia would like to thank you
for supporting Project Compassion 2023.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of
envelopes at home, please bring them back next week
You can donate through Project Compassion donation
boxes/envelopes available from your parish,
by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion,
or by calling 1800 024 413.



Extraordinary Ministers of communion to the sick
I urgently need ministers to take Holy Communion to our
elderly and sick parishioners at

Blue Care, Labrador—every 2nd Sunday
Estia Health, Southport—every 2nd Sunday

We also require Holy Communion to be taken to
two parishioners in their homes.

Please contact the Parish office on 5510 2222.



Brisbane City Pops Orchestra

joined by our own School choirs

Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Sunday 23 July 2023 at 2.00pm
Please save the date



New Envelopes

for the Planned Giving Program are
available from the **BACK** of each church.



Every Saturday our walking group meets at
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at 6.00am.
Contact Janeece on 0408 763 772



Faithfully departed



*Matthew Clunes
Esther Paterson
Ian Marshall
Therese Cobcroft
John Mahoney
Evelyn McMorrow*



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

Stopline

receives information about suspected abuse,
(information can be provided anonymously)
misconduct & serious policy breaches by Archdiocesan
clergy, employees or volunteers.
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.

1300 304 550

aob@stopline.com.au

www.bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com



**Gold Coast Parishes 24 Hour Adoration
Tuesday 1.00pm to Wednesday 1.00pm
every week at Guardian Angels Church
99 Scarborough Street, Southport**

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

Altar Cross missing from St Joseph the Worker Church

It came to my attention last Sunday that the Cross
that sits on the altar has been missing since
January this year.

If anyone has knowledge of its whereabouts please
contact the parish office on 5510 2222.

parish@scp.org.au

Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy during the school
holidays Sunday 2 April - Sunday 23 April.
Children's Liturgy will recommence 30 April 2023.

Thank you

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Friday 14 April at 10.00am
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador
Presider Fr Vince Hobbs
For more information please contact
Paul Porter 0451 131 989

Vietnamese Mass

Fr John will **now** be celebrating a Vietnamese Mass
on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of **each** month
12.00pm Mary Immaculate Church
The next Mass will be Sunday 23 April

Mass of Anointing

On the 1st Thursday of each month at
Mary Immaculate at 9.00am

Altar Linen—Mary Immaculate Church

We urgently require volunteers to wash and iron the
sacred linen. The more help we get, the lighter the load.

A roster will be made up, hopefully you will only be
required every six weeks.

Please contact Lisa at the parish office

A Big Thank You

I would like to thank all those involved in the Easter
services at all our churches for their
wonderful work over Holy Week.

I greatly appreciate your help.

Fr Gerard

Angels Kitchen

If you wish to support Angels Kitchen and the great
work they do in feeding the homeless, you can
contribute by donating to the following
bank account details

BSB 064 786

Account 1000 2738 3

Angels Kitchen - Southport Parish



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

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

Vietnamese Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday 12.00pm

Adoration & Rosary

Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Rosary & Mass

Friday 10.00am

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

한인미사 일요일 오후 3시 30분

Filipino Mass

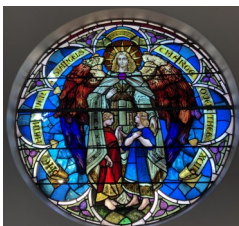
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm

Rosary & Mass

Friday 12.00pm



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Associate Pastor

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