THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SOUTHPORT

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23 AUGUST 2026 YEAR A /2

Who do people say I am?

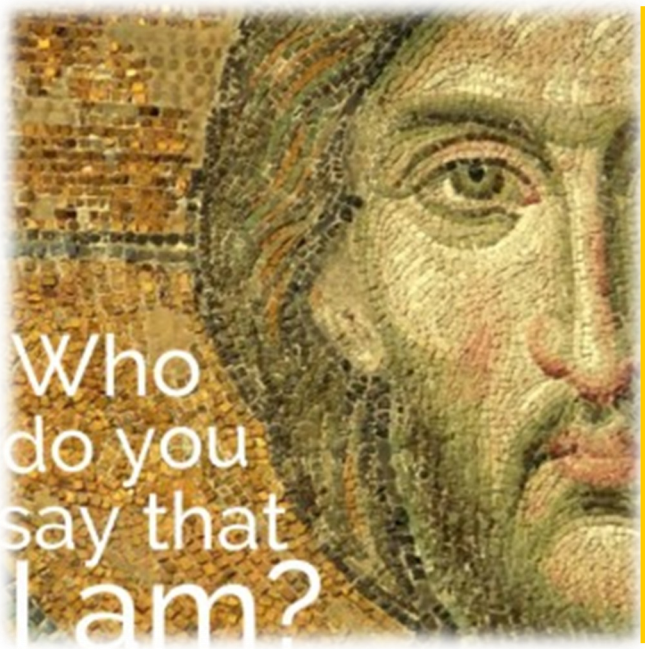
Scripture asks a simple but powerful question:

Who are you?

You might answer by giving your name: "I'm John." But your name is only one part of who you are. Your job, your social status, your possessions, your interests, your hobbies, and your family roles—such as being single, married, a parent, or a spouse—only describe parts of your life, but they do not reveal who you are. So, who are you? How do other people see you, and what is their opinion of you? Take a moment to think about what truly shapes your identity. What would you say if someone asked you,

"Who are you?"

Homily by Fr John Madden



Lord Jesus,
You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Strengthen my faith so that,
like Peter, I may boldly profess
You as my Lord and Savior
in both word and deed.
Help me to be a rock of faith in my family,
community, and Church.
Grant me the grace to remain faithful,
especially in times of trials. Amen.

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: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 August 2026
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62: 2-6. 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

CONFIRMATION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

Saturday 29 August 4.30pm

Sunday 30 August 9.30am

Our Confirmation candidates are currently participating in the parish Sacramental Program to deepen their understanding of the Holy Spirit.

7 virtues found in the Lord's Prayer

Faith in, and reverence for, God Almighty	Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Hope in eternal life	Thy kingdom come,
Charity (love) is the way	Thy will be done
Prudence to know the way	On earth as it is in Heaven.
Justice to give each their due, and to treat me as I treat my neighbour	Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Temperance to harness desires	And lead us not into temptation,
Fortitude to oppose evil	But deliver us from evil.

Please continue to support our candidates and their families with your prayers.

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

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

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN Supports

1. Retired & elderly priests

2. Seminarian formation

3. Catholic education for those facing hardship

4. Helps Centacare protect the most vulnerable .

Envelopes will be in our Churches this weekend, 22/23 August.

Please donate generously.

Be blessed and bless others with your gift.

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

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

Saints We Celebrate This Week

- **August 24:** Saint Bartholomew (Apostle)
- **August 25:** Saint Louis IX
- **August 25:** Saint Joseph Calasanz (Priest)
- **August 27:** Saint Monica (Mother of St Augustine)
- **August 28:** Saint Augustine (Bishop, Doctor)
- **August 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Martyr)

Lord, guide our actions by your holy inspirations and bring them to completion through your gracious assistance. Through the intercession of all your saints, may all that we do be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Each Thursday noon to Friday
ending with mass at 12.30pm Friday
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

Multicultural Mass
Celebrated by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay
2pm Sunday 30 August 2026
Queen of Vietnamese
Martyrs Catholic Church,
54 Flint St, Inala. Qld

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Southport Catholic Parish is seeking parishioners who are willing to serve our parish community in the following ministries:

- **Sacristan** Saturday 4.30pm
- **Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers** for **Mary Immaculate Church** Saturday **4.30pm** and **Sunday 9.30am** mass.
- **Piety Shop Assistants** at either:
  Mary Immaculate Church or
  Guardian Angels Church Sunday **9:00am Mass**

Please speak with Fr Gerard or email parish.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

Help Needed
Missing Order of Malta Awning - Does anyone know where it is? Last seen at Guardian Angels Church We would appreciate its return.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Kieran Shanley (Doc)
David Carter

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

- **Week 4 of the Confirmation Program**. Children attendance at Mass this weekend.
  Practice after Sunday 23 August 9.30am mass or Wednesday 26 August at 4.00pm, both at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore.
- **24-Hour Adoration** Please see this newsletter for further details.
- **Morning Tea** Mary Immaculate Church after 9.30am Mass.
- **Parish Walking Group** meets every Saturday at 6.30am at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. Contact Janeece 0408 763 772
- **RCIA Program** Please see this newsletter for further details.
- **Philermos House – The Big Red Shed** currently seeking volunteers Register Now - Thank you. Please see this newsletter for more details.
- **Parish Registration** continues, with 1110 parishioners already registered.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

STOPLINE receives reports of suspected abuse, misconduct, or serious policy breaches involving Archdiocesan clergy, employees, or volunteers. Reports can be made anonymously.
We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk and uphold a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Our parish follows the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework 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
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
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Parish Office Ashmore
Monday to Friday 9.00am-12.00pm
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore, 4214

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parish.southport@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Associate Pastor
Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP