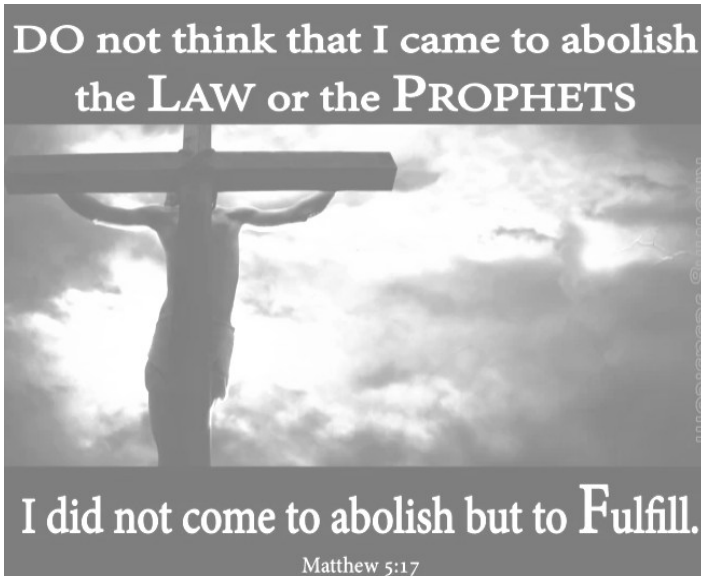
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15 FEBRUARY 2026 YEAR A



Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

DONATIONS TO PHILERMOS HOUSE, DAVENPORT STREET SOUTHPORT through the Order of Malta can be made several ways:

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

- Online through our secure payment facility

Direct Deposit to BSB: 083 453 Acct: 44888 1897

Please use 'Southport' as the description and email info@orderofmalta.org.au details to obtain a tax-deductible receipt

- **Phone** by calling 02 9331 8477 - please note the office is closed weekends.
- **Post** with cheques payable to '*Order of Malta*' and sent to Philermos House, Order of Malta, PO Box 79, Caringbah NSW 1495

Readings - First Sunday Of Lent - 22 February 2026
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 50:3-6. 12-14. 17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Ash Wednesday - 18 February 2026

7.00am St Joseph the Worker Church
12.30pm Guardian Angels Church
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Church

Journey with us this Lent
A Lenten opportunity for Spiritual Renewal
Eucharistic Theology-Presenter:Fr John Madden

More detailed information can be found at the entrance of each church.

Wednesdays: 7.00pm
Dates: 25 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March
Venue: Lumen Christi Centre, Labrador

Saturdays: at 9.30am
Dates: 8 February, 7 March, 14 March, 21 March
Venue: Mary Immaculate Hall, Ashmore

All are warmly invited to participate in this enriching Lenten programme. A contribution of **$10 per session** is appreciated.

Thank you to the 50+ parishioners who have registered.
There is still time to register.

PARISH WALKING GROUP
meets every Saturday at 6.00am at St Joseph the Worker Church.
Contact Janeece on 0408 763 772

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

We kindly invite you to register at your earliest convenience via our parish website https://scp.org.au or by scanning the QR code.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM 2026

Confirmation – Reconciliation – First Holy Communion

Families of children who received Confirmation in 2025 are invited to enrol in the 2026 Reconciliation Program. To register, parents are asked to contact the parish office on 5510 2222.

First Reconciliation Celebration
Wednesday, 18 March 2026 at 5.00pm Mary Immaculate
Parent Information Session will instead be held on:
- **Sunday, 22 February at 10.45am**, or
- **Wednesday, 25 February at 4.30pm**,

at Mary Immaculate Church. Parents are required to attend **one** of these sessions.

Mass Attendance for Children
Children participating in the program are expected to attend Mass on the following weekends:
- **21–22 February**
- **28 February–1 March**
- **7–8 March**
- **14–15 March**

PIETY STALLS

Southport Catholic Parish has three Piety Stalls**.** Your support would be greatly appreciated.
Guardian Angels Church - open after the 9.00am mass each Sunday.
Mary Immaculate Church - open after all masses. Also open first and third Saturday of each month at 10.30am pending baptisms.
St Joseph's the Worker Church - open after 8.00am mass each Sunday.

