

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 2/3 November 2024

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Second Reading: Heb 7: 23-28 Gospel: Mk 12:28-34

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.

Last Friday with the celebration of All Saints' and then on Saturday morning with the moving, traditional Stella Maris All Souls' Day Mass we have begun our annual month of remembrance for those who have died. To die unmourned and unloved is the saddest journey anyone can contemplate. November is the month that we traditionally remember and pray for our deceased loved ones and those who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith. At the entrance to all our churches this weekend you will discover our Parish Book of Remembrance. Throughout November this book will be placed at the base of the altar and the names inscribed on the pages will be the focus of our prayers during these weeks.

*May they Rest in Peace.*

<i>Benjamin Brosnan</i>	<i>10 November</i>	<i>Robert McCormack</i>	<i>25 June</i>
<i>Gail Saunders</i>	<i>18 November</i>	<i>Bonaventure Orazio (Bonny)</i>	<i>28 June</i>
<i>Patrick McDonnell</i>	<i>20 November</i>	<i>Friedhelm (Fred) Laqua</i>	<i>2 July</i>
<i>Patrick Clifford</i>	<i>22 November</i>	<i>Mario Bricalli</i>	<i>2 July</i>
<i>Jacqueline Craven</i>	<i>12 December</i>	<i>Adelina Cocci</i>	<i>5 July</i>
<i>Frederick Baron</i>	<i>16 December</i>	<i>Kazimiera Rajwer</i>	<i>7 July</i>
<i>William "Bill" Goldsworthy</i>	<i>23 December</i>	<i>Christine Braun</i>	<i>12 July</i>
<i>Anne Storey</i>	<i>25 December</i>	<i>Giles Mamet</i>	<i>14 July</i>
<i>John Sobey</i>	<i>31 December</i>	<i>Myra Williams</i>	<i>14 July</i>
<i>Geraldine Kinnane</i>	<i>10 January</i>	<i>Elaine Carmody</i>	<i>18 July</i>
<i>James McBrien</i>	<i>19 January</i>	<i>Colleen Meigan</i>	<i>19 July</i>
<i>George Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>30 January</i>	<i>Patricia Buzolic</i>	<i>19 July</i>
<i>Denise Schlecht</i>	<i>1 February</i>	<i>Daphne McClurg</i>	<i>20 July</i>
<i>Norman Berg</i>	<i>3 February</i>	<i>Daniel Heaslip</i>	<i>21 July</i>
<i>Elaine Whittle</i>	<i>6 February</i>	<i>Patrick Bonus</i>	<i>21 July</i>
<i>Janette Garcia</i>	<i>6 February</i>	<i>Allan Biddle</i>	<i>25 July</i>
<i>Monica Robinson</i>	<i>10 February</i>	<i>Barbara Leach</i>	<i>7 August</i>
<i>Robert Bygott</i>	<i>12 February</i>	<i>Chris Aitken</i>	<i>7 August</i>
<i>Keith Halley</i>	<i>27 February</i>	<i>John O'Reilly</i>	<i>19 August</i>
<i>Robert "Rob" Morrison</i>	<i>1 March</i>	<i>Shirley Grams</i>	<i>23 August</i>
<i>Cherie Morrison</i>	<i>5 March</i>	<i>William "Bill" Blake</i>	<i>2 August</i>
<i>Aida Hulse</i>	<i>25 March</i>	<i>Harold Blake</i>	<i>24 August</i>
<i>George Verlaque</i>	<i>29 March</i>	<i>Peter Appel</i>	<i>31 August</i>
<i>John Reddy</i>	<i>2 April</i>	<i>Carmel Boyce</i>	<i>3 September</i>
<i>Fr Martin Phillip Larsen</i>	<i>8 April</i>	<i>Catherine Doyle</i>	<i>4 September</i>
<i>Gwenda Wyles</i>	<i>11 April</i>	<i>Anita Rhodes</i>	<i>14 September</i>
<i>Lynette McIntyre</i>	<i>14 April</i>	<i>Alice Hardy</i>	<i>15 September</i>
<i>Elaine Wishart</i>	<i>15 April</i>	<i>John Miller</i>	<i>18 September</i>
<i>Giuseppe Circelli</i>	<i>16 April</i>	<i>Pamela Jacob</i>	<i>18 September</i>
<i>Agnes Murphy</i>	<i>20 April</i>	<i>Anthony Pyke</i>	<i>14 October</i>
<i>John Bourke</i>	<i>27 April</i>	<i>Victor Kelly</i>	<i>19 October</i>
<i>Brian Cluff</i>	<i>27 April</i>	<i>Margaret Mattiazzi</i>	<i>19 October</i>
<i>Agnes Babos</i>	<i>28 April</i>	<i>Kevin King</i>	<i>20 October</i>
<i>Elaine Brown</i>	<i>20 May</i>	<i>Raymond Healy</i>	<i>23 October</i>
<i>Carmel Healy</i>	<i>24 May</i>	<i>Maureen Jones</i>	<i>29 October</i>
<i>Eileen McLaren</i>	<i>17 June</i>		

