

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 24/25 August 2024

First Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 Second Reading: 2 Eph 5:21-32 Gospel: Jn 6: 60-69

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.

### Rise Up! Be a part of the most exhilarating youth event in Australia

As September etches ever closer, excitement builds for one of the most anticipated and exciting youth events for the Catholic Church in Australia: Ignite Conference Brisbane. Each year, the conference grows bigger, bolder, and more inspirational than ever. If you're a young adult or a high school student, this is the Church event you won't want to miss. Here's why:

#### 1. Inspiring Speakers and Powerful Messages

Ignite Conference is known for bringing together some of the world's most inspirational and engaging speakers. Joining that elite club this year is our very own brother from another mother Fr Will. These speakers are leaders and individuals who have walked the walk and can speak directly to the hearts and minds of young people. Whether it's through personal stories, practical advice, or spiritual wisdom, each year their messages inspire thousands of people to live out their faith in a deeper way.

#### 2. A Chance to Connect with Like-Minded Peers

In today's fast-paced world, it can be challenging to find a community of peers who share your values and passions. Ignite Conference is a rare opportunity to connect with other young adults and students who are on a similar journey. Whether you're looking to make new friends, deepen existing relationships, or simply be part of a supportive community, you'll find it here.

#### 3. Deepening Your Faith

For those seeking to grow in their faith, Ignite Conference offers an environment where you can explore and deepen your relationship with God. Whether that's being led in worship by Emmanuel Worship, meaningful discussions, reflection, and/or the power of the Sacraments you'll be encouraged to take your faith to new heights. It's a chance to step away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on what truly matters.

#### 4. Engaging Workshops and Activities

The conference is packed with workshops and activities designed to engage and challenge you. From practical sessions on leadership and personal development to creative workshops that allow you to express yourself, there's something for everyone. These experiences are not only fun but also equip you with the tools and skills to navigate the challenges of life with confidence.

#### 5. Be a Part of Something Bigger

Ignite Conference is more than just an event; it's a movement. By attending, you're joining thousands of other young people who are committed to making a positive impact on the world around them. You are guaranteed to leave the conference inspired, empowered, and filled with a deeper understanding of your relationship with God.

#### 6. Memories That Will Last a Lifetime

Finally, Ignite Conference is an experience you'll remember for the rest of your life. The energy, the encounters, the breakthroughs – all these moments combine to create memories that will stay with you long after the conference ends. Whether it's the late-night conversations, the unforgettable worship sessions, or the new friendships formed, the experiences you'll have are priceless.

#### Final Thoughts

If you're a young adult or high school student looking for an event that will challenge, inspire, and equip you for the future, Ignite Conference Brisbane is the place to be this September. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow in faith, build meaningful connections, and be part of something truly special. For more information there will be an information session held at Stella Maris on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. **Register today.**

#### Adults:

Head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24BNE>

2. Enter the coupon code "**MaroochydoreAdult**" to reveal your ticket
  3. Select the revealed \$0 "Maroochydore Catholic Parish - Ignite Adults" ticket and proceed
- Submit your completed registration form

#### Parish High Schoolers:

Head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24BNE>

2. Enter the coupon code "**MaroochydoreHigh**" to reveal your ticket
- Select the revealed \$0 "Maroochydore Catholic Parish - Ignite High" ticket and proceed

See you at the conference, *Fr Isaac Falzon*

## 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, 26 August

- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Tuesday, 27 August *St Monica*

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

### Wednesday, 28 August *St Augustine*

- ◆ **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, 29 August *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

- ◆ **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, 30 August

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

### Saturday, 31 August *St Bartholomew*

- ◆ Reconciliation (**8.30am -9.30am** Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms of Clarisse Palima, John Brotherston, Noah Martin, Atticus Mead (10.00am)
- ◆ El Shaddai group (11.00am, Sippy Downs)

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

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

## Sunday, 1 September

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *Father's Day*

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **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 Adult 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.*



## First Holy Communion W e e k e n d

There has been an energy and an excitement building up across our Parish Family for over a month cumulating in this weekend's First Holy Communion masses. Congratulations

to the 92 young members of our Parish who have spent the past 5 weeks preparing for this great day. Along the way there have been many others who have helped guide and prepare for this day – parents, catechists, people who have set up, parishioners who have cleaned up, volunteers who have behind the scenes contributed to the smooth running of our First Holy Communion programme. To all those involved, a grateful Parish says thank you!

## New Data System

What has become obvious over the past couple of years is that data is important. Through baptismal details, marriage records, school enrolments, parish data it seems that the church has been collecting data since the last Supper! But, collecting data for the sake of collecting data just does not make sense!

Up until now we have been using a data system called PAX which has well and truly passed its used by date. The Archdiocese, along with the Australian Church is transiting to a new data system designed specifically for Churches called **Flocknotes**. This new data system promises to be user friendly, allowing our office to run more efficiently while at the same time giving us broader communication options. Over the next 4 months we will slowly transition over to the new data programme and during this time familiarize ourselves with the different options the new software gives us. The first thing we need to do as a parish is to establish a reliable parish data base so towards the end of September we will have a parish wide censuses allowing all parishioners the ability to register. More details will follow.

