

This weekend's scripture speaks about God's house or temple. The church is more than a building – we are the living stones on which the church is built, but are challenged to remember that the construction of the church is not yet finished.

Welcome to everyone as we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Our scripture this weekend comes from **Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17**
and the Gospel is from **John 2:13-22**

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.

“The most holy Church of the Lateran, the mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world!”

These words, in Latin, greet every pilgrim entering through the front door of the basilica of St. John in the Lateran in Rome and clearly proclaim the Lateran's significance in Christianity.

For the second week running, we have a feast that takes precedence over the normal Sunday liturgy. Just as last week, the feast of the commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls Day) took precedence, so today the feast of the dedication of the Lateran basilica, dedicated to Saint John the Baptist, replaces the 32nd Sunday. Perhaps it sounds unusual to have a feast focusing on a building, but it is a very special building.

The first Christian emperor, Constantine, had a church built on land that once belonged to the Laterani family. That fourth century church was the precursor of the present Basilica. The Baptistry attached to the present Basilica is where Emperor Constantine was baptised.

We call the Lateran the mother of every church edifice because it was the first legalised Christian Church in history. It is the head, because Rome is the principal Church of the principal local Church in the world, the Diocese of Rome, the see of St. Peter, the vicar on earth of the Head of the Mystical Body.

We sometimes forget that it is The Lateran, not St. Peter's, which is the Pope's Cathedral. It is The Lateran, not St Peter's, where his *cathedra*, the chair symbolic of his teaching authority, rests. The Lateran, not the Vatican, is where the Popes resided for the first millennium of legalised Christianity (324-1308). This is the reason why on 9th November every year, not just the Diocese of Rome, but the whole Roman Catholic Church celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of their Head and Mother. For that reason, it has the title, “mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world,” and that includes our own parish churches of Stella Maris, St Mary's, St Peter's and St Catherine's, where we celebrate the Eucharist each week.

But importantly, what we celebrate today is more than an impressive sacred building! What comes through this weekend's scripture is that the Church is not a building made up of bricks and mortar, but instead made up of ourselves, as *‘living stones’*, and that our four local faith communities are the *‘temples’* that God has built in this time, and in this place to bear witness to the Good News.

This weekend we welcome back to our Sunshine Coast Parish family, Fr Brian Connolly

Where Faith and Life Meet

As a Parish family, we welcome into God's family, the Church,
Lenny Bennett, Levi Drinkwater, Kobe Cole and **Tadhg Griffithh**
who will be baptised this weekend in our community.

We prayerfully remember our loved ones who have died, especially this week, we remember
Allan Waldron whose funeral was celebrated last Tuesday, **Margaret Golding**, whose funeral will be celebrated at 11:00am on Tuesday, 11th November at St Mary's, and **Bev Sawyer** whose funeral will be celebrated at 11:30am on Friday, 14th November at St Peter's.

May their soul, 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 10 November *St Leo the Great*

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

Tuesday 11 November *St Martin of Tours*

- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- ◆ Funeral of Margaret Golding (11:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Craft Group (1:00pm, St Peter's)

Wednesday 12 November *St Josaphat*

- ◆ **Communion Service** (7:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (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 13 November

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

Friday 14 November

- ◆ Stations of the Cross (8:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Craft Group (9:45am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Funeral of Bev Sawyer (11:30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless

Saturday 15 November

- ◆ Reconciliation (8:30—9:30am, 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, 16 November

33rd Sunday of 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 (6:15pm, The Annex)

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



Stella Maris Parish Office

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At all of our Sunshine Coast churches, you will notice,
at the base of the altar,
our "Book of Remembrance",
which contains the names of our loved ones who have gone before
us marked with the sign of faith.

They will be the focus of our prayers during November.

You are invited to include additional names as we remember and
give thanks for their example and fidelity.

Bargains Galore

Calling all crafters - the Stella Maris craft group's next get together is on **Friday, 14th November** at 9:45am in the Bliss Room (following the 9:00am Mass). There is a lot of craft underway in the build up to our annual Christmas Stalls - come and join in the fun!

We are who we are because of you !

Our Parish Family is blessed with an extraordinary number of volunteers who keep everything bouncing along – they are literally the mortar that holds us all together! Quietly, behind the scenes, fellow parishioners clean our churches, put their hand up to be part of the music ministry, lead our children's church, take Holy Communion to those who can't join us for Mass, coordinate our celebrations, are part of different groups and ministries – **the list goes on and on!** Every year, before the craziness of the holiday season really kicks in, we try and gather all volunteers for a **Christmas Thank You party**. So, if you are a faithful volunteer, up front or behind the scenes, whether your ministry is either easy or time consuming, a grateful Parish would like to extend to all volunteers a warm invitation to this year's **Christmas Thank You party** at 6:00pm—7:30pm, Wednesday, **26th November**. Everyone is invited!

Better than an invite to the Chairman's Lounge !

Several times a year, our Parish Welcome Group hosts a function for new members of our Parish Family. We live in such a mobile society and our part of the Sunshine Coast is a popular destination, which means that **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, or returning after being away for a while, could you pick up a welcome pack at the entrance of the church so that we can formally welcome you to your new Parish family? Thursday night, **20th 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, and we would really like to send you an invitation.

Parents, Grandparents, Boys & Girls

Don't forget that each Wednesday during school term our **Play & Pray** group gathers at Stella Maris. It is a great way for families to connect, interact and grow. Join us **every Wednesday, 9:30am in the Bliss Room** for fun, friendship, and faith-filled moments. New families are always welcome—we'd love to meet you! Come connect, play, and pray with us!

Thank You

Finally, last weekend's hospitality could not have taken place without all our volunteers, fellow parishioners, who served, prepared, bought something along or cleaned after everyone left – a grateful Parish says thank you for your ministry and service.

Baptism Preparation Session for Children (Ages 7–15)

Families are warmly invited to attend a **Baptism Preparation Session** at 5:00pm, Tuesday, 25th November in the **Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore**.

This session is for children aged **7 to 15 years** who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The session will run for approximately 40 minutes. During this time, families will be guided through the preparation process. Children will then be able to complete their workbook and Mass passport in their own time.

The Candidate and **one parent** are required to attend the session. As a Parish Family, we look forward to sharing this special step with your family! For further details, please contact Carrolyn Watt at the Parish Office, sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

Your continued generous financial support makes all our ministry and outreach possible—thank you.

A Journey Ends — A Journey Begins

Threatening storm clouds could not stop family and friends joining parishioners last Saturday at Stella Maris to welcome into full communion with the Church *Jasmine Colhoun, Anita Deo, Jerrod Doran, Jacob Galvin, Nikita Henigman, Stan Hira, Claire Holmes, Rosie James, Louise Scrutton, Billy Sheffield, Emma-Kate Stevenson, Pablo Tuguinay Jr* and *Angus Webb*.

Our Sunshine Coast Catholic family is overjoyed to welcome them into the Catholic Church through the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** journey. Thank you to Henry Martin, their catechist, the sponsors and the special choir who all collaborated with the 6:00pm Vigil Mass community to make the ceremony memorable and meaningful.

The RCIA process has been a transformative journey for these individuals, marked by prayer, study, and fellowship. Supported by their sponsors and our RCIA team, they have prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We are grateful for all involved and to you, our Catholic Family here on the Sunshine Coast, who have provided the witness, been examples of faith and supported their journey by prayer.

While we welcome and rejoice in those who have joined our faith community, we remember the other 25 “searchers and enquirers” who are continuing on their own unique journey that will hopefully lead to full communion with the Church at Easter next year.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Planning Ahead: As a community, that also has to welcome many holiday makers and visitors, we have to plan ahead. For your information, our **Christmas schedule** is as follows:

Communal Rite of Reconciliation, 9:00am, Saturday, 20th December, Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

Communal Rite of Reconciliation, 5:00pm, Monday, 22nd December, Stella Maris, Maroochydore.

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm Maroochydore, 5:00pm Coolum, 5:00pm Sippy Downs 6:00pm & Midnight Mass Maroochydore.

Christmas Day: 6:30am Maroochydore, 7:30am Coolum, 9:00am Maroochydore, 9:30am Buderim.

Speaking of preparation, once again, there will be an **Advent Reflection Group** at St Catherine's, Sippy Downs, and an invitation is extended to all parishioners to be part of the Advent journey that leads to the birth of the Christ Child. The Advent Program will run for four weeks commencing at 6:00pm, Wednesday 26th November. Why not join us? For further information please contact John Ioana or the Parish Office, suncoast.bne.catholic.net.au.

Catholic Education in our Sunshine Coast Parish

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Eric Ellems



Siena's vibrant music program lies at the heart of our school, inspiring students through class music lessons, choirs, instrumental instruction, ensembles, bands, and memorable concerts. Our community is grateful to our talented music educators and tutors, with special thanks to Mr Todd Wynyard and Mrs Gabby Khoury, whose dedication and encouragement bring out the best in every student.

Each year, the Paula Noble Music Award honours a Year 6 student who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the Siena music program over several years, a true passion for music, and enthusiastic participation in a wide variety of musical activities. The recipient will have contributed their talents to Siena Primary and the wider community, served as a supportive member of our music program, and embodied the spirit and legacy of Paula Noble—a much-loved teacher whose devotion continues to inspire us today.



Benjamin

Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



This week, Stella Maris Primary School gathered to celebrate Presentation Day, honouring the legacy of Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters and the founding order of our school. The liturgy began with a symbolic lantern procession, representing the light Nano brought to the world.

Students and staff reflected on the Presentation values—compassion, courage, service, and faith—that shape our school community. Mr Knowles shared Nano's story: with only a lantern, a brave heart, and deep love, Nano walked the dark streets of Cork, Ireland to teach children and care for the poor. Her lantern became a symbol of hope, kindness, and the belief that every person matters.

At Stella Maris, we are called to carry Nano's lantern in our hearts by caring for others, standing up for what is right, helping those in need, and believing in the good we can do. The liturgy encouraged everyone to be "lantern-carriers" in classrooms, playgrounds, and homes—reminding us that even the smallest act of kindness can brighten someone's world.

As we concluded, we prayed for courage and compassion to keep Nano's legacy alive, lighting the way for others every day.

Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



Last Friday, over 140 students and staff from our College joined together for the annual **Day for Daniel Walk**, a heartfelt event dedicated to raising awareness about child safety. This walk marks the beginning of Australia's largest child safety education programme, reminding us all—parents, carers, educators, businesses, and parishioners—that keeping children safe is a shared responsibility.

The day holds special significance for our community, as Daniel himself attended secondary school here. Recently, we welcomed Bruce and Denise Morcombe to our College following the Year 7 students' completion of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety unit in their Health and Physical Education lessons.

Setting off from Suncoast Christian College, Woombye at 7am, we walked the 4km journey home—symbolically retracing the path Daniel never got to finish. The morning was filled with a sea of red, cheerful car horns, and even a few friendly dogs joining the walk. Our journey ended at Briggs Park, where we celebrated with food, festivities, and live radio before returning to school.

We are proud to play our part in this important event, especially this year with the introduction of Daniel's Law, which aims to protect children and empower parents. Daniel's legacy continues to inspire us, and through our collective efforts, we hope to keep Queensland's children safe for generations to come.



Available at the entrance of all four of our churches, we have new information envelopes containing details about our **Parish Planned Giving** programme and the many ways you can support your Parish and our **Endowment Fund**, which will provide your Parish family with financial security into the future. For new and returning members of our Parish, there is a **Welcome Pack**. It contains valuable information about your new Parish Family. Please feel free to take an envelope home with you today. The Parish **Funeral Preparation Pack** is also available at the entrance to the Church. To all new members of our Parish Community, you are welcome—*thanks for being part of our Parish Family.*

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, 21st November.

