

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**10 SEPTEMBER 2023 YEAR A/1**

It takes much humility and a pure heart to confront another person with their sin in such a way that they listen and repent. Normally, confronting another with their sin is done more out of anger than it is out of love. We ought not confront another with their sin out of our woundedness and a desire to inflict guilt as retribution. We ought not confront another to humiliate them or harm them. We should only bring up another's sin because we love them and have already forgiven them and now want them free of their sin for their own good. When this happens and when this is our sole motivation, another might more easily receive correction.

This teaching, however, should not only be looked at from the point of view of us confronting others with their sins. It must also be looked at from the perspective of others confronting us with our sins. We sin every day. We sin against those whom we love every day. Therefore, try to think about someone close to you bringing your sin to your attention. How do you react when this happens? Perhaps if they did so with the most pure motivation and compassion, you would listen. But what if they did so because they were angry? Though this is not the ideal way for someone to confront you, it doesn't give you the right to reject what they say. Therefore, it is a good spiritual practice to listen to anyone's concern they bring to you regarding your sin, no matter how they bring it. If, after listening and evaluating their concern with humility you see they are right, even to some degree, then the loving response is to express sorrow, apologize and commit yourself to change. If, however, after humbly evaluating their concern you do not believe that you have sinned, then it is time for you to gently and compassionately try to confront that person with their rash and false judgment.

This passage gives three successive levels of confronting a person. First, it must be done one-on-one. Second, it is done with two or three others. Third, it is done in the presence of the Church. Try, at first, to set aside the second and third approach and only look at the first one. The goal of this one-on-one confrontation is reconciliation. It is good to put much energy into reflecting upon how well you do with this sort of situation because if you can do it well, there will be no need for the second or third form of confrontation.

The number one enemy of reconciliation is pride. Pride is a habit by which we think about ourselves first and foremost, or even exclusively in the most serious cases. Pride makes self-evaluation impossible. We become blind to our sin and are agitated the moment it is identified or causes problems. Of course, the opposite of pride is humility. This is the virtue that enables us to forget about ourselves and have concern only for others. When a person grows in humility, the evil one will always tempt them with thoughts such as: What about you? You are right and they are wrong! This is unfair! You shouldn't be treated this way! These tempting thoughts must always be rejected. Humility only makes sense when we are humble. To the person who has pride, humility will seem foolish. But humility is true wisdom.

Reflect, today, upon how humble you are when someone expresses concern to you about your sin. How do you react? Do you find yourself getting angry and defensive when this happens? If so, be honest and admit to yourself that this is pride; this is your sin. Spend time trying to reflect upon the ideal and humble way you should respond when confronted by another. If reconciliation is your number-one priority in any relationship that has experienced hurt, then that holy and humble desire will become your guide to being able to reconcile with everyone in your life.



## Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023  
10 SEPTEMBER



Southport Catholic Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

[catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](https://catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

### Prayer

Gracious God, we pray with the help of your grace, that communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Amen.

**MULTICULTURAL MASS**  
"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"  
POPE FRANCIS

24 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 2:30PM  
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN  
CELEBRATED BY  
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND PERFORMANCES IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS

150  
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

For more information contact Lilliana Ortiz at [ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN OUR PARISH

**Tuesday 1.00pm – Wednesday 1.00pm**

24 hour adoration  
Guardian Angels Church, Southport  
Contact [yurikos@gmail.com](mailto:yurikos@gmail.com)

**Thursday 7.45am – 8.45am**

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Come and spend some time with the Lord.



Mary Immaculate Church is open for private prayer Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am—4.30pm



### A REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Our love for Christ is only as real as our love for our neighbour.

### Baptisms



During August we welcomed the following children into God's family

Alfred & Farrah Winder, Ellie Riley, Grace Walsh Slater Parilla, Levinia Pham, Harriet van der Kamp, Charlotte Goeldner, Gabriel Ernest Frio, Erin Vo, Tyson Young, Josephine Sinclair, Billie & Rome Perese, Zachariah Power



The Southport Catholic Parish will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) programme for 2023 – 2024 on Monday 25 September 2023 at 5.00pm at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. The Catechumens will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Saturday Vigil.

**If you or your family and friends are interested please email Fr Marce [msingson@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:msingson@bne.catholic.net.au)**

## 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)**



Please pray for those  
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 REMEMBRANCE AND BOOK OF SICK

Each Church has one of each of the above books.

If you would like the name of deceased or  
sick family or friends placed in the book,  
please contact the parish office 5510 2222.



Southport Catholic Parish  
Melbourne Cup Luncheon  
Tuesday 7 November at 11.00am  
Lumen Christi Centre  
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Fashions on the Field  
best hat & best outfit

Sweep tickets will be on sale on the day  
Tickets \$35.00 - includes lunch & drinks  
Ph 5510 2222



*Revitalisation*

MONTH



St Vincent de Paul Society  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*

### Do you know the hands behind the help?

You probably know that the St Vincent de Paul Society works in our parish, providing material assistance and companionship to those in need in our community. There are over 2500 members of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland. But do you know the members of our local conference? We'd love to share our stories of helping those in our community with you. For more information please contact:

Tom Connor - Ashmore Conference President on 0488 204 717 or [tommy.connor@bigpond.com](mailto:tommy.connor@bigpond.com)

Carolyn Anderson - Southport Conference President on 0407 201 705

**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**

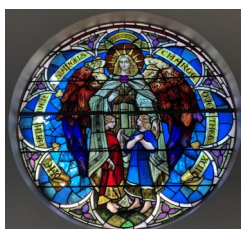
1st Sunday 12.00pm

**Prayer & Adoration**

Wednesday 12.00pm

**Rosary & Mass**

Friday 12.00pm



**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

**Office Support**

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

**Associate Pastor**

Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

**Parish Priest**

Fr Gerard McMorrow PP