### Hospitality this Weekend

On the first weekend of the month we always have a special emphasis on hospitality. If we want to be a friendly community, we need to also be a welcoming community and providing hospitality is an excellent way of meeting new and old parishioners alike. Please join us after Mass this weekend. Thank you to the different groups who organise our hospitality each month. *It will also be our chance to say goodbye to our NET Team.*

# 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, 4 November

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm
- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm)

## Tuesday, 5 November

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Primary School Chapel)

## Wednesday, 6 November

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Community Meetings **Coolum** 12noon, **Buderim** 2.30pm, **Sippy Downs** 4.30pm, **Stella Maris** 6.00pm
- ◆ Latino Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

## Thursday, 7 November

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ Baptismal Preparation (6pm Stella Maris)

## Friday, 8 November

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Stations of the Cross after Mass
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

## Saturday, 9 November

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ El Shaddai group (11.00am Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass in Spanish** (6.00pm St Mary's Church)

## Sunday, 10 November

### *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*


- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8am St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Sounds of Celebration (2pm St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (3.00pm Stella Maris Bliss Room)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Young Adults Group (6.00pm Stella Maris)

**\*\* REMINDER Multicultural Morning Tea Sunday 3/11/24  
St Mary's after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.**

*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.*

Have you gone *online* to become a registered member of your Parish? Two weeks ago we launched across our community the invitation to register using **Flocknote**, our new, church designed, Australia wide data 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 Flocknote 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!**

## New to the Neighbourhood?

We live in such a mobile society. Apparently, data from the census revealed that Queenslanders had one of the highest rates of residents who have changed addresses in the previous 5 years. Also, the Australian Bureau of Statistics mentioned that Queensland was the most popular destination for Australians to move to from other states. ***So, sitting beside or in front of you might be someone new to our Parish Family – make sure that you make them feel welcome!*** If you are new to the Parish could you pick up a welcome pack at the entrance of the church so that we can formally welcome you to your new Parish family. ***On Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a "New Parishioners Cocktail Party"*** which is really just a fancy name for a gathering at the presbytery to welcome you! So please, if you are new to our Parish Family or if you have been here a while but have never been formally welcomed, take home a welcome pack, complete and return the details and we will be in contact with you.

## Stella Maris Parish Office

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## At Your Service

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

## TIME TO SAY GOODBYE From this year's NET team

We can't believe that our time here in Maroochydore has come to an end already! Firstly, thank you all so much for welcoming us into your parish community. We truly have loved spending this year with you, getting to meet so many of you and joining in the vibrant life of this parish! To end our time here, here's a recap of everything that we've been up to since our last NET update, as well as a lot of thank yous!

We hit the ground running in Term 4 in Siena College with the continuation of our Monday morning pancake BBQs, giving students the opportunity to connect in community and conversation to start the week. We have also participated in a variety of classes, discussing faith, religion and ethics, as well as having the pleasure of seeing the Year 12 music students perform their last recital at the College. We also joined the Siena community at their Awards Night and the Vinnies Sleepout, where we had the opportunity to lead times of prayer at both events, as well as connect with the staff and students in attendance.

