SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
12 APRIL 2026 YEAR A

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

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 - Third Sunday of Easter - 19 April 2026

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 15:1-2. 5.7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!"

Heavenly Father, on this day of extraordinary grace, we thank You for the mercy that pours from the Heart of Your Son.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on 12 April 2026, we open our hearts to your unfathomable mercy, trusting that it is greater than any sin.

Easter Vigil Celebration at Guardian Angels Church

At our beautiful Easter Vigil, we joyfully welcomed our newly initiated Catholics **Ardin, Emily, Shane, Saviru, Izak and Tobias -** into the fullness of our faith. We congratulate each of them and hold them in prayer as they begin this new chapter in their spiritual journey.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Fr Gerard, **Team Leader Yuri, RCIA Co-ordinators Lawrie and Renee**, as well as the **dedicated sponsors Thi, Christina, Mary, Philippe, Lawrie and Elizabeth**, who faithfully accompanied the 2025–2026 RCIA .

If you or someone you know is feeling called to explore the Catholic faith, the RCIA 2026–2027 program will begin in August 2026. To learn more, please contact the Parish Office on 5510 2222.

PARISH REGISTRATION REMINDER

If you haven't registered with the parish using our new Flocknote system, we'd love for you to sign up. Your registration helps us maintain accurate parish records and stay connected with everyone in our community. Thank you.

FLOCKNOTE NEW PARISH REGISTRATION

Feast of Corpus Christi

Walk with Jesus on Sunday 7 June 2026 from 2.00pm. Procession starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.

Planned Giving Program – Southport Catholic Parish

Our new Planned Giving Program started on 1 April 2026.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office on 5510 2222 Wednesday – Friday, 9.00am to midday

Email: accounts.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

By making a commitment to planned giving, you directly support and enable the ongoing maintenance and growth of our parish mission. Thank you Fr Gerard

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

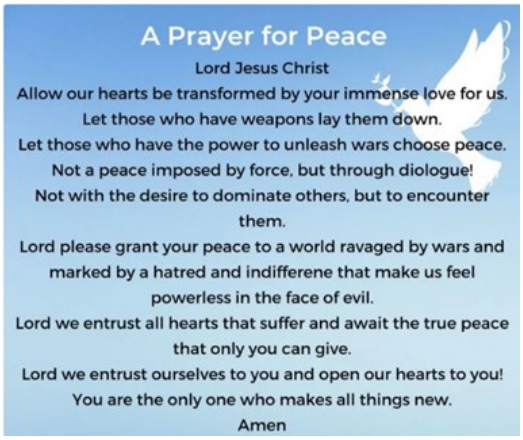
Caritas AUSTRALIA

Thank you once again for your incredible support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your compassion and generosity will make an incredible impact in the year ahead. If you have any questions, please email projectcompassion@caritas.org.au or phone 02 7254 5120.

Kind regards Tina Joseph - Caritas Diocesan Director Brisbane

Pope Leo XIV calls us to pray for peace this Saturday 11 April. We have a summery prayer from Pope Leo's Easter Sunday : "Urbi Et Orbi" message:



PARISH WALKING GROUP

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES

John Mahoney
Paul Chung

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.

PIETY STALLS

Both Mary Immaculate and Guardian Angels Piety Stalls are looking for more Volunteers. If you can assist please call the Parish Office.

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.

Marian Valley Pilgrimage

- **Divine Mercy Sunday – 12 April 2026**
- **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima – 13 April 2026**

The bus departs 8.15am sharp from **Sacred Heart Church**, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.
Return fare: $35 per trip.
To book your seat, please contact:
Xavier: 0404 843 260
Madeleine: 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573
All are warmly welcome.

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
aob@stopline.com.au
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