

At the start of November we celebrate two profound feasts and this year they fall on this weekend. All Saints Day and All Souls Day remind us that death does not end our connection to one another—it transforms it. We are united in the love and mercy of Christ, who conquered death and calls us all to eternal life. As we celebrate these sacred days, may the saints inspire us to holiness and may our prayers bring comfort and peace to the souls of the faithful departed.

## Welcome to everyone as we celebrate the All Soul's Day.

Our scripture this weekend comes from **Isaiah 25:6-9, Romans 5:5-11**  
and the Gospel is from **Luke 7:11-17**

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.

## Where Faith and Life Meet

I don't know about you, but for me, All Souls' Day seems to get more and more meaningful, the older I get. This is the one day in the year when we especially remember and pray for those who have died, and the older you get, comes the realisation that one day, sooner rather than later, there will be someone remembering and praying for you. It is a sobering thought!

This year, here in our Sunshine Coast Parish family, we have buried many dear members of our community. Every funeral I am privileged to celebrate brings me to a greater awareness of the brevity of life. **It's short, it's fleeting, it's fast.** Even if one lives to be in their 90s, life is still short, just ask anyone in their 90s!

The fledgling early church knew this and prayed for and remembered those who had died for the very same reason that we still do today. All our memories today are unique and extremely personal – they capture those who are no longer with us and who have taught us in so many ways how to live and love and have added to the great tapestry of our lives. They offered us gifts of faith, trust, and courage, which are intertwined with our doubts and fears and uncertainties. Today, we remember each of them. Their faith gives us courage to continue. They are our guides and mentors, and for each of them, we give thanks.

When those first Christians prayed for their loved ones who had died, they did so in order to give thanks to Almighty God for their witness, their courage, and above all, their faith. They did so because they recognised the unbreakable bond that joins us all together in Christ, the living and the dead alike. Death cannot tear asunder the family of Christ; death cannot tear asunder the communion that we share in Christ with each other, whether we are here on earth or have gone on into the next life.

This is best captured by the English Benedictine priest, the Venerable Bede, who lived from 673-735AD. Thirteen hundred years ago, he wrote: ***We seem to give them back to you, O God, who gave them first to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving, so we do not lose them by their return. Not as the world gives do you give. What you give you do not take away. For what is yours is also ours. We are yours and life is eternal. And love is immortal, and death is only a horizon, and a horizon is but the limit of our sight.***

**One day death will come to claim us, but death cannot defeat us!** Until then, we commemorate and pray for the 'faithful departed', – those who are now gone from us. However, we do so knowing that they are 'faithful' in the fullest sense; never abandoned by God, who is not only the object of our faith, but the source of it as well. As we pray for all the souls this weekend, may we have the courage to one day be counted in their company by our own faithfulness, sacrifices and love.

## On The Journey

This Sunday with joy we celebrate the wedding of:

**Alexander Martin** and **Juliana Parra.**

Congratulations is extended to **Stefanus Jeffri** and **Debora Astria** on their recent marriage.

As a Parish family we welcome into God's family, the Church,

**Emilia Doran** and **Joseph Gerard**

who will be baptised this weekend in our community.

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

**Fran Anderson** and **Allan Waldron.**

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.**

# This Week

*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 03 November

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

## Tuesday 04 November

*St Charles Borromeo*

- ◆ Communion Service (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- ◆ Sisterhood Meeting (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Wednesday 05 November

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

## Thursday 06 November

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

## Friday 07 November

- ◆ Stations of the Cross (8:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass & Anointing** (9:00am, Stella Maris)  
Followed by morning tea.
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless

## Saturday 08 November

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

## Sunday, 09 November

### *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ Young Adults (11:00am, Chambers Island)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 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.*

This weekend, being the first of the month, **hospitality** is the special focus of our Parish family. All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to enjoy the hospitality and company of our community, and a big thank you to all those who coordinate and generously support this important ministry. Thank you to all who also brought a plate to share today.

## Sisterhood

Our Parish women's ministry, Sisterhood, gathers this Tuesday, 6:00pm, 4<sup>th</sup> November at Stella Maris. This will be our final meeting for the year and looking back over the year with our regular meetings and women's retreat, we have much to be grateful for. A big thank you to all who attended our October gathering. We were small in number, but the depth and quality of our sharing were truly rich and meaningful. To prepare for our next meeting, please read the remaining three chapters of **Ephesians (chapters 4, 5 & 6)**. If you weren't able to join us last time, catching up is easy — just read **the first three chapters** as well. We look forward to seeing you all at our final meeting for 2025.

## Anointing Mass

The first Friday of every month, our Parish family celebrates an Anointing and Healing Mass, 9:00am at Stella Maris. In times of illness and suffering, our Catholic Church offers the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This beautiful tradition celebrates our faith in Christ's healing touch and continues his mission of compassion for the hurting. You don't have to be near death to receive this gift; in fact, anyone struggling with a serious illness, be it physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual is encouraged to come forward and be anointed. Following the anointing Mass this Friday you are invited to bring a plate and stay for morning tea.

## Crafty People

With Christmas quickly approaching, our Stella Maris Craft group is busy preparing for their Christmas Stall, which will be held on the weekend of 7th December. All members of our community are invited to join the Craft Group. Their next gathering is at 1:00pm, Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November (St Peter's Coolum), and at 9:45am, Friday, 14th November (Stella Maris, Bliss Room). New members are welcome.

## You Are Important

Data from the census revealed that Queenslanders had one of the highest rates of residents who had changed addresses in the previous five 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, please pick up a welcome pack at the entrance of the church so that we can formally welcome you to your new Parish family. *On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

## Reports

The parish supports the work of our two St Vincent de Paul conferences, and reports of their activities for the past year can be found by visiting our Parish webpage; [maroochydoireparish.com.au](http://maroochydoireparish.com.au). Proceeds from this Sunday's **Sounds of Celebration** concert, 2:00pm at Coolum goes towards supporting Vinnies.

## Parish Clergy

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



## Stella Maris Parish Office

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# Welcome to the Family



It is with great joy that this weekend we welcome into God's Family, the Church **Angus, Anita, Billy, Clair, Emma-Kate, Jacob, Jasmine, Jerrod, Nikita, Pablo, Rosie and Stan**. After a journey of prayer, reflection and discernment at this weekend's 6:00pm Vigil Mass, they were baptised, confirmed and received their First Communion. They are our newest Catholic sisters and brothers! Each week over the past six months, they gathered to examine a different aspect of our Catholic faith and these stepping-stones led them to freely make the decision to become full members of the Church. A big thank you to the sponsors and Henry Martin, their catechist, who guided them along the journey. As we welcome our new sisters and brothers into our faith community, we continue to pray for the 24 candidates, their sponsors and catechists who are on their RCIA journey to Easter next year. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us into the future!

Our month of remembering, forgiving, giving thanks and letting go has begun! 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 (it will be there after Mass for you to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones if you have not already had the chance).** 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 important and yet fleeting weeks.

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| Maureen Jones      | 29 October 2024  | Moya Cook            | 22 February 2025  |
| Beverley Farmer    | 30 October 2024  | John Corbett         | 25 February 2025  |
| Peter Reardon      | 20 November 2024 | Frances Stirling     | 14 March 2025     |
| Audrey Conway      | 27 November 2024 | Patricia Croke       | 18 March 2025     |
| Clare Nolan        | 29 November 2024 | Madeline Ljubinkovic | 21 March 2025     |
| Merv Paddison      | 29 November 2024 | Joe Conway           | 26 March 2025     |
| Christopher Breen  | 05 December 2024 | Gerty Carey          | 26 March 2025     |
| Silvana Mantello   | 06 December 2024 | Simone Verlaque      | 10 April 2025     |
| Marie Rickards     | 14 December 2024 | Frances Nicholls     | 26 April 2025     |
| Stephen Littlejohn | 15 December 2024 | Yvonne Farrah        | 08 May 2025       |
| Max Nixon          | 18 December 2024 | John Graham          | 25 May 2025       |
| Joyce Kliendienst  | 18 December 2024 | Lesley Graham        | 30 May 2025       |
| Joan Krause        | 03 January 2025  | Leslie O'Brien       | 19 June 2025      |
| Jenny Turner       | 05 January 2025  | Michael Brown        | 22 June 2025      |
| Bill Chomiak       | 08 January 2025  | John Rossiter        | 23 June 2025      |
| Phyllis McKenna    | 09 January 2025  | Joan Ebzery          | 06 July 2025      |
| Pauline Trevor     | 11 January 2025  | Graham Blakeney      | 14 July 2025      |
| Marie Holding      | 13 January 2025  | John McCormack OAM   | 24 July 2025      |
| Margaret Jeffery   | 14 January 2025  | Kathleen Brenton     | 04 August 2025    |
| Rita Sizer         | 30 January 2025  | Elizabeth Elson      | 25 August 2025    |
| Glenice Young      | 13 February 2025 | James Walker         | 06 September 2025 |
| Cecily Boman       | 14 February 2025 | Robert Robertson     | 20 September 2025 |
| Otto Hofstetter    | 20 February 2025 | Malcolm Macnaughtan  | 24 September 2025 |
| Margaret Morris    | 21 February 2025 | Jim Anderson         | 27 September 2025 |
|                    |                  | Therese Finn         | 12 October 2025   |

