THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SOUTHPORT

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5 JULY 2026 YEAR A /2

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."

The Bible frequently portrays God as compassionate, emphasising His deep concern for humanity and His willingness to respond to human suffering. We see this in some of the verses in the psalm for today's reading: Psalm 144

The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Burdens We Carry

Life can be filled with burdens that weigh us down. These may include:

- uncertainty about the future;
- a lack of purpose or direction;
- financial pressures;
- fear, anxiety, or loneliness;
- difficult moral choices and compromises;
- family conflict;
- struggles with self-esteem.

Faith as a Source of Hope

At times, the weariness of everyday life can lead us to ask, "What is the purpose of it all?" In those dark moments, our faith offers hope and reassurance. Faith reminds us that we are not alone. God never abandons us; He remains with us in our struggles and invites us to bring our burdens to Him. When we come to God with open hearts, He helps us carry what feels too heavy to bear and gives us the strength to keep going.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

As the psalm states, **"*The Lord is faithful in all His words*."** If we believe we have God on our side, we can continue with renewed hope. God never abandons us and will never give up on us. He is there to carry our pain with us and to strengthen our spirit. Furthermore, as our second reading from this weekend's Mass states, **"*God has made His home in you*."** If you truly open yourself up to God, you will find rest for your souls. From personal experience, I know this to be true.

Reflection: Fr. John Madden

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

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

Opening in July
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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 July 2026
Is 55:10-11; Ps 64:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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

CONFIRMATION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH
Saturday 29 August - 4.30pm and Sunday 30 August - 9.30am
If your child/ren are 7/8 years old (year3) time to register now. Registration Closes Wednesday 15 July

Parent Information Meeting - Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 19 July - 10.45am after 9.30am Mass or Wednesday 22 July - 4.00pm

Rite of Enrolment - Mary Immaculate Church Saturday 25 July - 4.30pm or
Sunday 26 July at 9.30am

Children Attendance at Mass over 4 weekends
Saturday 01 August and Sunday 02 August
Saturday 08 August and Sunday 09 August
Saturday 15 August and Sunday 16 August
Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August

Practice—Mary Immaculate Church Sunday 23 August after 9.30am mass or
Wednesday 26 August - 4.00pm

Please register on-line https://scp.org.au
Go to SACRAMENTS—Sacramental Program—Enrolment SAC Program

SACRISTAN MINISTRY - Seeking Volunteers

Southport Catholic Parish is looking for parishioners to volunteer to be a Sacristans and Altar Servers at the following Masses:

Mary Immaculate Church Saturday 4.30pm vigil **or** Sunday 9.30am mass. Please speak with Fr Gerard or email parish.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

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

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

6 July – St Maria Goretti Virgin and Martyr (1890–1902)
St Maria Goretti is one of the youngest saints of the Church. At the age of eleven, she demonstrated extraordinary courage and faith, and before her death she forgave the person who attacked her. Her life reminds us that holiness is not measured by age but by love of God and neighbour.

Patron Saint of: young people, purity, forgiveness, and victims of violence.

Reflection: How can I show forgiveness and mercy in my daily relationships?

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7 July – St Peter To Rot Martyr (1912–1945)
A husband, father, and catechist from Papua New Guinea, St Peter To Rot remained faithful to Christ during wartime persecution. He courageously defended Christian marriage and continued teaching the faith despite great danger. He became the first Papua New Guinean saint and is a model of fidelity, family life, and lay leadership.

Patron and Example for: catechists, married couples, parents, and lay ministers.

Reflection: How can I be a witness to Christ within my family and community?

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Discover St Carlo's 5 Steps to Holiness

Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters
Monday 6 July
Starting at 9.00am and finishing at 4.00pm

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima – Marian Valley Pilgrimage
You are warmly invited to join us for a special pilgrimage to Marian Valley Church as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.
Date: Saturday 13 July 2026
Departure: Bus departs at 8.15am
Pick-up Location:50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters
Return Fare:$35 per person
Reserve Seat contact Xavier M: 0404 843 260 or Madeleine T: 07 5529 1573

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES
Patricia Denise Mazzer

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 in July and is currently seeking volunteers for food service, cooking, cleaning, laundry, and clothing support roles.
- **Confirmation** registration closes 15 July 2026
- **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. *SMS our Timetable master on 0402 812 832 or email adorationgc@gmail.com*
- **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.
  Contact Janeece 0408 763 772
- **Funeral Mass for James Christopher "Chris" Gilbert** will be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2026, at 11.00am at Guardian Angels Church.
- **Parish Registration** continues, with 997 parishioners already registered.

Please note: There will be no morning tea on 5 July at St Joseph the Worker Church and Guardian Angels Church.

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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Associate Pastor
Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP