THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SOUTHPORT

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 JUNE 2026 YEAR A /2

Have you ever felt like giving up? I know I have, on more than one occasion, felt life walking away from it all. Jeremiah, in our first reading, feels as if the world is against him. He is despised by all. They gossip about him, watching for his downfall. Even his friends have abandoned him. Jeremiah tells us that *"All those who used to be my friends watch for my downfall."* They are eager for him to fail.

It is difficult when people ridicule and gossip behind our backs, so what can we do? We can become like those who gossip and fight back, but why lower our dignity to their standards? This only adds fuel to the fire and gives our accusers more ammunition to throw at us. We resort to their tactics while giving them the power to control our emotions.

Jeremiah gives us a solution. His response is to give his situation to God. Sounds silly, but it actually works. In offering your situation to God, you effectively disempower your opponents. As Jeremiah says, "*For I have committed my cause to him. The Lord is at my side, a mighty hero. The Lord probes with justice and scrutinises the heart."* God will protect us from such people if we trust fully in Him. Remember, if you give God the problems, you are not allowed to take them back. This is easier said than done, but it can be achieved. Your opponents will have no more power over you since God is at your side. Good advice for all who are treated unjustly by others.

Reflection by Fr. John Madden

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 June 2026
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children and their families on receiving their First Holy Communion on 20 and 21 June 2026.

The Nativity of St John The Baptist - 24 June

St. John the Baptist, herald of the Messiah, pray for us, that we may prepare our hearts for Christ with courage, humility, and joy. **Amen.**

Sacramental Program 2026-2027

Confirmation

The Sacramental Program begins each year in Term 3, children 7/8 years old (Year 3) are prepared for Confirmation.

Registration Open	Monday 08 June 2026
Registration Closes	Wednesday 15 July 2026
Parent Information Meeting	Sunday 19 July @ 10.45am (after 9.30am Mass) **or** Wednesday 22 July at 4.00pm at Mary Immaculate Church
Rite of Enrolment	Saturday 25 July at 4.30pm **or** Sunday 26 July at 9.30am at Mary Immaculate Church
Children Attendance - Mass	01/02 August , 08/09 August, 15/16 August, 22/23 August
Practice	Sunday 23 August after 9.30am mass **or** Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 4.00pm at Mary Immaculate Church
Confirmation	Saturday 29 August 2026 at 4.30pm mass **or** Sunday 30 August 2026 at 9.30am mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Please register on-line via https://scp.org.au/children-sacramental-programs/

Parish office email: sacramental.southport@bne.catholic.net.au Phone : 07 5510 2222

Volunteers Needed

Sacristans and Altar Servers

Southport Catholic Parish is seeking parishioners who feel called to serve as **sacristans** and **altar servers** at the following Masses at *Mary Immaculate Church*:

- **Saturday – 4.30pm Vigil**
- **Sunday – 9.30am Mass**

This important and fulfilling ministry supports our priests and helps prepare our worship space for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you are responsible, organised, and willing to assist behind the scenes, we would love to hear from you.
To express your interest, please email **parish.southport@bne.catholic.net.au** or speak with **Fr Gerard**.

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

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

RCIA Program

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The **RCIA Program** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a welcoming journey for adults who wish to become Catholic, complete their Sacraments, or simply learn more about the Catholic faith.

Through prayer, discussion, teaching, and community, participants are invited to ask questions, grow in faith, deepen their understanding of the Church, and discern how God may be calling them.

The **Catholic Parish of Southport** warmly invites you to take the next step.

For more information, please contact our RCIA Coordinator.

Lawrence Fenech
Mob: 0458 378 315
rcia.scp@gmail.com

PARISH WALKING GROUP

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

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.

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.

Volunteer Safeguarding Notice

Are you currently volunteering in the parish? We are updating our safeguarding and registration records and want to ensure everything is up to date.
If you believe you may not be fully registered, or if any of your details need updating, **please ring the parish office** on **5510 2222** (Monday or Tuesday).
We kindly ask all volunteers to check in with us **by the end of June** so we can confirm your information.
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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

Ph 07 5510 2222
Webpage: https://scp.org.au

Safeguarding Representative
lsr.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Office Ashmore
Monday to Friday 9.00am-12.00pm
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore, 4214

Parish Reception/Secretary
parish.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Programme
sacramental.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

Finance Officer
accounts.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

Associate Pastor
Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP