

This weekend, we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers.
This story is a lesson that reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places.
Our scripture this weekend comes from **2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13**
and the Gospel is from **Luke 17:11-19**

Welcome to everyone as we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Parish Footy Tipping Wrap-Up – A Season for the History Books!

After 27 nail-biting rounds, countless upsets, and more than a few prayers for underdogs that didn't quite get there, our 2025 Parish Footy Tipping Competition has finally wrapped up. What a season it has been!

First things first – a huge congratulations to our new parish tipping champion, the unstoppable **Farnwyn**! With an impressive **160 points**, Farnwyn has taken home the coveted bragging rights. There's already talk that Farnwyn's tipping skills may be worthy of canonisation – though we'll leave that to the Vatican to decide.

Hot on their heels were the dynamic duo of **Heckle and Jeckle**, who secured a mighty **second place with 157 points**. They've vowed to return next season "stronger, faster, and with less guesswork about the Sunday afternoon games."

In **third place, with 151 points, came Honest Dick** – whose name proved only *partly* accurate. While we can't confirm whether all his tips were entirely honest, his late-season charge up the leaderboard was certainly impressive.

The battle for fourth came down to percentage points (or perhaps divine intervention) with **Kocattips** finishing on **150 points**, just edging out **Val S**, who also scored 150. Val insists she would have placed higher if not for a few "mystifying umpiring calls."

Meanwhile, in what can only be described as a cautionary tale for clergy everywhere, **Fr Isaac** finished a respectable – or perhaps 'humble' – **22nd place with 144 points**. While not quite the premiership form he was hoping for, he's claiming it was all part of his pastoral plan, "I just wanted to make sure others could feel the joy of finishing higher than their parish priest".

Parish youngster **Dylan** came in **30th with 142 points**, which he's calling a "learning year," while **Fr Peter** brought up **54th place with 135 points**. Rumour has it Fr Peter was tipping based on which team colours best matched the liturgical season, which worked a treat in Lent, but not so much during Ordinary Time.

This year's comp saw more than just numbers on a ladder. We had great banter in the church, spirited debates after Mass, and the occasional (very minor) confession about tipping against one's own team. It's been a fun way to bring our parish community together around a bit of friendly competition – and sometimes friendly teasing!

As we wrap up the season, we say a huge *thank you* to everyone who took part. Whether you were fighting for the top spot or just trying to beat the parish priest, your tips, laughs, and camaraderie made this year's comp a real highlight. We look forward to seeing everyone back next season – and who knows, maybe 2026 will finally be the year your priests crack the top ten, (don't hold your breath, though).

Until then, congrats again to **Farnwyn**, our **2025 Parish Tipping Legend**!

Fr Isaac Falzon



Where Faith and Life Meet

With joy, we welcome into God's Family, the Church,
Isaiah Bilaver, Jimmy Brunner, Remi Brunner, Maeve Butterworth, Olive Butterworth, Luca Jones, Lyla Minett & Luna Pearson who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We prayerfully remember our loved ones who have died, especially this week we remember
Malcolm Macnaughtan, Catherine Callanan, Bob Robertson & James Anderson.
May their souls, and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, fellow parishioners and loved ones
Through the rich mercy of God **Rest in Peace.**

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 13 October

- ◆ Benediction (5:15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5:30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Theology Hub (7:00pm, Stella Maris)

Tuesday 14 October

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

Wednesday 15 October

- ◆ **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine's Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Latin American prayer group (6:00-8:00pm, Duffy Room)

Thursday 16 October

- ◆ **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's Church)

Friday 17 October

- ◆ Stations of the Cross (8:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Grief Support Team Meeting (9:30am)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless

Saturday 18 October

- ◆ Men's Retreat (8:30am, Hockey Club, Buderim)
- ◆ Reconciliation (8:30—9:30am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms (10:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Jesus Shine Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group (11:00am, St Catherine's Church)

- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4:30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6:00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 19 October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ **Mass** (6:30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7:30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8:00am, St Catherine's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Young Adults Breakfast (after 9:00am Mass)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ NO Junior Ministers
- ◆ 10:10 Youth (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris 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.

It is possible that on entering one of our Sunshine Coast Parish churches, you may hear the Call of God.
On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone.
Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place and speak to him.
If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.

Remembrance

How we remember the *dead* is significant in how we *live*. That is because all of us live on the boundary of eternity, where past, present, and future are as one. The memory of those who have shared our journey, handed on the faith to us, been examples of sacrifice, determination and love, helps form who we are as we walk along that boundary. That is why we do not want to forget them; that is why it is important to remember them.

This year, All Saints Day falls on Saturday, 1st November and All Souls Day falls on the following day, Sunday, 2nd November. While on the Sunday, we will definitely remember all the faithful departed, **9:00am on Saturday, 1st November, at Stella Maris, we will have our special Mass of Remembrance, calling to mind those who have died in our community, especially over the past 12 months.** For as the Jewish prayer reminds us, "*as long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us; as we remember them*".

Don't Procrastinate

Since we are already thinking about November, it is not a bad time to make sure you have collected your **Funeral Preparation Pack**. They are available at the entrance to the church. The purpose of the preparation envelope is not to be taken home and collect dust. It is to be opened, reflected upon and discussed with your loved ones. Please fill out and then return to the parish office (or some obvious place at home), where hopefully it will not be opened for many years to come. By spending a little time completing the Funeral Preparation Pack, it will give you peace of mind and certainly take a lot of pressure off those you love the most as they gather to celebrate your life. The trick with the preparation pack is – **don't procrastinate!**

Pray & Play

Every Wednesday morning from **9:30am-11:00am**, parents with children gather at Stella Maris for our **Pray & Play group**. It is an excellent opportunity for young children to interact with each other while at the same time for adults to share their wisdom of experience, and in the process, have some fun. Grandparents are especially welcome to share their experience and stories while at the same time enjoying the energy and inquisitiveness of those just starting out on the great adventure of life. *Please join us this Wednesday!*

Laying the Foundation

With school holidays a distant memory and the rhythm of weekly life returning to normal, all our Children's Church opportunities also resume. Children's Church is not babysitting, but an opportunity to provide age-appropriate catechetics to the younger members of our Parish Family. We have Children's Churches at the beginning of Mass at St Catherine's (8:00am), Stella Maris (9:00am and 5:00pm), and we have introduced the programme at St Mary's (9:30am). Adults who help run the programme work in teams and use the resources provided. It is a great ministry, and we are always welcoming of new volunteers to the team! If you would like more information, please contact Carolyn Watt at the Parish Office, sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Clergy

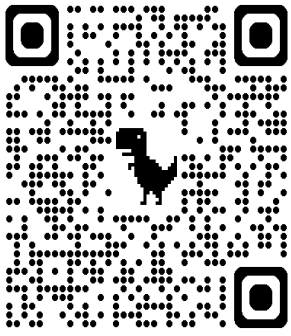
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Fr Isaac Falzon
Deacon Michael Khoury
Bishop Brian Heenan
Bishop Emeritus



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Our Annual Men's Retreat is on Next Saturday



Sometimes you have to grasp hold of the faith opportunities that come your way. Our Men's Retreat might just be one of those occasions! We are delighted that Fr Paul Chandler has accepted our invitation to lead the retreat. Fr Paul is a Carmelite priest and currently the Spiritual Director at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Fr Paul will bring his years of wisdom and experience to us and help us navigate what it means in practical ways to be people of faith living in a very busy, secular world. It promises to be a day of sensible, practical theology with a common sense application for our daily living.



In the midst of all the demands and pressures that we face here on the Sunshine Coast, this one-day Men's Retreat is an ideal opportunity to pause and reflect on what is important and where life is taking us.

You can't be too young or too old to be part of this day of reflection and prayer. Don't miss this opportunity to recharge and reconnect. **Date:** Saturday, 18th October **Time:** 8:30am **Location:** Sunshine Coast Hockey Club, Buderim **Theme:** Men on a Mission: Saints who changed the world. To register, please scan the QR code.

Good to Know

It is a privilege, and not a right, to come forward and receive Holy Communion in our Parish Family. We are conscious of our fellow parishioners who, for whatever reason, cannot receive Holy Communion. They are, however, along with anyone who joins us, and who is not a Catholic, welcome to come forward with the community and receive a blessing. When you approach the minister, simply cross your arms and you will receive a blessing.

There are some common rituals and habits that unite us, who receive Holy Communion. Paragraph 160 of the official *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains that the sign of reverence for the sacred elements is a bow that is made as communicants approach the ministers distributing Communion, "when approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive". Communicants are to make a simple bow of the head when they step forward to receive the consecrated elements from the minister. Such a bow can be done simply, without disrupting the flow of the Communion Procession. **You consume the Blessed Sacrament immediately on receiving it.**

10:10 Youth and Young Adults

10:10 Youth and Young Adults will be joining in for a special combined event run by the NET Team and YA Leaders with **Adoration, Praise & Worship** to celebrate the feast day of St Carlo Acutis, **3:00-5:00pm this Sunday**. We will also be looking at the Eucharistic Miracles Display. So come along and enjoy some more Praise, Worship and Adoration like we did at Ignite. If you have any friends who couldn't come to Ignite, why not invite them along this weekend?

Known by Name

In such a large and busy parish, there is always the risk of being overwhelmed by the numbers. But everyone here in our Parish Family is more than a number! To be known by our name is to belong. As you look around, you will notice many of your fellow parishioners with name badges – it is a simple but effective way of being known by your name, and knowing the name of your fellow believers sitting beside you.

Through the generosity of a parishioner who will underwrite this project, I am happy to offer everyone a name badge free of charge. You have seen them already on your fellow parishioners, why not join them and become known within your community?

Simply complete the details below, place it in an envelope, and put it on the collection plate or return it to the office. From experience, the Parish name badges work best when they live in your car's glovebox – when you drive to Mass, you put them on, and when you get back in your car to drive home, you put them back in the glovebox.

NAME ON BADGE: _____ (Please Print)

YOUR COMMUNITY: _____

- * St Peter's Church, Coolum
- * St Catherine's Church, Sippy Downs
- * St Mary's Church, Buderim
- * Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore

Are you a registered parishioner: **YES / NO**

(If **NO**, please use the QR code to become a registered parishioner of your parish.)

Your full name: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____



Our Newest Saint

EXHIBITION

AN INVITATION TO ALL

THIS EXHIBITION WILL BE DISPLAYED
ON THE FEAST DAY OF
SAINT CARLOS ACUTIS
THIS WEEKEND - 11TH & 12TH OCTOBER
INCLUDING A FIRST CLASS RELIC

The Church's first millennial saint, St Carlos Acutis is known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist and his use of technology to evangelise, creating an online museum of Eucharistic miracles which will be on display.

WHEN?

**THIS SATURDAY
& SUNDAY**

OPENING TIMES?

**SAT 5:00PM - 7:00 PM
SUN 7:00AM - 8:00PM**

WHERE?

**BLISS ROOM
STELLA MARIS CHURCH,
MAROOCHYDORE**