Our Years 7-9 and Years 10-12 lunchtime sessions at Siena have also been great for us to connect with students in a relaxed environment and introduce them to the idea of prayer and faith in the everyday. Finally, we've loved being part of the Wednesday morning Masses at St Catherine's Church, getting to lead music for Masses with the Year 10s and Year 11s. We also have been blessed with a handful of students journeying very closely with us at Siena and have very clearly seen the Holy Spirit working in their lives and ours. We know that Jesus will bring to completion this good work that He's started (Phil 1:6). We have felt very privileged to be a part of this school community this year and would like to thank all staff and students from Siena for welcoming us, especially to Catharine Hannan (APMI) and Sharon Collins (Principal) for their continual support of our mission.

This term has also provided us with the opportunity to lead the Year 4, 5 and 6 cohorts at Siena Primary School in Encounter Days – these are retreat days where we get to know the students, play games, do activities, share with them our stories of how Jesus has impacted our lives and pray with them. These days have been a great success and truly gave Jesus the space to be present in these students' lives in a new way.

You might be surprised to learn that we also travelled out to St Patrick's College, Gympie to lead music for a whole-school Youth Mass and run an Encounter Day for the Year 8s this week! And, at the beginning of October, we made the trip up to Rockhampton to lead about 20 high schoolers in a three-day retreat, where we provided the youth with chances for community, prayer, sacraments and a lot of fun. We certainly had a blast and we know they did too!

Back locally, 10:10 Maroochydore has continued weekly. We've loved getting to journey with the high schoolers who come to youth group each week, bringing along their friends, discovering more about our faith and spending time with others who are interested in knowing more about Jesus. We wish the Year 12 attendees all the best as they now graduate (and hopefully return as youth group leaders next year!). A special thanks goes to Chris Dickens, Carolyn Watt, Catharine Hannan and Fr Isaac for helping us lead 10:10 each week! **The final 10:10 is this Thurs 7th Nov and will resume upon the arrival of next year's NET Team – if you're a high schooler, come along this Thursday!**

Junior Ministers has also been an enjoyable time to get to know many of the parish's primary schoolers and share our faith with them. We've loved helping them learn more about how to live out their faith by serving the parish at Mass and seeing them put their learning into practice! A huge thanks to Bernie Baillie for doing such an amazing job at running these sessions each week.

The Sunday night Young Adults Group has been a weekly highlight, drawing the parish's young adults together to enjoy each other's company and learn more about our faith. The connections and community that has formed is amazing to be a part of. In fact, last Sunday night was the largest Young Adults Group to date, with 20 people (excluding the NET Team and Fr Isaac)! Thank you to Millie, Georgia, Alek and Fr Isaac for coming alongside us to run these nights and for continuing to do so after we're gone. **We're hosting a final young adults (18+) open house this Wed 6th Nov – contact us on Instagram @net.maroochydore for more information. We'd love to see all the young adults for one last time!**

In all of these areas too, we've seen the Holy Spirit moving and touching lives – not to mention how He's been moving through Ignite Conference, the Sacramental Program, Children's Church at St Catherine's and the Friday night Community Meals, which we've also been involved with through the year!

Finally, thank you very much to the St Catherine's 8am and Stella Maris 5pm Mass communities, who have been our "home base" – your welcome and the ways you've integrated us into your communities and liturgies has made us feel at home and each of us are going to miss it very much! Thank you also to Fr Isaac and Fr Peter for taking such good care of us and supporting us in all of our endeavours. Our time in Maroochydore has been a blessing to us and we hope that our ministry and presence has been valuable to you too.

*God bless and goodbye,* The 2024 Maroochydore NET Team – **Gabby, Nathan, Alaina, Maddie, Noah & Sam.**

## HOPE YOU PICK THE WINNER THIS TUESDAY !!!

### ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,  
*Jidenna Nwokeke, Blaire Wojcik & Liam Wojcik*  
who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Maureen Jones, Beverly Farmer & Kevin King*.  
May all 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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Sippy Downs

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Music is at Siena is alive and thriving. We have such gifted teachers, tutors and students who have a passion for the Arts and their performances are reflective of the amazing level of talent.

