

# ALLELUIA



**Love's redeeming work is done!**  
**Easter 2026**

# 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, 6<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **No Mass**

## Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **No Mass**

## Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine's Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6:00pm, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Men's Rosary Group (6:30pm, Stella Maris)

## Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Craft Group (9:45am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ Reconciliation 8:30—9:30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms 10:00am
- ◆ Shine Jesus Prayer Group (11:00am, St Catherine's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4:30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6:00pm, Stella Maris Church)

## Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **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 Church)
- ◆ **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.*

Once a month the **Men's Rosary Group** gathers to meditate on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through the mysteries of the Rosary. The Men's Rosary Group meets 6:30pm this Wednesday, at Stella Maris – all men, *young and not so young*, are warmly invited.



**Don't forget that we live stream our 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass each Sunday. Simply visit our parish web page and click on the **Live Mass** link, or visit our YouTube Channel.**

## Parish Clergy

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

This Easter weekend marks the start of well-anticipated school holidays, so as a parish family, we want to acknowledge your presence with us today. Indeed, we extend a warm welcome to all visitors, whether you are travelling around Australia or just heading up the Bruce Highway, thank you for joining our parish community today as together we celebrate the Resurrection.

## THANK YOU

Holy Week and Easter Time is a rollercoaster ride of emotions, events and ceremonies. Each year across our four church communities, our liturgies capture the essence of our faith as we journey with Jesus through Holy Week and emerge at Easter into the bright realisation of the Resurrection. On behalf of the entire parish, I would like to thank everyone who in any way helped with our Holy Week ceremonies. We are blessed to have generous and talented liturgists, musicians, choir members, ministers of the Word and Eucharist and sacristans. Behind them lie countless unnamed parishioners who without making a fuss, clean and prepare the church and altar, giving their time to ensure that all flows smoothly. On behalf of a grateful parish, *thank you.*

## INVITATION

Several times a year, our Parish Welcome Committee hosts a function for new members of our parish family. We live in such a mobile society. Apparently, data from the census revealed that Queenslanders had one of the highest rates of residents who have 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 introduce you to your new community. *On Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we are hosting a "New Parishioners Cocktail Party",* which is really just a fancy name for a gathering at the presbytery to welcome you.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

On the first Thursday of the month, we hold our baptismal preparation meeting for parents with newborn infants. The next baptismal preparation session will be held at 6:00pm, this Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at Stella Maris Church. At this short meeting, the symbols of baptism will be explained, questions answered and baptismal dates finalised. To book and receive the paperwork before the meeting, please visit our parish webpage and follow the link to complete the details.

## DINNER WITH THE BOSS !

Every year, the Archbishop hosts a dinner at *Wynberg*, his residence in Brisbane, for those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This year, Archbishop Shane will host a dinner for women on 30<sup>th</sup> April and for men on 11<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to receive an invitation to join Archbishop Shane, please contact Fr Peter or Fr Isaac by sending an email to the Parish Office.

## A STICH IN TIME

Every fortnight, our busy craft group meets at Stella Maris after the 9:00am Friday morning Mass. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners and visitors to join them for their next gathering, which will be in the Annex (adjacent to the Bliss Room) on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. *All crafts and people of any skill levels most welcome.*



## Stella Maris Parish Office

Adjacent to the Stella Maris Church  
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Website: [maroochydorepairish.com.au](http://maroochydorepairish.com.au)

## CONFIRMATION 2026

### Registration for our Confirmation programme is now open.

Registrations are now open for our Confirmation program. If you have a baptised child in Year 3 or older, please enrol online via our website. Parent information night will be held 5:00pm, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Stella Maris Church. For further information and to register your child, please visit: [maroochydoreparish.com.au](http://maroochydoreparish.com.au)

## BOTTLES AND CANS

Because everything is closed over Easter, our next monthly collection of bottles and cans will be **next weekend**. Last month, we launched our recycling program, and everyone was encouraged to save their bottles and cans and bring them to Stella Maris. We will have a trailer parked at Stella Maris, where you can leave your bottles and cans – we will take them to **Containers for Change** to be recycled. The proceeds will go towards supporting our youth program.

If you would rather go directly to the Containers for Change depot, you can use our identification number **C10193859**. However you wish to support this initiative, thank you for doing your part in caring for God's good creation here on the Sunshine Coast, and supporting our youth program.

## EASTER CAPERS

"Easter Capers" is a Maroochydore Catholic Parish holiday program for the Easter School holidays. It will be an exciting day of fun activities; craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games, all based around the Church's liturgical season of Easter.



