

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 12/13 October 2024

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11 Second Reading: Heb 4: 12-13 Gospel: Mk 10:17-27

Embracing the faith communities of St Mary's Buderim, St Peter's Coolum, Stella Maris Maroochydore and St Catherine of Siena, Sippy Downs.

## STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC PARISH

Our Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk are paramount.

Our Sunshine Coast Catholic Parish warmly welcomes



*His Grace*

*Archbishop Mark Coleridge*

to our community as he celebrates with us the twentieth anniversary of the blessing of St Catherine of Siena church this weekend. As a Parish Family, we join with the Sippy Downs community in acknowledging the achievements and determination of the early parishioners who provided the solid faith foundation on which today's celebration is based. It is with confidence we mark this milestone along our journey as we embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.

### The Junior Ministers' Youth Group is back !

Each Sunday afternoon, at Stella Maris beginning at 3pm and finishing in time for the 5pm Sunday evening Mass our Junior Ministers Youth Group meets. This term, in addition to altar serving, we're excited to offer training in a variety of ministries including **readers, computer operators, welcomers, and money collectors**. After each training session, we'll relax with pizza, drinks, and a mix of fun games, wrapping up just in time to join the **5:00pm Mass**—where we'd love to see our young members serve when they're ready!



If this sounds like something you'd love to be a part of, don't wait! email **Bernie Baillie** at [bbaillie811@gmail.com](mailto:bbaillie811@gmail.com) to learn more and register. *We look forward to welcoming all primary aged students to our Junior minister's group.*

### At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly  
Fr Isaac Falzon  
Deacon Michael Khoury  
Bishop Brian Heenan  
*Bishop Emeritus*



### Stella Maris Parish Office

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

*We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which our communities celebrate liturgies and live out our faith.*

*We pay respects to leaders past, present and emerging. May their example of stewardship be reflected in our lives.*

### Monday, 14 October

◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)

◆ **Mass** (5.30pm)

### Tuesday, 15 October *St Teresa of Jesus*

◆ **Mass** (9.00am, S M Primary School Chapel)

◆ Parish Finance Council Meeting (5.30pm Stella Maris)

### Wednesday, 16 October

◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)

◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena)

◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)

◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

### Thursday, 17 October *St Ignatius of Antioch*

◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)

◆ Rosary (2.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

◆ **Maroochydore 10:10** (5.30pm at St Catherine of Siena-Parish Youth Group)

### Friday, 18 October *St Luke*

◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)

◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

### Saturday, 19 October

◆ Reconciliation 8.30am (Stella Maris Church)

◆ Baptism of Mason Lane, Sienna Lane, Archie Layton, London McMahon, Poppie Vaiana & Tommie Vaina (10.00am Stella Maris)

◆ El Shaddai group (11.00am, Sippy Downs)

◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)

◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Sunday, 20 October

#### *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)

◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)

◆ **Mass** (8.00am St Catherine of Siena)

◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)

◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)

◆ Junior Ministers (3.00pm, Stella Maris Bliss Room)

◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

◆ Young Adults Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

*Gluten-free hosts are available. To arrange, simply contact the sacristan or Mass coordinator before Mass. The priest will always distribute the gluten free host at communion.*

All our dedicated and generous parish musicians are reminded of the **Archdiocesan Music Workshop** on Saturday, 26 October at All Saints Church at Albany Creek. The Presenters are Christopher Trikilis, Director of Music at the Cathedral of St Stephen and Michael Mangan, composer, musician and education consultant at Liturgy Brisbane. We want to carpool to ensure that as many musicians as possible can be part of the workshop. Please contact Michael Fitzpatrick: [mfitzpatrick@ozemail.com.au](mailto:mfitzpatrick@ozemail.com.au) for more information

Have you gone *online* and become a registered member of your Parish? Last week, we launched across our community the invitation to register using **Flocknote**, our new, church designed, Australia wide date programme. There are three ways for you to register.



By simply using your phone and this QR code

it will take you directly to the parish sign up page. You will receive a confirmation code which will allow you to securely enter your family details.



When you are sitting in front of your computer follow his link <https://maroochydore.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page.

Feedback tells us that it is a easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!



If you haven't got a computer or if you have tried and technology has beaten you, then at the entrance to the church you will discover a hard copy of the registration form – please complete it and return it to the parish so that we can register you. **Finally**, if you are having trouble or if you have any suggestions please send us a email.