During Wednesday's assembly both ensembles and choir joined together to perform the song, 'We are the World'. It was such a powerful performance showcasing the instrumental talent of our students and the obvious joy of the choir.

After the performance the Year 6 students who have participated in the music program over the years of their primary schooling were acknowledged. They either participated in the choir and or gave their time to learn an instrument and perform at various events.

One of the highlights of this assembly is The Paula Noble Music award. Paula was a well-loved Music teacher at Siena for many years. Paula's passion and dedication to the teaching of music is honoured through this annual award presented to a Year 6 student. This award was won by Katelyn.

*Katelyn demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the Siena music program. She has a love and passion for music and displayed dedication to music through enthusiastic involvement in a variety of activities. Katelyn served and used her musical talents to contribute significantly to the Siena Primary School and wider community. Congratulations Katelyn!!*



## Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,  
Maroochydore

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Principal: Mark Ballam



As part of their studies in Religious Education, our Year 6 students investigate the Prophets, asking questions like:

- Who were they?
- What were they aiming to achieve?
- What challenges did they face?

After learning about how Amos, Samuel and Jonah shared messages in their time, the students consider what it might mean to be a prophet in 2024 and go on to write and present speeches with contemporary messages. After speaking in front of their own class, the top 12 students (the finalists!) are selected to present to all of Year 5 and Year 6. It was a privilege to be present to hear the finalists speak with such passion and conviction about modern issues, like climate change; equal pay rights; discrimination against neurodivergence; cruelty to animals; social media dangers; and the challenge to 'be you'.

Billy and Ruby also presented their speeches as part of *The Golden Voice* public speaking competition. The future is looking bright, when Year 6 students have the courage and confidence to speak up, even when their messages challenge popular opinion. We can all learn from them!



## Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



We have already reached the half-way point of the Term, but the pace of school life is certainly not slowing.

The second week of Year 12 external exams has just concluded and, with many of their assessments completed, our Year 12s are looking to their end-of-year celebrations and making decisions about what 2025 will bring. Congratulations to the large number of our 12s who have received offers for early entry into their chosen courses.

Wednesday morning was busy, as our Homerooms gathered for a fun-filled session of snacking and games. This time was a very valuable one for building relationships between students in different year levels. Also on Wednesday, we welcomed our first group of Year 6s for a Taste of Siena Day. These students, from local primary schools, had the opportunity to tour the campus and to discover what the high school experience has to offer.

On Friday, our Year 10s were at Uni SC to gain first-hand knowledge of the courses that are on offer in their areas of interest, and we know that the experience will be invaluable as they look to consolidating their Senior pathways.

The Parish Office will be placing an order for annual liturgical books on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a **Daily Mass Book** (\$20), **Break Open the Word** (\$20), or an **Ordo** (\$15), simply place your request and contact details in an envelope and include the required amount and we will include your order with the Parish order. Alternatively, you can go directly to the website of Liturgy Brisbane and place your own order.

Across our parish we are blessed with many parishioners who take on ministries that are unseen and yet vital to the smooth running of our Parish Family. Quietly each week there are teams of fellow parishioners who clean and prepare our churches. On behalf of the entire Parish, thank you for your ministry. We have a need at Stella Maris for a few more volunteers to join a team and go on a roster – if you are interested or would like more information please email the office ( [suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au) ) thanks once again.

Planning Ahead: as a community that also has to welcome many holiday makers and visitors we have to plan ahead. For your information, our [Christmas schedule](#) is as follows:

**Communal Rite of Reconciliation**, Caloundra Saturday morning December 21, 9am

**Communal Rite of Reconciliation**, Maroochydore Monday evening December 23, 5pm

**Christmas Eve**: Maroochydore 4pm, Coolum 5pm, Sippy Downs 5pm, Maroochydore 6pm, Maroochydore, Midnight

**Christmas Day**: Maroochydore 6:30am, Coolum 7:30am, Maroochydore 9am, Buderim 9:30am