

Perhaps the virtue of perseverance—especially in prayer, in faith, and in our mission as followers of Christ is the theme of this weekend's scripture. We are reminded that faith is not a fleeting feeling but a steady, enduring commitment.

Our scripture this weekend comes from **Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**
and the Gospel is from **Luke 18:1-8**

Welcome to everyone as we celebrate the 29th 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.



**catholic
mission**

Reach out. Give life.

Catholic Mission is the Pope's international mission agency in Australia. An international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care. Our network of religious and lay missionaries operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and the Americas. **Across our Parish Family this weekend, it is our chance to support the work of Catholic Missions.** At all our churches, you will discover appeal envelopes, and you are invited to place the envelopes on the collection place. If you have not come prepared for the appeal this weekend, you are welcome to return the envelope next weekend. On behalf of all those who rely on the ministry of Catholic Missions, thank you for your support.



† RCIA †
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On 1st November, we will be receiving 11 people into the Church. You've probably heard about RCIA and heard about those who are journeying through it, but it's always nice to put faces and names to groups. This group has been learning and deepening their faith every Tuesday night with their Catechist, Henry Martin, and are in the final weeks of preparation before they fully join us in the celebration of the Eucharist. We should remember how brave they are and commend them for having the courage and faith to go on this journey when so many people either don't care or are openly hostile to the idea of religion. To those of us who were born Catholics, Mass and God are just a part of life, but it is worth putting ourselves in the shoes of someone who has come from a different background, whether that's a different understanding of God or maybe even no God at all. It takes a lot of humility to do what these incredible people have done. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation.

Where Faith and Life Meet

With joy, we welcome into God's Family, the Church,
Lily Bessell, Archie Coleman, Henry Maher Allan, Theodore Morley and Clodagh Ward
who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We prayerfully remember our loved ones who have died, especially this week we remember

Fran Anderson and Therese Finn.

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 20 October

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

Tuesday 21 October

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

Wednesday 22 October

- ◆ **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Communion Service** (9:00am, St Catherine's Church)
- ◆ Play and Pray (9:30am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Latin American Group (6:00pm, Duffy Room)

Thursday 23 October

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

Friday 24 October

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

Saturday 25 October

- ◆ Reconciliation (8:30—9:30am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms (10:00am, Stella Maris/St Catherine's)
- ◆ 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, 26 October

30th 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)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10:10 Youth (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Young Adults Compline (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.

We Will Remember Them

Two important feasts in our yearly calendar are **All Saints Day** and **All Souls' Day**. This year, All Saints Day falls on Saturday, 1st November and All Souls Day, the next day, Sunday, 2nd November. While on the Sunday our focus will definitely be on praying for all the faithfully departed, here in our Sunshine Coast Parish, we have a tradition of remembering our loved ones who have gone before us with a special Mass. On **Saturday, 1st November, 9:00am at Stella Maris**, we will have a **Mass of Remembrance** where we will pray for our loved ones who have gone before us, especially, as a parish, we remember those of our community who have died during the past 12 months. Our Parish Grief Support Group coordinates this Mass and invites all family members of those who have died in the past 12 months to join parishioners at this Mass. Please note that there will be no Reconciliation on Saturday, 1st November.

Parish Calendar

In such a busy and active Parish Family, it is important to plan ahead. We are in the process of compiling our Parish Calendar for 2026. This calendar has all the important dates and times, which helps us ensure that we don't double book, and our activities do not clash with other events. If you have dates or bookings that need to be included in the Parish Calendar, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible at suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au.

Safeguarding Training

If you're a volunteer in a ministry that requires a Blue Card or Police Check, thank you for all you do! As part of keeping our community safe, safeguarding training is a mandatory requirement and needs to be renewed every two years. For anyone who isn't able to complete the preferred online training, the safeguarding team is offering a face-to-face session at **St Mary's Buderim on Wednesday, 29th October at 7:45am (after Mass)**. To register, email to the Parish Office at safeguarding.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au.

Invitation

Calling all crafters - the craft group's next get together is on this **Friday, 24th October at 9:45am** in the Bliss Room (following the 9:00am Mass). Please come along and join in the fun - come as you are, all skill levels and crafts are very welcome. We are preparing for our Christmas Stall so there is a seat for everyone to join us on Friday.

Locked Out ?

Last year, we were informed that the computer programme operating our fob system at Stella Maris was now obsolete, and next time there was an issue with the programme, it could not be serviced. Two weeks ago, the programme froze, and all our fobs ceased to work! We have installed a new access system, and included new swipes on the kitchen and Duffy Room doors. If you have a fob, you will need to visit the Parish Office to reactivate it.

Gratitude

Thank you to Fr Isaac, and the organising committee who coordinated this weekend's Men's Retreat. For all who took advantage of this day of prayer and reflection, it was a rewarding experience. A special thank you to Fr Paul Chandler, the Spiritual Director of Holy Spirit Seminary, for agreeing to be the retreat director for the day. Thank you also to **Holy Cross Funerals** for providing the lunch and light refreshments on the day.

Parish Clergy

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



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RUN THE RACE SET ~~BEFORE~~ CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

persevere in running the race



**ALL IN
SUNNY COAST**
• 24.10.25 • ST MARY'S BUDERIM •
6:30PM - 8:30PM

persevere in running the race

SET BEFORE US



We've got an exciting event just for you — *All In Sunny Coast* is back for the second time this year! Get ready for an evening filled with fun, faith formation, and powerful praise and worship.

