THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SOUTHPORT

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8 MARCH 2026 YEAR A

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life.
He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

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

- 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 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent - 15 March 2026
1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Social - Bus Trip

Let's all be Irish on the 17 March 2026.

Come and join us on St Patrick's Day starting with a bus journey to participate in Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral at 10.00am. Father Gerard will be the celebrant and the Mass includes Irish bagpipes. Morning tea next to the Cathedral is included after our spiritual celebration.

Then we head off to Western Districts Rugby Football Club Toowong for a 12 Noon lunch followed by Irish dancing and entertainment. On the way there and home, test your wits by joining in some Irish Trivia, receive prizes including the best Irish outfit and lucky seat. It will be a wonderful spiritual excursion with lots of Irish frivolity.

Please invite your family and friends as all are welcome.

Date:	Tuesday 17 March (RSVP: Monday 16 March)
Location:	The bus will depart and return to St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador (44 Imperial Parade).
Times:	8.15am for prompt departure at 8.30am and returning at about 4.30pm
Cost:	$30 for bus hire (dependent on numbers). Lunch and drinks are at your expense.

As with all SCL events, bookings are essential. To register, email John Wintour at winlock1@optusnet.com.au or to get further details, please contact Christine by mobile on 0431 630 446.

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.

Wednesday: 7.00pm
Date: 11 March, 18 March
Venue: St Joseph's the Worker, Labrador

Saturday: at 9.30am
Date: 14 March, 21 March
Venue: Mary Immaculate, Ashmore

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

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

THURSDAY 26 March 2026
7.00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
A celebration for
the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
The undercover carpark will be available from 6.00pm

Easter Triduum Services

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Friday	**3 April**	**10.00am**	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	**5 April**	**8.00am**	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

MARY IMMACULATE

Thursday	**2 April**	**6.30pm**	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	**3 April**	**10.00am**	Stations of the Cross **3.00pm** Good Friday
Saturday	**4 April**	**6.30pm**	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sunday	**5 April**	**9.30am**	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
			NO 5.30pm Sunday Mass - 5 March

GUARDIAN ANGELS

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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

Marian Valley Church

You are warmly invited to join us for the **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima** on **Friday 13 March 2026**.

A bus will depart promptly at **8.15am** from 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Return bus fare is $25.00 per person.

To secure your seat, please provide your name and contact number to:

- Xavier Solomon: 0404 843 260
- Madeleine: 5529 1573

We look forward to sharing this special day with you.

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

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday at 6.00pm during Lent at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore. All are welcome to take part in this meaningful Lenten devotion.

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.

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.

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 -** lsr.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

07 5510 2222 / 1300 304 550
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www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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