**The Annual Catholic Appeal will take place across our Parish Family next weekend. Your continued financial support of the different Church agencies is appreciated.**

## Grab A Bargain !

Once again our Parish Arts and Crafts group will be holding a stall after the Saturday night and two Sunday morning Masses (24th and 25th August) at Stella Maris. As Father's Day is the following weekend (1 September), a portion of the proceeds will go towards an organisation that supports men's health.



## ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,

**Clarisse Palima, John Brotherston, Noah Martin** and **Atticus Mead** who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially ..... and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, through the rich mercy of God,

**Rest in Peace.**

## A BIG thank you to the Knights of the Southern Cross

**10:10 youth group** would like to thank the Knights of the Southern Cross for supporting us with our fund raising goals. Our sausage sizzle was a huge success with over \$600 raised to help our youth attend Ignite Conference in September. It was a wonderful atmosphere with the young and old working together, building our community. We are so grateful for the hard work and continued assistance of the Knights, *thank you.*



## Car Wash

Fundraiser for Ignite Conference 2024

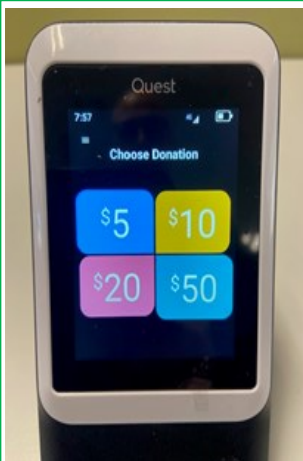


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## Car Wash Fundraiser 8 September St Catherine's!

We are having another fundraiser to send our youth to Ignite Conference. The car wash will take place at **Sippy Downs from 7.30am on Sunday 8 September**. The crew will wash your car while you go to Mass. Please support us, no need to book just follow the direction of our volunteers.

The annual Ignite Conference takes place at St Laurence's College from the 19 to the 22 of September. All money raised helps lower the cost of sending our youth to



You will notice our new Tap&Go machines at the entrance to the church. With the closure of the 3G network in October our old machines were becoming obsolete. The new Tap&Go machines operate using the 4G network. Basically, the new Tap&Go devices work the same way with the exception that now you can select an amount. Hopefully these new machines will also be faster and more reliable! However to choose to financially support the mission of your Church, a grateful parish says *thank you.*

The initials R.C.I.A. simply stands for The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults. It is the prayerful journey of preparation and discernment for those who are exploring the option of joining the church or for those who are returning to the Church. The Holy Spirit is definitely at work in our community because currently we have two groups meeting regularly learning more about the Catholic faith. Because of several requests we are going to form another group so if you would like to discover more about what we believe and look at the possibility of being baptised and joining the Church contact Fr Isaac ( [falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au) )



## August Sisterhood

We had another fantastic gathering on Tuesday night. Our evening began with our wonderful NET team leading us in song, this was followed with an insightful presentation by Kym Keady. Kym spoke to us about our identity in Christ giving us 6 great points to ponder. Supper was a hit with some great home made arancini balls. We then moved into some group discussion which is always a delight as we mingle and get to know each other. If you haven't had the chance to join us come along to our September meeting on the 10th at 6pm, everyone is most welcome to join us.



At the 8am mass on Sunday, October 13th, our Parish Community welcomes His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge to celebrate the **Mass of Thanksgiving** marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blessing and opening of St Catherine of Siena Church. More details to follow.



Our new revamped Junior Ministers programme at Stella Maris is up and running. The Junior Ministers Youth Group is specifically designed for your younger children from Year 3 to Year 6. **Every Sunday during school term from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Stella Maris**, our Junior Minister programme explores various ministries within our parish, as well as fun activities and afternoon tea. Our plan is to wrap up in time for the 5.00pm Sunday Mass celebration. If you're interested and would like to learn more, please reach out to Bernie Bailie at [bbailie811@gmail.com](mailto:bbailie811@gmail.com). All young children are welcome and also adult volunteers who would like to be involved.

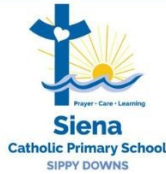
# Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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Sippy Downs

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



## Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,  
Maroochydore

pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mark Ballam



Book Week is alive and well at Stella Maris Catholic Primary School. We had a record number of students and staff, dressed up and getting engaged in all our Book Week activities this week. We began with a fabulous introduction by the teachers on our Book Week Committee, who brewed up a dynamic concoction on stage to get us started. Our parade delighted all, showcasing the super-creative designing, sourcing and construction by parents and children. Then, throughout the week, classes took time to enjoy all the mystery 'Book Boxes' which really connected students to the magic of reading. What a great week!

## Siena Catholic College

60 Sippy Downs Drive,  
Sippy Downs

ssippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Sharon Collins



Last Friday, we celebrated Siena Day and we wanted to share some images that capture what was a fabulous day of prayer, fun and community building.

## At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly

Fr Isaac Falzon

Deacon Michael Khoury

Bishop Brian Heenan



## Stella Maris Parish Office

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## Don't be Shy—Let's be Friends!

It has never been so easy to get in touch and keep up to date with the many ministries and activities of our Sunshine Coast Parish. Why not start by visiting our Parish Facebook page? You will receive updates on what's happening within the parish, religious articles and content of interest. It is also a way we contact you with urgent news. "Like" our Facebook page, and you will be kept notified of new posts and help to promote the Parish page to more viewers. Our Parish Instagram page also offers a wealth of information while our E-Newsletter delivers our weekly Parish newsletter straight to your inbox!

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