PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
29 MARCH 2026 YEAR A

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must too be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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 - Easter Sunday - 5 April 2026
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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 - The Passion of our Lord
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 April

GUARDIAN ANGELS

Thursday	**2 April**	**6.30pm**	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	**3 April**	**10.00am**	Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Good Friday - The Passion of our Lord
Saturday	**4 April**	**6.30pm**	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sunday	**5 April**	**7.00am**	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
		9.00am	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER TRIDUUM 2026 – Volunteers Needed

Guardian Angels & Mary Immaculate Church

Please add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets if you can help at our Easter Triduum Masses.
Note: All volunteers are asked to attend a brief 30-minute practice session at the listed time.

Palm Sunday Palms

Blessed palms remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and invite us to carry His humility and victory into our homes. Many families place their palms on a prayer altar as a simple sign of faith throughout the year.
Please take your palms home this Sunday and keep them in your prayer space. Next year, kindly return them before Ash Wednesday so they may be burned for the new ashes.

The Sacramental Program for 2025-2026

Confirmation - Reconciliation - **First Holy Communion**
will conclude with First Holy Communion in June 2026

Information session:
Parents and child/ren Need to attend
Wednesday 6 May at 4.30pm
or Sunday 10 May at 10.45am

Celebration: Saturday 20 June at 4.30pm
and Sunday 21 June at 9.30am.

Church: Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore

Those who enrolled for Confirmation in 2025 do not need to enrol again. The Parish will email you the program details and ask you to confirm your intention to continue to the final stage of initiation.

Planned Giving Program – Southport Catholic Parish

Our new Planned Giving Program begins on 1 April 2026.

New envelopes are now available for collection at all churches.
If your name is missing, please write your name and contact number on the form provided and we will contact you.

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARISH GROUNDS

Our parish is currently without a grounds-keeping contract, and before we look at hiring one, we hope to form a small team of parishioners who can volunteer 1–2 hours a week to help care for our three parish grounds.

A heartfelt thank you to those who have already helped, there was a wonderful improvement at Mary Immaculate last weekend. Well done!
We have a ride-on mower, push mower, and all necessary equipment, we just need your hands and a little of your time to keep our churches grounds looking welcome, tidy and well cared for.
If you can assist, please let us know. With enough volunteers, we can organise a regular working-bee roster. Your help would be a true gift to our parish and a significant financial saving.

Thank you for considering this ministry. Fr Gerard.

Please call the parish office 5510 2222
Mon-Fri 9.00am-midday or speak with Fr Gerard

NO RECONCILIATION 4 APRIL AT GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH - HOLY SATURDAY

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

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Please join us at Mary Immaculate Church, on **Thursday, 9 April** 2026 at 9.00am.
We warmly welcome everyone to attend.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

John Joseph Camiolo
(Fr Stephen's Dad)

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.

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
NO RECONCILIATION 4 APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

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