GREAT NEWS Eftpos now available at St Joseph's the Worker

Each piety stall offers baptism candles, rosary beads, statues, prayer cards and other items for sale.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH
New Program starts on the 1 April 2026

If you would like to be part of the Planned Giving Program **please contact the Parish Office 5510 2222 Wednesday-Friday 9.00am to midday. Email: accounts.southport@bne.catholic.net.au**
In making a commitment to be part of our planned giving program you are directly supporting and enabling the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission. Thank you Fr Gerard

HELP SUPPORT SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH OFFICE If you're looking for a simple but meaningful way to help ease the parish's day-to-day needs, consider donating a ream of A3 paper. This small gesture can make a big difference in supporting the parish's administrative work. **Donations can be dropped off at any of our three churches or the Parish Office Monday to Friday, between 9.00am and midday, thank you.**

Cards & Gifts for SALE
All reduced

IN MARY IMMACULATE HALL
$1 - $2 - $5

Please select your items and place your money in the box provided or pay at the piety stall. Thank you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Guardian Angels Church, Southport

Each Thursday noon to Friday

ending with mass at 12.30pm

24 hour adoration

Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Thursday 7.45am- 8.30am

Please help us by committing to a time either on Thursday or Friday. SMS our Timetable master on 0402812832 or email adorationgc@gmail.com

Sacristan and Altar Server - Volunteers Needed

Southport Catholic Parish is seeking parishioners who feel called to serve as sacristans and altar servers at the following Mary Immaculate Church Masses:

- Saturday 4.30pm
- Sunday 9.30am

These ministries play a vital role in supporting our priests and ensuring our liturgies run smoothly. If you are responsible, organised, and willing to serve our parish community in a meaningful way, we would love to hear from you.

Please email parish.southport@bne.catholic.net.au or speak with Fr Gerard.

Thank you for considering this important ministry.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Roy Moore
ANNIVERSARIES

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE BOOK OF THE SICK

Each Church has both these books on display.
If you would like to include a name in either of the books, please seek approval from the parish office on 5510 2222.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday
14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate today.
You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.
Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Please collect project envelopes or boxes at entrance of church, thank you

Vocation Day for Women

Saturday 7 March 2026
9.00am-4.00pm
Speakers:
Sisters of St. Paul De Chartres
Sisters of the Immaculata
Sisters of Mary Morning Star
Located at
St Bridgid Parish, Nerang
Register by 21 February
Contact
religiouslifierevival@gmail.com
or scanning
the QR code
provided.

Lenten Prayer

God of all love,
We remember that
on the night before
he died
Your son, Jesus,
prayed
that his friends 'may
all be one.'
Yet we see so much
division in the
world.
War, conflict,
violence and hatred
must all distress
you.
Millions of people
suffer
when they don't
have peace and
respect.
They lack the
necessities of life:
food, water,
health, education
and security.
We pray that
we may all
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.
May our support for
Project Compassion
be a sign to our-
selves and others,
of our hope for a
better world.
This Lent, we pray
that our dedication
to prayer, fasting
and almsgiving
will help restore
your vision of justice
and peace.
Guided by the
Holy Spirit,
we pray in Jesus'
name, Amen.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

STOPLINE receives reports of suspected abuse, misconduct, or serious policy breaches involving Archdiocesan clergy, employees, or volunteers (reports may be anonymous). We uphold zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk. Our parish follows the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework, with strong recruitment, screening, and ongoing practices to ensure a safe ministry environment.Our Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) is **Catherine - safeguarding.southport@bne.catholic.net.au**

07 5510 2222 / 1300 304 550
aob@stopline.com.au

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

Filipino Mass
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration
Thursday 12.00 noon (24 hours)

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

Korean Mass
Sunday 3.00pm
한인미사 일요일 오후 3시

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Adoration & Rosary
Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Rosary & Mass
Friday 10.00am

PARISH CONTACTS

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Associate Pastor
Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP