SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19 JULY 2026 YEAR A /2

We have Nothing to Fear because God is on our side.

In our world, where war, violence and oppression appear to conquer peace, gentleness and tolerance, it seems as if evil always has the upper hand. At the same time, there is so much goodness in the world that resists evil and brings out the best in humanity. In my experience, 95% of the people I meet are generous and kind, trying to do the best for themselves and others.

Evil never has the last word. The cross and the resurrection show that unconditional love can even transform death into life. As last week's reading says:

"as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return without watering the earth …….. so does the Word from my mouth not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The Psalm for this week develops this theme, showing the love, compassion and mercy of God towards all humankind.

Psalm 85
"O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer,
And attend to the sound of my voice."

But you, God of Mercy and Compassion,
Slow to anger, O Lord.
Abounding in love and truth,
Turn and take pity on me."

Also, our 1st reading states, "Your sovereignty over all makes you lenient over all. …… **You are mild in judgment; you govern with great leniency."**

Do your best, trust God, and leave the rest in His hands.
In truth, we have nothing to fear, for God is with us. Our social media feeds and online networks often emphasise negativity, making it easy to lose sight of this reality. Yet God has the final word. While evil is real and visible, God is continually at work behind the scenes, accomplishing His purpose in the lives of those who follow Him with open hearts.

As Jesus said, **"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman mixed into three measures of flour until it worked all through the dough."** God's influence may be unseen, but it is powerful and transformative. Never forget that He is quietly working out His purpose in and through our lives.
Do your best, trust God, and leave the rest in His hands.

Homily by Fr John Madden

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

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

Opening Soon
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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 July 2026
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Confirmation • Reconciliation • First Holy Communion 2026-2027

Registrations have now closed. We are delighted to welcome 50 children who have enrolled to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. We ask our parish community to keep these candidates and their families in prayer as they begin this important step in their faith journey.

Parent Information Meeting - Mary Immaculate Church. Parents are required to attend one of the following information sessions:

This Sunday 19 July - 10.45am after 9.30am Mass or Wednesday 22 July - 4.00pm

"May the gifts of the Holy Spirit help you grow in faith, hope, and love as you prepare for Confirmation."

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.

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

For more information, please contact our RCIA Coordinator - Lawrence Fenech M: 0458 378 315

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:acounts.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

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

SUPPORT THE BIG RED SHED -TRIVIA NIGHT

- **Saturday 29th August 2026**
- **From 6:00pm**
- **Southport Bowls Club**
- **$20 per person**
- **Teams of up to 8 people**

Please transfer your payment to the **BNI Beach-side** bank account:**BSB:** 034-154 **Account #:** 291037
Please include your name as the payment reference.
RSVP:Georgia BNI at georgia@iinvestadvisory.com

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

Saints We Celebrate This Week

20 July - **St Apollinaris,** Bishop, Martyr

21 July - **St Lawrence of Brindisi,** Priest, Doctor

22 July - **St Mary Magdalene**

23 July - **St Bridget,** Religious

24 July - **St Sharbel Makhluf,** Priest

25 July - **St James,** Apostle

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

LUMINOUS LANTERN PARADE -Please Join Us
Friday, 31 July from 5.30pm South Bank Parklands

Each year, as dusk settles over South Bank, thousands of lanterns begin to glow along the river. Every year the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission walks in the Multicultural Australia Luminous Parade.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Leslie Julius Kassai
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
T: 5510 2222.

This Week in Our Parish

- **Philermos House – The Big Red Shed** is opening soon and is currently seeking volunteers for food service, cooking, cleaning, laundry, and clothing support roles.
- **Morning Tea** Mary Immaculate Church after 9.30am Mass.
- **24-Hour Adoration** continues at Guardian Angels Church from Thursday noon until Friday Mass at 12.30pm.
- **RCIA Program** invitations are open for adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith.
  Contact Lawrence Fenech 0458 378 315
- **Parish Walking Group** meets every Saturday at 6.30am at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador.
  Contact Janeece 0408 763 772
- **Parish Registration** continues, with 1061 parishioners already registered.
- **Sacramental Program** Parent Information Meeting - Mary Immaculate Church
  Sunday 19 July after 9.30am Mass or
  Wednesday 22 July 4.00pm
- **Funeral Mass** for Leslie Julius Kassai will be held on Thursday, 23 July at 11.30am at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador.

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

Please note that our LSR will be on leave for six weeks until 24 August. For any assistance during this time, please contact the Archdiocese.

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
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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