( [stellam.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stellam.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au) ) Flocknote is a work in progress and every parish is different with unique ministries and needs – only with your feedback and involvement can we continue to refine Flocknote so that it lives up to its full potential as a instrument of the Good News!

**Thanks for registering!**

Since January this year, Saskia Barlow has been the friendly voice and helpful person at the front desk of the Parish Office. Saskia has answered all your questions, relayed all your messages, coordinated all the activities of our large and diverse Parish Family. From this week Saskia moves on to other challenges and we thank her for her ministry and service within the Parish and wish her well in her new endeavours. *Thank you Saskia.*

The Holy Spirit is certainly alive and active in our Parish Family! Currently, we have 3 groups with **34 people enquiring about our Catholic Faith** in our RCIA programme. All 34 are on a journey of preparation, discovery and seeking so that they can discern what next step God is calling them to take along their own pilgrimage. As a faith community, we need sponsors to accompany them along that journey. Sponsors are a bit like Godparents at an infant's baptism who likewise promise to be examples of faith for their godchild. We need sponsors for those on the RCIA journey – are you interested? Would you like more information? Please contact Fr Isaac ([falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au)) or Henry Martin ([henry@martinfamily.co](mailto:henry@martinfamily.co)) for more information.

This year, All Souls Day falls on Saturday, November 2 Traditionally our parish Grief Support Team coordinates the All Souls Mass with a special concern for those who have lost a loved one during the year. **Mass will be at 9.00am** at Stella Maris and everyone is invited to come together as a Parish Family and remember those who have gone before us and handed on the faith to us. **May they all rest in peace.**

# ONE DAY BLOKES RETREAT OCTOBER 26, 2024



Retreat Director  
Deacon Peter Pellicaan

8.30AM - 6.00PM

SUNSHINE COAST HOCKEY CLUB  
176 BALLINGER ROAD  
BUDERIM



## Archbishop's itinerary – Sunday, 13 Oct

Leave Brisbane arrive Sippy Downs 8.00am  
Conclusion of Mass speeches & cake cutting 9.00am  
Leave for Stella Maris 10am – blessing of *HEbrews*  
11:30 inspection of building site Buderim  
Lunch with the priest of the deanery 12noon  
Depart to Brisbane 2.00pm



The annual Women's Retreat will be at Stella Maris Primary School on Saturday, **23 November**. Once again, we will welcome women from across our Parish Family and the wider Sunshine Coast to a day of fun, friendship & formation.



Traditionally here at Stella Maris, we have celebrated the **nine day novena** leading up to Christmas called *Simbang Gabi*. This year, plans are well underway and we are incorporating the many different groups that make up our Parish Family. This year, the Mass will be at 6.00am 22 December culminating in the great celebration on the morning of 24 December.

## NET UPDATE

So much has been happening over the past couple months, so it's time for a long-overdue NET update!

A major highlight each week has been **10:10 Maroochydore**, our high school youth group. We've loved seeing many of the same high schoolers come back week after week with their friends, and we've been able to get to know them well. Each Thursday night involves games and dinner, as well as an activity or talk to break open a topic related to our faith. We also have small groups each night, where we get to talk about the topic on a personal level and catch up about faith and life, followed by a time of prayer.

We've also enjoyed being involved with **Junior Ministers** every Sunday arvo. We love getting involved with the altar serving training and the games afterwards, as well as being able to build relationships with the kids who come along. It's very special helping them learn how to altar serve, seeing them build community and leading them in faith.

At **Siena College**, in Weeks 8-9 of Term 3, we had the chance to run sessions in the Year 10 Religion classes. The students wrote about their own dreams for the future and were then invited into a time of prayer, in which we encouraged them to write their own prayer inviting Jesus into those dreams and into their lives. Another highlight was joining Year 11 and 12 Religion classes, where they've been talking about ethical dilemmas, and having the opportunity to share about our experience of the Church's teachings on such matters and how the truth of our faith holds such value. Our weekly lunchtime sessions have also become popular and much-anticipated by many students. In these sessions, we play a game (to bring people in) and then break into small groups, where we get to talk about life and faith. Finally, in the last week of the term, we joined the Year 10s for their adventure camp – three days in Kenilworth spent hiking, canoeing and mountain biking! While it certainly was challenging, it was a great chance to connect with the students, get to know them more and be a witness of faith to them.

At **Siena Primary**, we ran a session in all Year 4, 5 and 6 classes, themed "Who Is Jesus". We've enjoyed getting to connect a bit more with the primary schoolers and we look forward to running retreat days with the Year 4s, 5s and 6s this term!