This night's theme is "**Run the Race Set Before Us**" — a call to persevere and keep going strong in the journey of faith. You won't want to miss it!

When: 6:30pm this Friday, 24th October

Where: St Mary's, Buderim

Bring your energy, your friends, and an open heart — see you there!

It's a chance to connect with other young people from across the Coast, who are passionate about living their faith. There'll be live music, inspiring talks, and time for prayer and reflection. Whether you've been before or this is your first *All In*, come and see what it's all about — *you'll leave encouraged and fired up!*



At last, we can reveal the true identity of the winner of this year's Stella Tippers! Hidden in our midst, quietly studying the form, weighing up injuries, calculating the odds and keeping his head below the radar was none other than Dennis Donovan, AKA *Farnwyn*. On behalf of us all, congratulations, Dennis. The proceeds of this year's NRL tipping competition helped send our youth to the Ignite Conference.

Our busy weekend youth programme continues with an invitation to all primary school students (First Communion to grade 6) to be part of our **Junior Ministers** who meet 3:00pm each Sunday afternoon in the Bliss Room at Stella Maris. It is an afternoon of training, fun and games. For more information, please contact Bernie (bbaillie811@gmail.com). Right next door, gathering also at 3:00pm, is our **10:10 Maroochydore Youth Group**, coordinated by our NET team. It is an afternoon of fun, faith and friendship. If you would like more information, please email our Parish NET team (maroochydore@netministries.com.au). *Come along—join us this week!*



Many parishioners and friends had the opportunity to visit the St Carlo Acutis exhibition last weekend. St Carlo is our first millennial saint, and was known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist, and his use of technology to evangelise. A special thank you to Mary Le Feuvre and Kate Hobbs for the display.

Known by Name

Did you get a chance to fill out a name badge order form? 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: _____



Catholic Education in our Sunshine Coast Parish

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Sippy Downs
psippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Eric Ellems



Year 6 Faith Talks

This term, our Year 6 students have been exploring how faith is expressed and lived out by believers in both our Catholic tradition and the Jewish faith.

Last Friday, we were privileged to welcome several guest speakers from diverse Catholic backgrounds, who generously shared their personal experiences with the students. They spoke about their own faith journeys—how their beliefs have evolved over time—and offered meaningful metaphors to describe what faith means to them.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Dylan Asmus, Bernie Ballie, Marianna, Sam, Damien, Henry from NET Ministries, and a certain APRE, for devoting their time to engaging with the Year 6 classes. Through these enriching conversations, our students discovered that each person's journey of faith is unique and often marked by both challenges and triumphs. Despite life's inevitable ups and downs, faith remains a source of hope and guidance for all.

Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore
pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mark Ballam



On the final day of Term 3, our school joyfully celebrated Grandparents Day—a heartwarming event that honoured the special role grandparents play in our students' lives. The morning began with classroom visits, where grandparents engaged in learning activities, shared stories, and joined their grandchildren in prayer. It was a beautiful opportunity for students to showcase their work and for grandparents to experience the vibrant learning environment firsthand.

Following the classroom sessions, everyone gathered for musical performances by our talented choirs and instrumental ensembles. The music filled the hall with energy and pride, creating a memorable moment for all. The celebration concluded with a relaxed morning tea, offering time for conversation and connection.

Grandparents Day was a meaningful way to bring generations together, celebrate learning, and strengthen our school community, and we thank all who attended this special day.

Siena Catholic College

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Sippy Downs
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Principal: Sharon Collins



A Siena College Campus Minister's perspective on the Ignite Conference

Ignite wasn't just a conference—it was an *encounter*. For the first time in a long while, I felt what it truly means to *surrender everything* and rest in the love of Jesus. Every moment—whether in powerful worship, quiet prayer, or heart-to-heart conversations—was soaked in His presence. The talks were inspiring, the music was electric, and the sense of unity was something I'll never forget. What made this year even more special was that **every year level from our school was represented**. It was such a privilege to witness our students' faith growing right before my eyes—to see walls come down, hearts open, and lives touched so deeply by God's love. Watching them step into worship with such authenticity and joy was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen.

I came home feeling lighter, filled with hope, and so aware that God is not distant—He's right here, walking with us every step of the way. Now I get it—why our NET team is always so joyful, grounded, and proudly Catholic. When you've experienced Jesus' love that deeply, you can't help but live it out loud.

Ignite reminded me that when we truly surrender, Jesus meets us there—with peace, purpose, and a love that transforms everything.

In our highly mobile world, each week at Mass we see many smiley faces as individuals, couples, and families join us for our weekend Masses. After all, it is the Eucharist that unites us! These smiley faces might be on holidays, day-trippers, adventurers on a journey around Australia or simply new parishioners, and people reconnecting with church.

Wherever you are on the journey, welcome. If you are new to our Parish Family, we are glad you are here! Several times a year, we host a **"Welcome Party"** on the balcony of the presbytery. It is our chance to introduce ourselves, and more formally welcome you to your new Parish. At the entrance to the church, you will find a **"Welcome Folder"** containing information about our Parish. Importantly, if you complete the information and return it to the Parish Office, we will be delighted to send you an invitation to our next **"Welcome Party"**.

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