**We pray that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the rich mercy of God, may rest in peace.**

## SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to our last Men's Breakfast for the year at **7:00am-8:15am** on **Saturday, 22nd November** in the Bliss Room. If you've never been to one, Men's Breakfasts create a space for men to connect, build relationships, and support one another. These events also provide opportunities for sharing our personal experiences, and encouraging each other in our faith journey. Our speaker for the morning will be Rob Hoy who will share his journey to knowing Jesus. A light breakfast consisting of cereal, fruit, toast and spreads is included; tea and coffee are also provided. Cost will be \$5.00 cash, (payable at the door). Please book early as seating is limited. Perhaps you could invite a friend. **NOTE:** To keep things simple, **please bring your own bowl, plate, cutlery and mug.** For catering purposes, RSVP to Rob Hoy on 0401 498 059 by 12:00pm, Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November.



# Catholic Education in our Sunshine Coast Parish

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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



### Socktober: Sock it to Poverty!

Last week, Siena held our annual Socktober fundraiser, supporting Catholic Missions and The Hear and Say Foundation. Students donned their brightest socks and loudest shirts, contributing gold coin donations to help those in need. The event encouraged compassion, reflection, and empathy, following St Catherine of Siena's example.

Funds raised also supported The Hear and Say Foundation, which provides vital audiology and speech services across Queensland. At Siena, we are proud to have hearing-impaired children within our school community and supporting The Hear and Say Foundation was especially important to us so we could help make a difference for these students as well.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support and community spirit!



## Stella Maris Primary School

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



This week at Stella Maris School has been rich with gratitude, farewells, and a strong commitment to student safety.

### Honouring Our Teachers – World Teachers' Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated the incredible gift of our teachers. Their dedication and care are at the heart of our school community. Students expressed their appreciation through handwritten cards, warm wishes, and thoughtful gestures of kindness. It was a beautiful reminder of the vital role teachers play in shaping minds and hearts.

### Farewells Through Liturgy

In a moving whole-school liturgy, we farewelled three much-loved leaders:

- **Mrs. Nicole deVries**, Assistant Principal, as she begins a new chapter at Unity College, Caloundra.
- **Ms. Lauren Solomon**, Primary Learning Leader, who has taken up a role at Brisbane Catholic Education Head Office.
- **Mrs. Jenny Davissen**, Assistant Principal Religious Education, as she enters a well-deserved retirement.

It was a great celebration of their contribution to the Stella School community, and we thank them for their years of service and the lasting impact they have made on our community.

### Day for Daniel – A Sea of Red for Safety

On Friday, Stella Maris turned into a sea of red as we marked Day for Daniel, focusing on the vital message of student safety. Students wore a splash of red, walked the oval in solidarity, welcomed local police officers, and engaged in meaningful classroom conversations about staying safe. This day reminded us all of the importance of vigilance and care for every child.

## Siena Catholic College

60 Sippy Downs Drive,  
Sippy Downs  
ssippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au  
Principal: Sharon Collins



### Seniors visit the Preps

Last week was the final week of school ever for our Year 12 cohort. They do have three weeks of External Exams to complete before they graduate, but as a final gesture to the primary school, our Year 12s paid the Prep students a visit. In the true spirit of Catholic education, we couldn't think of a more fitting way for them to end their religious education than in the service of others. Time was spent reading, playing games and sharing stories. What an opportunity it was for our Year 12 students to reflect on how far they have come in 13 years of schooling. The 12s certainly enjoyed their time with the Preps, and judging by all of the smiles and laughter, the preps thoroughly enjoyed having the big kids around! We are very appreciative of the connections we can make between our schools.

Our parish is built on solid foundations, and that is obvious by the witness and ministry of the Knights. The Order of the **Knights of the Southern Cross** is a national organisation of Catholic laymen who operate with the support of the Australian Bishops. Here in our Sunshine Coast Catholic Parish, we have an energetic group of men who meet monthly and are always willing to support the mission of the Parish. They are also a very social group of men! The next meeting of the Knights is at **7:00pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November**. A warm invitation to any men who would like to discover more about the mission and ministry of the Knights or to join us – simply call Kerry on 0403 461 650 for more information.



**MAY YOU BACK THE WINNER THIS TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

## Baptism Preparation for Infants



Those parents with newborn babies wishing for them to be baptised are reminded of the preparation meeting, which takes place at Stella Maris Church on the first Thursday of every month. At this short preparation meeting, we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates. The next baptismal preparation meeting will be on 6:00pm this **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Please visit our parish webpage and register before attending the meeting; [maroochydoreparish.com.au](http://maroochydoreparish.com.au).