And finally, **IGNITE CONFERENCE!!!** The Maroochydore group included 16 high schoolers and young adults, all of whom had an incredible experience. While the NET Team (and Fr Isaac) were busy helping run the Conference through leading keynotes, workshops and small groups and so much more, the group was taken care of by Oskar, Alek, Georgia, Yvonne and Kathy, who did an amazing job. The whole group had a transformative experience and encountered Jesus in many different ways over the four days and are all fired up coming back to Maroochydore! Special thanks to all who helped us fundraise!

**P.S.:** *We'd love for you to join us at 10:10 Maroochydore, Junior Ministers or Young Adults Group! Contact the parish office for more details.*

## ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We pray for all those who have died.  
May all our deceased priests, religious, parishioners and family members who have gone before us  
marked with the sign of faith, through the rich mercy of God,

**Rest in Peace.**

# Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



On Wednesday 9 October, the Siena Primary Senior Choir (60 Yr 4-6 students) and Semitone Choir (80 Yr 2-3 students) alongside Mr Wynyard, Mrs Khoury, a team of support staff, joined with students and staff

from Stella Maris Catholic Primary School to perform at Stella Maris Church or the residents of the Maroochydore St. Vincent's Aged Care Centre. This is an important community outreach opportunity for our students, and also the residents. Around 300 young voices were raised in song, to the delight of their audience.

After a beautifully sung Acknowledgement of Country, Siena Senior Choir and Stella Bellas sang 'As Long As I Have Music' and 'I Am Thankful', a song that encapsulates Siena's focus on gratitude. Siena Senior Choir then sang 'Do You Want To Make Music?' and the Stella Bellas, 'The rattlin' Bog'. The Year 2 and 3 Siena Semitone Choir then sang 'I Love My Slippers, Thankful' and 'I'd Go Dancing'.

The performance concluded with an energetic rendition of YO VIVO CANTANDO (I Live to Sing) sung by all the choirs. The concert was a wonderful opportunity for our school and students to connect with and serve our Parish community and we hope to be able provide this opportunity again next year.

This term in Religion, Year 6 students are learning to identify and describe the many ways in which faith is lived out in the lives of believers.

## Stella Maris Primary School

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Maroochydore

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Principal: Mark Ballam



On Wednesday morning, our Year Two students, who make up the Piccolo Choir at Stella Maris Catholic School, combined with the Stella Bellas (a choir made up of girls from Years 3-6), the Stella Fellas (a choir made up of boys from Years 3-6) and students from Siena Catholic School to sing to some of the residents of St Vincent's Aged Care at Stella Maris Church. It was an opportunity to bring some joy to residents in our local community and to share their love and talent for singing. They sang with grace and gusto and brought a smile to many faces. Some of our youngest singers were particularly nervous about performing as part of a large choir for a real audience away from school but assured us later that it was a fantastic experience and sounded "really awesome!"



## Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



We are so lucky to have the beautiful St Catherine's Church as part of our extended campus and we would like to extend to the Parishioners our best wishes for their 20th Anniversary celebrations.

This week, our final staff group travelled to Sydney, taking the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We explored the Rocks precinct, discovering the location of the Order's Houses of Providence and listening to stories of how she and her Sisters took care of those most in need – providing them with education and much needed material support. In addition, we explored the life and ministry of both St Mary and Fr Julian Tenison-Woods (the co-Founder of the Order). We look forward to applying all that we have learnt to our work here at Siena.

Our wonderfully talented Visual Art teacher – Mrs Justine Stewart – has started our newest art installation – a mural that connects the Dominican charism and the Aboriginal stories of this region and our school. We look forward to what promises to be an amazing addition to the artworks that help to define our story.



**For your information** – our local Maroochydore Vinnies conference members are in attendance at each week at the Maroochydore St Vincent de Paul centre:

1 Norval Court, Maroochydore. 4558

**Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Their contact number is 54517600

The St. Gerard Majella Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is one of the largest and busiest conferences in Queensland. Their work is practical and life changing and based on the members living our their faith – *would you like to join them?*

**Thank you for remembering your Sunshine Coast Parish when making out your will—your Faith will live on.**

Available at the entrance of all our four churches, we have new information envelopes containing details about our **Parish Planned Giving** programme and the many ways you can support your Parish and our **Endowment Fund**, which will provide your Parish Family with financial security into the future. For new and returning members of our Parish there is a **Welcome Pack**. It contains valuable information about your new Parish Family. Please feel free to take an envelope home with you today.



**Volunteering  
AT VINNIES**