SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 MAY 2026 YEAR A

Parallel Truths

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: '*paraclete*'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you *another Paraclete* to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a *Paraclete*, and he would send *another*.
What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-llel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case. That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.
Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.
We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gift of Faith

A society without GOD slowly crumbles.
Why go to Mass at the weekends? Why practice your faith? Why belong to this parish? There can be many reasons, but the fact remains that our faith keeps us grounded and contributes, in no small part, to our inner spiritual and psychological well-being. As last week's reading in the Gospel stated, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me (Jesus)*". Nothing can come close to what our religion offers, both in this life and in the next.
The public forum is often overly critical while ignoring the great works of charity that many Christian people do without looking for reward. Our faith is challenged, especially by lapsed Catholics who seem angry with the decision they have made. Why continually criticise an organisation you have left? This makes no sense to me. At the same time, I know people who are 'religious' but not very spiritual, and I know people who are 'spiritual' but not very religious.
Our second reading from 1 Peter gives us sound advice: "Reverence the Lord Jesus in your hearts and always have your answer for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have. But give it with courtesy and respect, and with a clear conscience. It is better to suffer for doing right than doing wrong"
Today's gospel is part of the farewell discourse (of Jesus) in John's gospel, chapters 14-17. It speaks of a 'communitas', a meeting of hearts between God and each one of us. *"You know him because he is with you and he is in you."* For most people, religion is the doorway to faith, but it must never be an end in itself; it must lead to a personal relationship with the living God.

Fr. John Madden

PHILERMOS HOUSE- THE BIG RED SHED
NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

Opening in June
Do you have 1 to 4 hours, 1 to 2 days per week, Monday-Friday?
Our aim is to create a calm, dignified and supportive space, where people feel seen, valued and cared for.
Roles include:
Foodservice, Cooking, Cleaning, Laundry and Clothing.
Please scan QR code to volunteer.

Readings - The Ascension Of The Lord - 17 May 2026
Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

God Bless our Mothers

May God's Blessings be on all mother's this weekend. May their loving service to their family be a light to all.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For May

That everyone might have food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Marian Valley Pilgrimage

You are warmly invited to join us at Marian Valley Church for two special celebrations:

* Wednesday 13 May 2026 - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
* Saturday 23 May 2026 - Main Celebration of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia and Marian Valley Shrine

Bus details:

* Departure : 8.15am sharp on both days
* Pick-up from: 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters
* Return fare: $35.00 per trip/per person

Please contact:

* Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260
* Madeleine 5529 1573

Planned Giving Program
Southport Catholic Parish

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

PARISH WALKING GROUP

meets every Saturday at 6.30am at St Joseph the Worker Church.
Contact Janeece on 0408 763 772

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.**

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

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

Feast of Corpus Christi

Date : Sunday 7 June 2026 from 2.00pm.
Place : Cathedral of St Stephen with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.

Morning Tea—Guardian Angels Church

Be Part of Something Special!
Our monthly Guardian Angels Morning Tea is a highlight for many parishioners and we would love you to be part of the team that makes it happen.
If you enjoy welcoming others, serving with joy, or just love a good cuppa, we would be thrilled to have your help once a month.
Reach out to the Parish Office on 5510 2222 if you are able to help. Thank you.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

John Lee

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.

The Funeral Mass for John Lee will be held on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 11.30am at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION REMINDER

Thank you to the 829 parishioners who have registered.
This allows the parish to maintain accurate records.

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

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
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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
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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