THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI
7 JUNE 2026 YEAR A /2

The Maternal Jesus

I don't know whether you recall some controversy a little while ago about mothers breastfeeding in public. I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought …
'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'Whoever eats me will draw life from me.'
For that is what the mother is offering as a gift to her infant: 'Come, I offer my body to nourish you to give you life. Eat of me.' Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.
This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.
Jesus offers his body to nourish us in a way which shares his life with us: he gives us His Body to eat.
I also thought of an article written by a young mother.
'The whole messy anarchy of newborns is inextricably linked to their miraculousness. These tiny missives from eternity come swaddled in equal parts love and grace and sick. Caring for a newborn I am astonished we ever let ourselves be tricked into a false reverence for transcendence: here at the foundation of all our lives is a deeply immanent experience of the sacred. Where then is the boundary between the holy and profane?'
The boundary between the holy and the profane. This is also a question with Holy Communion: bread and wine, body and blood of Christ.
Not a molecule of the bread or wine changes. The 'bread of life' remains bread in appearance, the 'spiritual drink' remains wine in appearance.
But the underlying reality changes. What is really present is the risen Lord Jesus Christ whose glorified body is able to be present wherever the sacrament is celebrated. As St Pope John Paul II so wonderfully said: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'
And so the promise of today's Gospel can be fulfilled: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice once again the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.
Perhaps mothers are best placed to understand this.
The Saviour of the World, the Lord of the Universe, dwells in my body and I dwell in His glorified body. What a union. What a communion. What a Holy communion!
And moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'Anyone one who eats this bread will live forever.'
So, after Holy Communion, we can say and pray with St Thomas Aquinas a true Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiving:
'Oh Sacred Banquet
in which Christ is received
and a pledge of future glory
is given to us.'
(Repeat)

Homily by Fr Michael Tate

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

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

Opening this 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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 June 2026
Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99:2-3, 5; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Friday 12 June 2026

We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the sign of His boundless love and mercy. This feast invites us to draw close to Christ, whose Heart is gentle, faithful, and always open to us. May His compassion renew our own hearts and inspire us to love with generosity and patience.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like Yours.

Friday mass at 12.30pm, Guardian Angels Church, Southport.

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	Saturday 01 August at 4.30pm Sunday 02 August at 9.30am Saturday 08 August at 4.30pm Sunday 09 August at 9.30am Saturday 15 August at 4.30pm Sunday 16 August at 9.30am Saturday 22 August at 4.30pm Sunday 23 August at 9.30am
Practice	Sunday 23 August after 9.30am mass **or** Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 4.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church
Confirmation	Saturday 29 August 2026 **or** Sunday 30 August 2026 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

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

Marian Valley Pilgrimage – Feast Celebrations

You are warmly invited to join us at Marian Valley Church for the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima **:**

- **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**
- **The Feast of St. Anthony of Padua**

Date: Saturday 13 June 2026
Departure: Bus leaves promptly at **8.15am**
Pick-up Location: 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

Return Fare: $35 per person
To secure your seat, please contact:
Xavier Solomon: 0404 843 260
Madeleine: 5529 1573
For further information, please phone **Xavier** on 0404 843 260.

Peter's Pence Collection – 27/28 June 2026

Around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, parishes across the Archdiocese of Brisbane will take up the annual Peter's Pence retiring collection.
This collection invites Catholics to join with the faithful worldwide in supporting the charitable works of the Holy See. Through Peter's Pence, the Holy Father is able to offer timely and effective assistance to those most in need across the globe.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES
Nicholas Ross Duggan

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION REMINDER

We are grateful to the 873 parishioners who have registered so far. Your registration ensures our parish records remain current and accurate.

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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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Parish Office Ashmore
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31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore, 4214

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Associate Pastor
Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP