

Halfway through our school holidays, we welcome everyone who is joining us this weekend, especially families on vacation – you are most welcome. Being the first weekend of the month, hospitality is the special focus of our community, and all are invited to stay at the conclusion of Mass and share in the hospitality of the Parish. So, whether you are on school holidays, day tripping up the Bruce Highway, travelling around Australia or a parishioner - welcome - as we together celebrate the **Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Our scripture this weekend comes from **Isaiah 66:10-14**, **Galatians 6:14-18** and the Gospel is from **Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

Embracing the faith communities of **St Mary's Buderim, St Peter's Coolumb, 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.

This weekend in the Parish, we are celebrating with all those who have been Baptised in the past twelve months. Baptism is the gateway to the sacraments, and by Baptism a person becomes a “member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit”. Baptism is the foundation that the rest of the Christian life is built upon, because without entering into the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we cannot live in Him and He in us. It is the act of being washed from sin, of being cleansed and being adopted as a child of God to live in the fullness of life and of the truth.

Just as when a child is born, they don't come into the world all alone, they are born into a family, so too is a child of God not born into their spiritual life alone, but into a spiritual family. When Paul and Suzie bring home little Jonny from the hospital, he is already part of something much larger than just the people he can see, he has family all over the world. Nan and Pop live in Cairns, Ma and Pa live in London, and all of them are still part of his family. Even the people no longer alive are part of little Jonny's family; his uncle Toby, who died before he was born, is still a part of the family and Jonny will grow up hearing stories about him. The spiritual birth of Baptism is very much the same. When Jonny is baptised, he doesn't just become brothers and sisters with those who live and worship in his Parish but with the entire community of the baptised all over the world. The same is also true of those who have died; Jonny is just as much a brother of St Paul or St Francis as he is a brother to all of us who are still alive. Just as his family will help him to grow, be healthy, do his best and thrive in life, so too will the spiritual family help him to grow spiritually, celebrate the Sacraments with him, support him in prayer and enable him to thrive as a child of God.

In baptism, we become a child of God, we take on the family of God as our own, as St Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians. “For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Whether it is your first time here or your five thousandth, know that you are most welcome here because through our baptism, we have all become part of the one family of God.

“Fun Days with God”

Alive in the Spirit - This Tuesday, July 8th, 2025

“Alive in the Spirit” is the Maroochydore Catholic Parish holiday program for the June/July school holidays. It will be an exciting day of fun activities- craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games all based around the Holy Spirit.

Date: Tuesday, July 8th.

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm, children may be dropped off from 8:45am, with our program beginning at 9:00am. Pick up time 3:00pm. Parents and caregivers are invited to join us for a closing ritual at 2:45pm.

Where: The Harry Bliss Function room – just past the toilets at the Stella Maris Church

Cost: \$10.00 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family.

What to bring: Children are to wear comfortable “SunSmart” clothing and need to bring their own water bottle, morning tea, lunch and hat.

We have limited spaces, so you will need to register via the QR code or by the link (<https://maroochydoreparish.schoolzineplus.com/form/12>). We only have very limited places left so please register today. For more information, please email Bernie Baillie at bbaillie811@gmail.com or phone the parish office on 5443 3488.



First Holy Communion Enrolment Now Open

Enrolments for First Communion are now open for children in Year 4 or older who have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation. The form can be completed online at maroochydoreparish.com.au. A **Parent Information Night** will be held on **Wednesday, July 16th, at 5:00pm** in **Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore**. Please note: **parents only** are required to attend this evening. We look forward to supporting your child on this special step in their faith journey.

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 07 July

- ◆ Benediction (5:15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5:30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday 08 July

- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- ◆ Fun Days with God (9:00am, Bliss Room)
- ◆ Craft Group (1:00pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ RCIA All Saints Group (6:00pm, Duffy Room)
- ◆ Knights of the Southern Cross (7:00pm, Bliss Room)

Wednesday 09 July

- ◆ **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Latin American prayer group meets every Wednesday in the Duffy Room (6:00-8:00pm)
- ◆ NET Open House—State of Origin 6:00pm)

Thursday 10 July

- ◆ **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's Coolum)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Friday, 11 July

- ◆ Stations of the Cross (8:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Craft Group (9:45am Bliss Room, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless

Saturday, 12 July

- ◆ Men's Breakfast (7:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Reconciliation (8:30—9:30am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Jesus Shine Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets (11:00am, Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4:30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6:00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Spanish Mass** (6:00pm, St Mary's Church)

Sunday, 13 July *15th Sunday in Ordinary time*

- ◆ **Mass** (6:30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7:30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8:00am, St Catherine's) **Children's Church**
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris) **Children's Church**
- ◆ **Mass** (9:30am, St Mary's) **Children's Church**
- ◆ No Junior Minsters / No 10:10 Youth Group
- ◆ **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris) **Children's Church**

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.

Parish Clergy

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



Smile

During our Multicultural Mass and the food and cultural celebrations that followed, you might have noticed Jon O'Brien and Jonard Erro videoing the proceedings. Below is a YouTube link to a compilation of the highlights. You can also visit our Parish social media page. Behind the scenes, there were so many people making sure this annual, important celebration ran smoothly – thank you to all involved, but especially today, thank you to Jon and Jonard.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afNpX3e_ZRs

We've made a Start !

Last Sunday, we began our children's Church ministry at Buderim. Thank you to the volunteers who have generously agreed to be part of this important ministry – if you would like to join the team, please see Fr Peter or Fr Isaac. Each weekend at our **8:00am Sippy Downs Mass** our **9:00am Stella Maris Mass** and **5:00pm Sunday evening Mass**, we also have Children's Church, and all younger members of our Parish Family, and their parents, are warmly invited.

Moving Forward

Thank you to everyone who has supported the **Buderim Appeal** - the goal is to replace the carpet, new seating and new sanctuary furniture. Our architect is currently exploring improving access to the church and removing the dangerous "speed bump" at the front door. The rest of the project is slowly moving forward thanks to your support. If you haven't already, I invite you to support the project, perhaps as an individual, a couple, a family or a group you might get together and "buy a pew". Any support is welcome and appreciated. If you would like more information, please contact Fr Peter at the office (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au). We have a designated account for this project, so if you would like to make a direct deposit through online banking, the account is:

Commonwealth Bank Buderim Project

BSB 064-786 Account Number: 100021388

Put Your thinking Caps On !!!

Mark your calendars for our **Trivia Night** on Saturday, August 9th, a fun-filled community evening to raise funds for the Ignite Conference! Gather your friends, test your knowledge, and enjoy a night of laughter, games, and great company. We'll also be holding a raffle on the night, and we're seeking prize donations to help make the event even more exciting and successful. If you or your business can contribute, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact the office.

Calling All Crafty People

Our Stella Maris Craft Group meets twice a month, and the next meeting is this Friday after the 9:00am Maroochydore Mass. We are always learning and sharing new crafts, and warmly welcome new members. A warm welcome is extended to all, so please join us this Friday, 9:45am in the Bliss Room.

Infant Baptism

This Thursday, we have baptismal preparation at Stella Maris for parents with infants. At this short meeting, we explain the symbols of the sacrament, answer any questions and confirm the time and date of the children's baptism. The meeting begins at 6:00pm at Stella Maris Church. In preparation for the meeting and to streamline the process, parents are asked to visit the parish webpage and complete the online baptismal registration form.

Stella Maris Parish Office

Adjacent to the Stella Maris Church
Office Hours 9:00am—2:00pm Weekdays
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Sisterhood
WOMEN'S RETREAT
JULY
26
2025
8.30am - 4.00pm
STELLA MARIS SCHOOL
5 STELLA WAY
MAROOCHYDORE

**YOU
ARE
INVITED**



COST \$40

**"Awake, O sleeper, Rise from the dead,
and Christ
will shine on you"**
Ephesians 5:14

WHO IS AT THE END OF THE LINE ?

Our Sunshine Coast Catholic Community has emerged as the largest Mass going Parish in the Archdiocese, and this is reflected, also, in the activity and many ministries that are happening within our community. As a Catholic Parish, we proclaim the Good News, celebrate the Sacraments, and hopefully, by our lives, are a beacon of hope in a sometimes troubled world. But Parishes are much more than that! Parishes these days are a complex web of individuals and groups, each with their own unique requirements and requests. Not only does a well-functioning, forward looking and proactive Parish have to meet their needs, it also has to be compliant with the latest legal, financial, safeguarding and workplace, health and safety legislation and guidelines. It is a continuously changing and multifaceted landscape that we negotiate through! So when you call the Parish Office with a question or a request, the friendly voices at the end of the line will do their best to give you an answer, action your request or point you in the right direction. *Your call could be answered by ~*



Men of our Sunshine Coast Parish

All men of our Parish Family are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on next Saturday morning, July 12th at 7:00am at Stella Maris. Our guest speaker for the morning will be Henry Martin, who will share his faith journey and how it led him to the Catholic Church. Henry is currently our catechist, leading one of our RCIA groups.

A healthy light breakfast consisting of cereal, fruit, toast and spreads is included! To help with catering, please RSVP to Rob Hoy on 0401 498 059. To keep things simple, could you please bring your own bowl, plate, mug and cutlery. All men, wise and full of stories, or young and eager to learn, are warmly invited – **why not bring a friend ?**

**MEN'S
Breakfast**

The start of the new Financial Year is the opportunity to invite everyone to financially support the mission and ministry of your Parish Family and help us pay down our Parish debt. Everyone's generosity is appreciated and no one's financial sacrifices are taken for granted. At the entrance to the Church you will discover a Planned Giving envelope which contains information on how you can continue to support your Parish Community. **Thank you for your generosity & trust.**

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,

Mia Mikelat

who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Leslie O'Brien, Michael Brown & John Rossiter.**

May their souls, and the souls of all our deceased priests, religious and family members, through the rich mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.

The monthly meeting of our Parish **Knights of the Southern Cross** is on this Tuesday, July 8th, 7:00pm at the Bliss Room. This active men's group is always welcoming of new members, and for more information, please contact John Legg: john.legg51@gmail.com

It has been a shocker of a football season for the football experts of our Parish! Upsets and inconsistencies have wreaked havoc on the leader's board. As we get to the business end of the season we hope for less emotional and sentimental tipping and more pragmatic picks!

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7		Ken pursell
8		Michael Dwan
9		TMH1970
10		MichaelDunne
11		Schvyvo
12		BBee
13		Strip
14		KarentheCowboy
15		MACFC22
16		Jimmary63
17		Chrysostomchamps
18		Hoyboys
19		Cool Vinny
20		Rabbitrap
21		Holy Roller
22		McCormickFam
23		Kocattips
24		Rose_M
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26		khill
27		Wesleyboy
28		David Somerville
29		Sutto77
30		Frania and John loane
31		DRP2
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33		RobOD
34		ValePopeFrancis
35		marnev
36		Fr Peter
37		Val S

38		TimG84
39		Larry_76
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43		Yulgilbar
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45		Benni Kelly
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47		RoscosRascals
48		Coolum Rita
49		MCs Crystal Ball
58		Gee Wiz
59		Jte18
60		RomaBoy
61		Murdoch1956
62		Tiger Bart
63		FamiliaMac
64		BMW62
65		georgiatips
66		Raadi
67		The Bassassin
68		Mario Stella
69		Bev Nunan
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71		Lyn Purasell
72		CarroW
73		Mick Tanzer
74		Kieran F
75		Elizabeth Murphy
76		JordanSomerville
77		Buckoschance
78		Brett H 25
79		BlueRooster
80		Happiness
81		Luca Camerlengo
82		Nifty70
83		Ms Sea Eagle
84		ROSCOS REBELS



The churches, schools and parish infrastructure of our Stella Maris Parish are a living legacy of the vision, sacrifice and determination of those who **handed on the faith** to us. They created the foundation for our Catholic Community through the generous sharing of their talent, time and treasure. Without their vision and determination, our parish would look completely different!

One of the challenges we face today is how we honour and build upon the sacrifices and vision of those who **handed on the faith** to us and gifted us the resources and ability to be who we are today as a Parish Family. If we are honest, most of us have a deep fear that if we make any substantial gift to the parish, it will not be appreciated or valued and, in the end, be squandered! ***It is a legitimate fear!*** In other parts of the world, especially in the United States, endowment funds have been established to precisely address this concern. An endowment fund accepts and invests any contribution and only uses the interest as income. In practical terms for a parish endowment fund, the parish uses the annual interest and income for the mission of the church, while the initial contribution remains in place. So, a person or family has the confidence that their financial contribution will still be working for the mission of the Church and Parish ten, fifty or a hundred years from now!

With the support of the Parish Finance Council, the Stella Maris Endowment Fund has been established. This fund, independently and professionally managed, will support the work and mission of the parish in perpetuity. It is an option for anyone or any family wishing to make a contribution to the long term mission and maintenance of Stella Maris. **There are information envelopes at the entrance to the church.** By inviting you to consider supporting the Stella Maris Endowment Fund by remembering the fund in your will or making a pledge today, our hope is that the fund will continue to grow. In this way, we all have the opportunity to **hand on the faith** and provide a lasting legacy to those who will follow us in faith. Thank you for your support.