

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**25 JUNE 2023 YEAR A/1**

*Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Matthew 10:26*

This line is spoken by our Lord within the context of preparing the Twelve for the persecutions that are to come. Prior to this passage, Jesus said, "But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans." After saying much more about the persecutions to come, Jesus gives them a certain hope and encouragement in the passage above.

First of all, Jesus directly addresses one of the effects many people suffer when they encounter some form of persecution: fear. "Fear no one," He says. Fear can consume a person when they lack faith in God's care for them, allowing anxiety and worry to take hold. When we can keep our eyes fixed firmly on Christ and dispel the attacks we receive in life, then we will remain confident in God's truth and not be deterred by lies.

Jesus is also very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. This is especially the case when we must endure any form of severe persecution or trial. Therefore, He speaks a consoling line to the Twelve to help them have hope. "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." This is a reference to the end of time when Jesus returns to earth for the Final Judgment. At that time, every deceitful attack that people have endured will come to full light for all to see. Every virtue, including every hidden virtue, will also come to light. In the end, truth will reign and all will be judged by God's Truth. This should be very consoling to those who have suffered injustice in life.

Persecution comes in many forms. Of course, persecution issued against you because of your faith is the worst form of persecution. But most often, persecution comes in other forms. Jealousy toward another could lead to gossip about them. Revealing the sins of another in a public way is the sin of detraction and is a form of persecution. Passive aggression, slander, the "silent treatment" and so much more are all forms of persecution. Any time one person attempts to inflict some form of harm upon another, this is persecution.

One common tendency that people encounter when another has harmed them in some way is to return the harm done. There is nothing wrong with defending ourselves by speaking the truth with love. But too often, the hurt experienced either turns into a consuming fear or into an attack against the one who harmed us. When this temptation is felt, Jesus' words above are most helpful and freeing. In the end, no injustice will be ignored. Every wrong will be dealt with by the justice and mercy of God, and perfect order and truth will be fully restored for eternity.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with fear. As you do, reflect upon Jesus' words over and over. "Fear no one." Do not allow yourself to be controlled by any injustice inflicted upon you. Instead, remain confident in the truth and, if some injustice is not able to be corrected here and now, look forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the mind and justice of God.

*My courageous Lord, You endured so much ridicule and harsh treatment but never allowed it to deter You from Your divine mission of love. Please free me from all fear and give me courage when I face the injustices of life to trust that You will right every wrong in the end. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Catholic Daily Reflection 2023



Readings Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 July 2023  
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88:2-3, 16-19; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11;  
Matthew 10:37-42



### 2023 First Holy Communion Sacramental Program

Congratulations to all the **60 children** who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend in our Parish. I would like to thank the parents for their participation in the Sacramental Program which prepared their children to receive their First Holy Communion. Many thanks to Cathy Ryan and Shandel Flynn for all their help with the program, to Fr Gerard, our wonderful musicians and choir, the altar servers, the extraordinary eucharistic ministers, the sacristans and everyone who contributed their time and talent to help make the Holy Communion Masses so special for the children.

Lisa Perkins

### 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.

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



There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word during the school holidays from Sunday 2 July - Sunday 9 July. Children's Liturgy will recommence Sunday 16 July 2023. Thank you

**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

1973 2023  
**CELEBRATING 50**

**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!*



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

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>,**  
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.

### **PETER'S PENCE**

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend - 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](mailto:aob@stopline.com.au)

[www.bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com](http://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](http://centacare.com)

Email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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



Melissa Lord  
Daisy Chung



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.

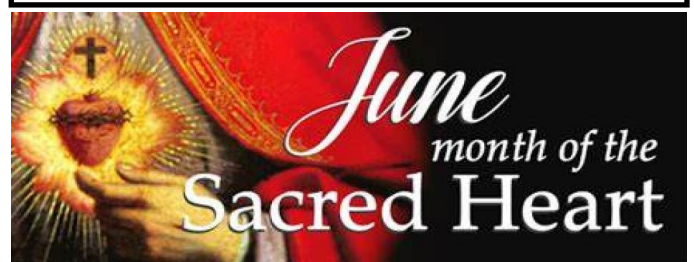
Please contact the parish office 5510 2222. Please ensure you have the permission of the sick person to add his/her name. After 4 weeks the name will be automatically removed.

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.

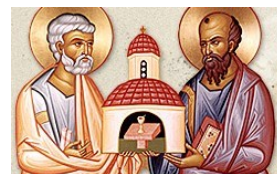


### A REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

We can face any fear when we know the Lord is with us.



**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023**



This feast day has been observed by the Church since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdom of Peter the 'chief of the apostles' and Paul the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. They are remembered for their faith, their courage and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

**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

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**Filipino Mass**

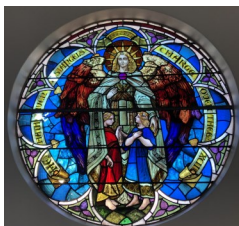
1st Sunday 12.00pm

**Prayer & Adoration**

Wednesday 12.00pm

**Rosary & Mass**

Friday 12.00pm



**PARISH CONTACTS**

Ph 07 5510 2222

<https://scp.org.au>

**Parish office Ashmore**

Tuesday-Thursday 9.00am-4.30pm

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore, 4214

**Parish office Southport & Gift Shop**

Monday-Friday 9.00am-4.30pm

115 Scarborough Street, Southport, 4215

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

**Associate Pastor**

Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

**Associate Pastor**

Fr Marce Singson

**Parish Priest**

Fr Gerard McMorrow PP