

After the Creed, we will have the Prayers of the Faithful. Bit of a routine really. Could you actually recall any of them at the end of Mass? Perhaps when we offer prayers for those who have died, and the name of someone we loved dearly is mentioned, it will hit us in the pit of the stomach... we will certainly remember that.

In today's gospel we have heard when Jesus saw the crowds 'He felt sorry for them' because they were harassed and dejected. This is a very poor translation. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'.

When Jesus saw desperate need, whether it be sickness or destitution or cruelty or lack of good leadership ('sheep without a shepherd') he found it stomach churning stuff. He had to plunge in and do something about it.

He commissioned his followers to do the same. He summoned them to be labourers for the harvest. This was not a call for more priests to celebrate Mass but for people to share his passion, his compassion, to relieve those in great distress.

When our St Vincent de Paul people tell me of a visit to a flat where a young woman is sleeping on the floor in a sleeping bag, I know they pray about that young woman's situation because their stomachs are in a knot.

When I visit an old lady in a nursing home who is quite alone, isolated, neglected, ignored by her own family, my stomach is in a knot and I pray for her.

That's when we pray authentically, not just formulae tripping off the tongue.

In other words, our body will often tell us what we should pray for.

Another good signal from the body is tears. Not only of sadness but also of joy.

I conduct quite a few marriages and it is amazingly common to see parents crying at the wedding of a son or daughter. I bet they pray for a life of happiness and fulfilment for that son or daughter.

I've noticed some grandfathers go 'misty eyed' when talking about a grandchild, especially a young baby. I bet he prays for that grandchild, praying that a wonderful and healthy future opens up for that infant.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together: prayer celebrating good things, prayer confronting bad things. It is the joining together which Our Lord wants and where possible he wants it to lead to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

This praying for others is a priestly function.

Priests are those who mediate between creation and the creator, between human beings and our Heavenly Father. In our tradition, some men are set aside to celebrate the sacraments. These are ministerial priests. But every baptised person is priestly, called upon to pray to our Heavenly Father on behalf of others.

So, when our body gives us the signal: stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives, follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

You will be fulfilling the privilege and responsibility conferred at your baptism to be one of the labourers in the harvest, one of the priestly people of God.

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Readings Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 June 2023
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Romans 5:12-15;
Matthew 10:26-33



2023 First Holy Communion
Sacramental Program

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN WHO WILL RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS WEEKEND

2023 Confirmation
Sacramental Program

From the year when children turn 8 (Year 3), they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation is the completion of your child's Baptism. The Holy Spirit given in Baptism is 'sealed' and 'reaffirmed' through the sacrament of Confirmation.

The online registration for Confirmation is now open on our Southport Catholic Parish website and will close on Thursday 20 July 2023. The program will run throughout the third school term with the Confirmation ceremony taking place on Saturday 9 September 2023.

The link for the online registration form is:

<https://scp.org.au/2023-sacrament-of-confirmation/>

This year we will be linking all three sacraments together. By enrolling in Confirmation, you will also be enrolled for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion which will take place next year.

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

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN**

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

This month of June we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral.

Parishioners are invited to attend
10am Mass on Wednesday, June 28th,

at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church.

Stay tuned for news about more commemorations over the course of this year-long celebration.

Brisbane City Pops Orchestra
Conducted by Chen Yang

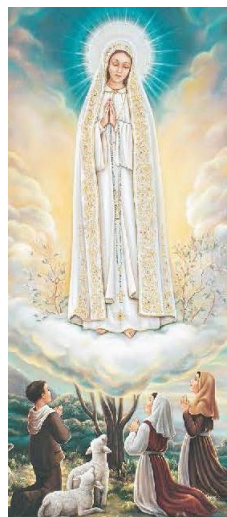
HIGHLIGHTS
Lord of the Dance
Themes from 007
Waltz from Sleeping Beauty
Crown Imperial March
Duke Ellington Medley

Supported by the Students from both
Aquinas College
&
Guardian Angels
STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

CELEBRATING 50
1973 2023

A great parish event to support!
Tickets will be available after Masses this weekend

Sunday 23 July 2.00pm
Guardian Angels Catholic Church
99 Scarborough St Southport
Tickets: Adults \$25.00 Concessions \$20.00
Students \$12
Bookings: 07 5510 2222
An afternoon you will not want to miss!



Please come and join us at Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima and the feast of Saint Anthony on 13 June 2023. The Annual Pilgrimage of the Maltese Community in honour of Christ the Redeemer will take place on 24 June 2023. The bus will pick up at 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters on both days. The cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return each day. You can secure your seat by contacting Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573, All are welcome. If you need further information, please contact Xavier on 0404 843 260.

PETER'S PENCE

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring Collection at all Masses on the weekend of 24/25 June 2023.

This Collection is used to support the work of Pope Francis and the Holy See internationally.

Many thanks for your prayers and support.

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



HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE

Parishioners and others who find themselves in the Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH) can request a visit from a Catholic Pastoral Carer. **Centacare**, which operates throughout the Brisbane Archdiocese offers training and support to volunteers who visit Catholic patients in hospital. Because of the large number of Catholic patients in the hospital at any one time, not all Catholic patients can be visited by the volunteers. However, if a patient would like to have a visit from a Catholic Pastoral Carer, the patient has only to ask the nurse to contact the Spiritual Care Office at the hospital and a visit will be arranged.

Pastoral Carers will notify the special Eucharistic Ministers who visit the GCUH on Sundays if a patient indicates a wish to receive Holy Communion on Sunday. Pastoral Carers can also notify a priest if a patient is approaching end of life so that the patient can receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Anyone who is interested in training as a Hospital Pastoral Carer is asked to contact Centacare via one of the options below

Ph. 07 3324 3193, Website: centacare.com

Email: adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au

Address: GPO Box 282, Brisbane QLD 4001

Anyone interested in becoming a special Eucharistic Minister is asked to speak to one of the priests.

The Vietnamese Mass
at Mary Immaculate Church will now be held
every 2nd and 4th **Saturday at 7.00pm**

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



James Peter Noonan



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

ANNIVERSARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

We are happy to place the names of the above in the Newsletter, provided the family has given approval

BOOK OF THE SICK

This book has not been updated for sometime. We would like to remove all names and start afresh. We encourage families to let us know if there is a family member in need of prayers.

Please contact the parish office 5510 2222. Please ensure you have the permission of the sick person to add his/her name. After 4 weeks the name will be automatically removed.

If you still require prayers please call again to ask for the name to be re-entered. This way we will have a much better record of who needs our prayers.



A REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

To do the work of God, we must



The Australian Association
of the Order of Malta

invites the parishioners of
Southport Catholic Parish to the

Investiture Mass

which is being presided over by

H E Monsignor Jean Lafitte, Prelate of the Order
at

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore, Queensland
Saturday 24 June 2023 at 2.00pm

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 Saturday 7.00pm

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

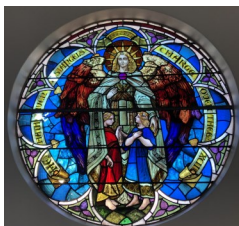
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm

Rosary & Mass

Friday 12.00pm



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<https://scp.org.au>

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Monday-Friday 9.00am-4.30pm

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