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

FLOCKNOTE
NEW PARISH REGISTRATION
Stay connected

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

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Associate Pastor
Fr John Hong Xuan Nguyen (Hospital Chaplaincy)

Parish Priest
Fr Gerard McMorrow PP

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SOUTHPORT

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR A/2

No, no, no, no … Y-yes!'
At the end of World War II in France, many prostitutes had their heads shaved. Their beautiful hair was hacked off to the last millimetre. Why? Because they were prostitutes? No. The reason was, that they were collaborators. They had sold their services to the German occupiers and therefore were regarded as traitors. They had betrayed their people.
It was the same in Christ's time. The two most despised groups in Israel and Galilee were tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army.
So, when Jesus says to the religious elite of his time: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you', this was truly shocking.
Why did Jesus believe this?
Because he had observed tax collectors and prostitutes switching allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God under the influence of John the Baptist. This signalled a profound change of heart. And this profound change of heart would express itself in real commitment to the values and lifestyle of God's Kingdom, unlike the superficial pledges of loyalty from the religious leadership of the day.
Hence, Jesus' little story about the two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required.
Jesus loved the brother who came around, perhaps after saying 'No' many times. He was very hard on those who said, 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.
We know from other stories in the Scriptures what it meant for a tax collector to change. St Matthew himself was a tax collector who abandoned his post at the Customs House to follow Jesus.
In another passage, we read of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who climbed a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. He was drawn into conversation with Jesus and shared a meal with him. The Gospel then reads: 'Zacchaeus' *heart was changed* by Jesus' kind words. He told Jesus "Behold Lord, I will give half my goods to the poor. And if I have taken more from any man than I should, I will give back four times as much as I took."'
You and I are perhaps not at the extreme of the tax collectors and prostitutes of Our Lord's time. But we have all made compromises with the ruling ethos of our time.
I have been haunted by the story of Cardinal Wolsey, one time Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII. He was demoted when he failed to secure the divorce from Catherine of Aragon and was exiled to York. Summoned to London, he had a premonition of his fate and spoke the following words:
'Well, well, Master Kingston, I see the matter against me how it is framed. But if I had served God as diligently as I have done the King, he would not have given me over in my grey hairs.'
We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives.
But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!
But, until then, Our Lord will try to engage us in conversation, as he did with Zaccheus.
Like Zaccheus, here today we are drawn into conversation with Jesus. We hear him in the Gospel and respond. That is 'conversation'. Note how close that word is to 'conversion'. Our conversation with Jesus of the Gospels should lead to conversion of heart.
At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, entirely in harmony with this Gospel, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.'
'Walk the talk.'

Homily by Fr Michael Tate

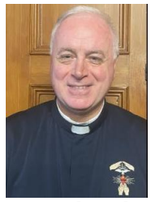
ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA

PHILERMOS HOUSE- THE BIG RED SHED
NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER
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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 October 2026
Is 5:1-7; Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Matthew 26:40)
Volunteers Needed for the 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration at Guardian Angels Church, Southport From noon **Thursday to Friday midday** each week. Guardian Angels Church invites parishioners to spend **one hour with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration**. We do not have enough volunteers, we need more volunteers to help maintain continuous adoration. Even one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a precious gift and helps sustain this important ministry.
To volunteer: SMS **0402 812 832** or email **adorationgc@gmail.com** Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity of your time.

2026 Mass and Healing Service - Guardian Angels Church Southport Tuesday 27 October at 4.30 pm



Fr Rozo's mission of healing has become well known in Europe and throughout the world. He was a Franciscan priest for 25 years before he was called to form his new order. He suffered 8 years of spiritual trial and desolation. Fr Rozo had a spiritual experience with the Holy Spirit in November 1985 followed by a 40 day fast when he lived solely on the Holy Eucharist.
We are privileged to be one of only 2 venues in Queensland to host the world renowned healing priest, Fr Rosario Palic, in our parish for the second time. Those who attended last year will remember the wonderful experience and spiritually charged event that changed many people. Please contact your friends, especially anyone sick and bring them to experience Fr Palic's beautiful words and healing touch. There are no tickets or booking , you are free to come.
Testimony of Maxine Bosher: *Fr Rozo Palic visited Australia two and a half years ago and gave 3 healing Masses. I attended his first healing Mass without expectation or forethought. Prior to that, in October of 2020, I was admitted to hospital for heart failure and an enlarged heart which impaired my heart's ability to pump adequate blood to the body and its organs. The medication I was prescribed made my condition worse. I coughed incessantly, could not sleep, lie down or eat. I stopped all medication except for the diuretics. In May 2023, 4 days after Fr Rozo laid his hands upon me, I had an echocardiogram which showed that my enlarged heart was of average size and the ejection rate of the left ventricle was average. My energy levels, appetite and ability to do volunteer work have improved dramatically.*

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
Our parish community is strengthened by the gift of volunteers. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents. For more information, please contact the parish office 5510 2222.

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

- **29 September: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael** (Archangels)
- **30 September: St Jerome** (Priest, Doctor)
- **1 October: St Therese of the Child Jesus** (Virgin, Doctor)
- **2 October: The Holy Guardian Angels**

St Vincent de Paul
Guardian Angels Southport Conference
Supporting those in need in the Southport/ Labrador/Ashmore Community for over 100 years.
Join our team of volunteers helping families and singles in the local area from our Railway Street Help Centre.
Volunteer from two days per month.
For more information on becoming a volunteer call Chris – 0412 728 117 or Kerrie 0416 061 945

DEVOTIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Marian Valley Pilgrimage
You are warmly invited to join us on a special pilgrimage to Marian Valley Church as we celebrate the Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.
Date: Tuesday 13 October 2026
Departure: Bus departs at 8.15am
Pick-up Location: 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters
Return Fare:$35.00 per person
Reserve Seat: Contact Xavier M: 0404 843 260 or Madeleine T: 07 5529 1573

$33.00

$25.00

$33.00

Orders close 19 October Please call the Parish Office 55102222

Columban 2027 Calendars now for sale $11.00 at MI & SJW Piety and Parish Office

HISTORY OF CATHOLICISM COURSE
Part Two: From the reformation to the modern age.
A free seven-week course
15 September - 20 October
every Tuesday after 9.00am mass at Mary Immaculate Church by Yuri Koszarycz.
Everyone is welcome.

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**

FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Anne Serin
Mary Rose Stephanie Harry

ANNIVERSARIES
Bianca Ciliberto
Patricia Keniry, Marie Connelly

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

- **24-Hour Adoration - Guardian Angels Church, Southport** Thursday noon to Friday ending with mass at 12.30pm Friday
- **Adoration - Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore** Thursday 7.45am- 8.30am
- **Funerals :**
  Monday 28 September at Guardian Angels Church, Southport – Catherine Lambert at 11.00am
  Tuesday 29 September at Guardian Angels Church, Southport – Anne Serin at 11.00am
- **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 M:0408 763 772
- **RCIA Program** Please see this newsletter for further details.
- **Mass Anointing of the Sick**
  Thursday 1 October at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore at 9.00am
- **Parish Registration** continues, with 1152 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
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