THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SOUTHPORT

PENTECOST SUNDAY
24 MAY 2026 YEAR A

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Knowledge	Knowledge
Understanding	Understanding
Right Judgement	Counsel
Respect	Fear of the Lord
Courage	Fortitude
Awe & Wonder	Piety
Wisdom	Wisdom

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

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 Most Holy TRINITY - 31 May 2026
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Pentecost,
Painted circa 1620, Oil on canvas
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Today we celebrate **Pentecost**, the great feast marking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, fifty days after Easter. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek *pentēkostē*, meaning "fiftieth." It commemorates the moment when Christ, having risen and ascended, fulfilled his promise by sending the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. As Jesus says in the Gospel: "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you" - and with that, he breathes the Spirit into them, equipping them for their mission to the world.

Throughout Christian art, the Holy Spirit is most often represented through powerful, elemental imagery: flames, wind, the breath of God, and the dove. In today's painting, we see a striking combination of these symbols. At the top, the dove hovers as a divine presence; from above, the wind seems to swirl and flow into the scene; and most vividly, tongues of flame rest upon the heads of the apostles and the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalen. These flames draw our attention first, they burn brightly as a visual reminder of God's nearness. Fire has long symbolised God's presence: from the burning bush in Exodus to the sanctuary lamp that flickers in our churches, or the small candle we light when we pray. Here, those flames announce again: God is here. The Spirit is alive. And the Church has been set ablaze.

Our painting by Fray Juan Bautista Maíno centres on the Virgin Mary, who is depicted with serene composure, surrounded by the apostles in varied states of awe and reverence. Mary Magdalen is by her side. Maíno's use of chiaroscuro, influenced by his exposure to Caravaggio during his time in Italy, enhances the dramatic effect of the scene. The apostles' expressive gestures and upward gazes convey a sense of wonder and divine inspiration. They have been set on fire. Through this painting, Maíno invites viewers to witness the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, marking the birth of the Church and its mission to spread the Gospel to all nations.

So today, on this sacred feast of Pentecost, let us open our hearts wide, like the apostles did, and be set ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Let us go forth, emboldened, not to whisper the Gospel, but to proclaim it with courage, with joy, and with love, until the whole world is lit with the flame of God's truth.

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

O most holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and Patroness of Australia, Queen of all the world and Help of Christians graciously have regard we pray Thee, for the safety of our Nation. Once in a world at peace, we choose Thee as Patron. Now, when there is no peace, we beseech Thy powerful protection.

Mother of God, save us from the Godless.
Queen of all the world, reign in our land.
Help of Christians, help us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2026 CELEBRATES THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THE THEME 'CONNECTING COMMUNITIES'.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPIRIT OF CONNECTION AND THE TIRELESS WORK OF OUR LOCAL SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES WHO HELP KEEP OUR PARISHES, MINISTRIES AND SERVICES SAFE.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Office for Safeguarding Services

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

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

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

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

"As a people of faith, we are called to act with courage, compassion and solidarity. Together, we can build communities where safety is upheld, dignity is protected, and hope can grow. If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic and family violence, support is available. Centacare provides specialist support, counselling and practical pathways to safety."

PARISH WALKING GROUP

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Patrica Traynor

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

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,

PARISH REGISTRATION REMINDER

Thank you to the 856 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
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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
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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Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP