

Welcome to the Second Week of Easter, which is right in the middle of our school holidays. For all families joining us today, thank you for being with us as we hear once again the story of **“Doubting Thomas”**, which is very appropriate coming after last Sunday’s celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. For all our locals, or locals reconnecting or exploring, for all visitors who have travelled up the Bruce Highway or travelling around Australia, we value your presence with us today and your witness of faith – thank you.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday and there will be Divine Mercy devotions at St Joseph’s Church, Nambour beginning at 1:30pm this Sunday with the chaplet at 3:00pm—all welcome.

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.

### THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN

Once again, a big thank you to everyone who helped ensure that not only our Easter ceremonies flowed seamlessly, but also that they were prayerful and profound. Each year across our four church communities, our liturgies capture the essence of our faith. 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 & 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.**

### EASTER CAPERS

“Easter Capers” is our Maroochydore Catholic Parish holiday program for the Easter School holidays. It is 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.

Numbers are strictly limited!

**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. **Time:** 9:00am -3:00pm.

Numbers are limited, so registration is essential.

Please visit our website to register.



### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Even during school holidays, it is important that everyone feels welcome and no one is left behind – that is especially true of those we sometimes fail to hear! Every week, including during school holidays, we have children’s church at our **8:00am Sippy Downs Mass**, our **9:00am and 5:00pm Maroochydore Masses**, and also at the **9:30am Buderim Mass**. All primary-aged children are invited to go forth with their catechist to celebrate a more age appropriate reflection on the Gospel, before returning to the church towards the end of the Eucharistic prayer. Let your friends know about these exciting Sunday family options. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, simply complete the ministry sign up form and return it. Thank you to all who make this ministry possible.

### 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 newsletter straight to your inbox!



# 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<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am Stella Maris Primary School)
- ◆ Easter Capers (9:00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Craft Group (1:00pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Knights of Southern Cross Meeting (7:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April

- ◆ **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine's Church)
- ◆ Funeral of Vincent Coyne (11:00am, Coolum)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Saturday, 18<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)
- ◆ **Spanish Mass** (6:00pm, St Mary's Church)

## Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April *Third Sunday of Easter*

- ◆ **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) (Children's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris) (Children's Church)
- ◆ Young Adults (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.*



**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*



# 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 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 – 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.

## FUTURE PRIESTS & SISTERS?

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 email the Parish Office, [suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)

## YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

Every week across our parish family, we welcome so many people to our Eucharistic celebrations – some are baptised Catholics returning to Mass after a time away – *welcome back!* For some who join us this weekend, this has been part of a journey of faith, trying to put the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle into place – *we hope you find in our community what you are searching for!* Others who join us this weekend are simply responding to an invitation and have decided to spend an hour with us this weekend – *thank you for being part of our celebration today!* For us, the Eucharist is a sign of unity and the source and summit of our faith life, which helps explain our reverence for receiving Holy Communion and why we have guidelines around the receiving of Holy Communion. There may be many reasons why a baptised Catholic will not receive Holy Communion before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but that does not preclude them from coming forward and receiving a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister to receive a blessing.



Likewise, if you have not been baptised or welcomed liturgically in the Catholic Church, we also invite you to come forward for a blessing at Holy Communion time. The journey to become part of our parish family is through the RCIA process and in a couple of weeks time, we will extend an invitation to anyone who wants to discover more about what we believe, to join us on that journey.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent, many of us supported the annual Project Compassion appeal. 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.

## Stella Maris Parish Office

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

## HANDING ON THE FAITH

One of the most important tasks we have as a Catholic Community is handing on the faith to the next generation of believers! As we have been privileged to receive the Faith it is our responsibility to hand it on. Here in our Sunshine Coast Parish, we take this responsibility seriously! From adult RCIA and older children baptism preparation to our extensive sacramental program, everyone can play a part in handing on the faith. 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)



## PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

In the early hours of Good Friday morning, 3:30am to be exact, members of our parish family gathered at St Peter's and began a journey that ended, 8:00am at Stella Maris. Along the way, through Coolum Beach, Point Arkwright Lookout, Maroola Beach and Mudjimba Beach, they stopped and prayed, reflected and contemplated, ensuring for them this was a different way to remember the significance of Good Friday. Thank you Patricia and Kieran for once again coordinating the annual pilgrimage.

## BOTTLES AND CANS

Accepting the challenge of our late Pope Francis, through his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, we are aware of God's good creation and how we can respond more positively to caring for our environment. Sometimes, *that is a lot easier said than done!*

One practical way, however, which is a **win / win** for our parish family, is by recycling. As of last weekend, on the first Sunday of the month, 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 money raised from recycling goes directly to support our vibrant youth program.

Because the first weekend coincided with Easter and everything was closed, we have the trailer here this weekend, so bring your bottles and cans! If you would rather go directly to the Containers for Change depot, you can use our **Scheme ID number C10193859**. The trailer will return on the first weekend of May so start saving those bottles and cans! 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.



Will another week of upsets and shock results see a change in the leaderboard? Obviously *Broncosgirl77* on top followed closely by *BroncosBabe1234* have set the pace by tipping with the head and not the heart! When will some men emerge to challenge the leaders? All proceeds of our tipping competition supports our youth program.

## BETTER THAN THE NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS ! !

Weaving their way through our Sunshine Coast Parish are many groups and gatherings that build up and strengthen our Catholic community. One of those groups is the members of our local **Knights of the Southern Cross**, which is a Catholic fraternal order committed to promoting the Christian way of life throughout Australia. Our Maroochydore branch of the Knights was established in April 1979. The members of the Knights raise money to support organisations that build up our community and we see their ministry in our own parish at major functions and events, when the members are on hand to serve and be of service. The members of the knights also, importantly, meet once a month to reflect upon the pressing issues of the day and to support each other. The next meeting of the Knights of the Southern Cross will be **7:00pm, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April** in the Duffy Room. A warm invitation to any men who would like to discover more of our mission and ministry. To join us, simply call John Legg, 0434 587 491.



In next weekend's newsletter we will have information about a new ministry designed to support and walk with those who are wanting to discover more about what we believe as Catholics before deciding weather or not to join the RCIA journey.

## OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,  
*Lyric Crumbin, Valentina Dellow, Harrison Sheppard* and *Stevie Van der hulst*,  
who will be baptised this weekend.

We remember *Vince Coyne* who died this past week. Vince's funeral rites will be celebrated this Wednesday, 11:00am at St Peter's Coolum. May his soul, and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, family and friends, through the rich mercy of God,

*Rest in Peace.*

Our Easter journey together in pictures – you can discover more images of our Holy Week ceremonies by visiting our parish social media – you can also watch our ceremonies again via the ‘Live Mass’ icon on our webpage.



## 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 on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**. Their Facebook page is *Comunidad Catolica Latina de Sunshine Coast*. 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. 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 [bcsc.contato@gmail.com](mailto:bcsc.contato@gmail.com) and the Facebook page in **Brasileiros Católicos em Sunshine Coast**. The next Mass is at 11:30am on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. followed by hospitality – please let your Brazilian neighbours know about our Mass.