**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. **Time:** 9:00am -3:00pm.  
**Numbers are limited** so registration is essential via this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/KSMCi0pNnu?origin=lprLink>

## PROJECT COMPASSION

You can return your **Project Compassion** envelopes by simply placing them on the collection plate. We will forward your generosity to Caritas, which will enable their vital work to continue.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also called Divine Mercy Sunday and this year the Divine Mercy devotions will be at **St Joseph's Nambour**. All Welcome **1:30pm** Adoration—**3:00pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



The churches, schools and 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.** We invite 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.

## OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Chennelle Bejosano, Michael Corlett, Claire Day, Luke Hoppe, Jayden James, Dahli Jacobson, Jan Jacobson, Benjamin Kelly, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Bailey Mead, Millie McGowan, Caitlin Moore, Daniel Seaton, Jorey Tong & Casey Twomey** who have completed their RCIA journey and are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church this Easter weekend.

Welcome **Santiago Walter, Nicolas Walter, Matiaa Walter & Emiliano Walter**, who will be baptised this weekend at St Catherine's Church.

This Tuesday marks the second anniversary of the death of **Fr Marty Larson**— as we remember Fr Marty, we also pray for **Allan Ridley** who died this past week. May their souls, and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, family and friends, through the rich mercy of God,

**Rest in Peace.**

# 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



A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who generously gave up their time last Wednesday to help cook up a storm at Soul Food. Your presence was truly valued, and we are so grateful for the love and care you poured into each dish. Thanks to your efforts, we now have over 100 meals ready to bless families in our Siena community. Your generosity will make a real difference to those who receive them.

As Jesus taught us, we must love our neighbour and look out for those who are marginalised. The Soul Food cook up was a beautiful demonstration of this teaching in action, showing abundant care and compassion to all.

A special word of thanks goes to Chanelle, our wonderful coordinator, for her leadership and dedication; Nic from the college for providing his delicious frappes and cheerful support; and Mel for her invaluable assistance throughout the day. Your contributions made the event extra special.



## Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,  
Maroochydore

pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mark Ballam



Each term, as a school community, we take time to acknowledge and celebrate students who have consistently demonstrated and exceeded our Stella Maris Core Values. This term, five students from each class have been nominated by their teachers for this recognition. These Core Value Challenge Champions each received a donut and were presented with a wristband and certificate from the Leadership Team. Through the Religious Education Curriculum, each year level focuses on different aspects of Holy Week and Easter, from introducing the story and symbols of Holy Week in the early years, to deeper exploration of the Paschal Mystery and its meaning for life and faith in the upper years.

On Thursday, the whole school gathered with Father for a Liturgy of the Word, pausing together to pray, sing and reflect on the events of Holy Week. The liturgy was brought to life through a series of reverent freeze-frame enactments by our Year 6 Liturgy and Outreach Group, helping students visually and prayerfully engage with key moments from the Gospel story.

*Blessings to all parishioners from Stella Maris School.*

## Siena Catholic College

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Sippy Downs

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Principal: Sharon Collins



This week, we drew our final Caritas Project Compassion fundraiser for the term, the Bernie Raffle. It has been wonderful to see our Siena community come together in such a generous and spirited way, supporting those most in need through this important initiative.

As we find ourselves in the final days of Lent, we are invited deeper into reflection. It is a time when we are called to slow down, to be still, and to turn our hearts towards the ultimate act of love and sacrifice.

The generosity shown through our community has demonstrated this Lent, reflects the Gospel message at the heart of this season, to give of ourselves for others. As we move towards Good



Friday, may we continue to carry this spirit of compassion, recognising that even small acts of kindness can make a profound difference in the lives of others.

## Misa en Español

On the second Saturday of every month, our Spanish chaplain Fr Luis, celebrates Mass in Spanish at St Mary's, Buderim. It is a great celebration with hospitality and a warm welcome to new faces. **FOR APRIL ONLY**, the next Mass in Spanish will be at 6:00pm, **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**. Their Facebook page is **Comunidad Catolica Latina de Sunshine Coast**. Also, at 6:00pm every Wednesday evening in the Duffy Room, our Spanish-speaking prayer group members meet, and all Spanish speakers are invited.

## Następna polska Msza św

On the fourth Sunday of every month, Mass is celebrated in Polish. The next Mass in Polish will be at 4:00pm on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Tell your Polish friends—all welcome.

## Brasileiros Católicos em Sunshine Coast

On the first Sunday of every month at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, Mass is celebrated in Portuguese at 11:30am. Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, and we have a vibrant and growing Brazilian community here on the Sunshine Coast. The Brazilian Catholic Community email address is **bpsc.contato@gmail.com** and the Facebook page in **Brasileiros Católicos em Sunshine Coast**. The next Mass is on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, followed by hospitality – please let your Brazilian neighbours know about our Mass.

After last weekend's round of shock upsets, we hope for some predictability in our parish NRL tipping completion. Congratulations to **BroncosGirls77** who is on top of the leader board – *but there is still a long way to go until grand final day!* All proceeds from our tipping completion support our youth program.