



Stella Maris Catholic Parish

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Weekend of May 30 & 31, 2026 Year A

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 Second Reading: 2 St Paul to Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel: John 3:16-18

**Embracing the faith communities of St Mary's Buderim, St Peter's Coolum, Stella Maris Maroochydore and St Catherine of Siena Sippy Downs.**

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Bishop Brian Heenan  
*Bishop Emeritus*

**We remember  
with gratitude**

**Marian Schmidt,  
Ronald Mabb,  
Christopher Harman,  
Geoffrey Matlock and  
Merryl Berry**

**May they Rest in Peace.**

## SAYŌNARA

Over the past three and a half years, it has been an incredible privilege to serve the Maroochydore parish. It was quite a shock to hear that I would be leaving so soon, and it is not easy to say goodbye to such an amazing parish that I have poured so much of myself into. At the same time, I look forward with excitement and trust as I begin this new adventure serving the Ipswich Catholic Community.

Firstly, I simply want to say thank you. Thank you for your love, support, prayers, encouragement, and friendship over these past years.

There are so many memories that I will carry with me, but my favourite moments have been celebrating the Paschal Triduum. There is something truly beautiful and breathtaking about the way our parish enters into those sacred days. I will never forget, after one Good Friday, speaking to a lady in a wheelchair and asking what she thought of the liturgy, knowing that she could not reply. She slowly lifted her head with tears streaming down her face. In that moment, she expressed exactly what the entire parish was feeling, the beauty and power of Christ's Passion. It is a moment I will never forget.

I also have fond memories of the Junior Ministers, especially the games and laughter before Bernie would begin. To the 10:10 youth group, it has been a joy to watch you grow in your love for Jesus. I will miss hearing your stories, your random encounters with me in public, and the way you have shared your lives so openly and honestly.

To the Young Adults Group: this ministry has been one of my major focuses during my time here. Together, we have built something special. From a small group of four people into a family of around thirty young adults gathering regularly. Thank you for the friendships, the fun, and the countless memories we have shared together.

I will also deeply miss the NET Team and serving as your primary contact priest. What you are doing is so counter-cultural and inspiring. Your witness to Christ and your courage in living the Gospel boldly gives me great hope for the Church. Serving you has been one of the greatest joys of my priesthood.

Over these years, I have also made some very special friendships. Thank you for your support, your kindness, your pub catch-ups, conversations, card games, and the many moments we have shared together.

I especially want to thank Fr Peter for being such a wonderful mentor to me. I left the seminary knowing plenty about theology, but very little about parish life. Fr Peter has taught me what it means to be a good parish priest and how to build a parish community.

While it is sad to leave a parish like Maroochydore, I know that I am merely the Lord's servant and must go where He calls me. I look forward with hope to this next chapter in Ipswich and to seeing what God has in store.

My parting encouragement to you is this: no matter what life throws at you, stay close to the Catholic Church and remain faithful to the Eucharist. The Church is the one place this side of Heaven where we encounter Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. Stay close to Him, and He will never fail you. Goodbye, thank you and farewell.

*Fr Isaac Falzon*

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Mila Cottingham, Bella Cutillas, Briggs Day, Nova Day, Bowie Dobeli, Banks McManus, Xander Moore, Cora Statham, Arlo Statham, Amarli Verhagen and Koa Verhagen** who will be baptised this weekend.

# 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, June 1

- Funeral of Merryl Berry (12:00pm, Stella Maris)
- Adoration (4:30pm, Stella Maris)
- Benediction (5:15pm, Stella Maris)
- **Mass** (5:30pm, Stella Maris)

## Tuesday, June 2

- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- Craft Group (1:00pm, St Peter's)

## Wednesday, June 3

- **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's)
- **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine's)
- Pray & Play (9:30am)
- Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- Latin Prayer Group (6:00pm, Stella Maris)
- Youngs Adults Open House (6:00pm Buderim)

## Thursday, June 4

- **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's)
- SVDP Coolum Meeting (9:00am, St Peter's)
- Funeral of Mr Marian Schmidt (11:00am, Stella Maris)
- Baptism Preparation (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Friday, June 5

- **Mass & Anointing** (9:00am, Stella Maris)
- Community Meal (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Saturday, June 6

- **First Saturday Mass** (8:00am, Stella Maris)
- Reconciliation (8:30—9:30am, Stella Maris)
- Jesus Shine Prayer Group (11:00am, St Catherine's)
- Rosary Making Workshop (9:30am, Stella Maris)
- **Vigil Mass** (4:30pm, St Peter's)
- **Vigil Mass** (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Sunday, June 7 Most Holy Body & Blood

### *Hospitality Weekend*

- **Mass** (6:30am, Stella Maris)
- **Mass** (7:30am, St Peter's)
- **Mass** (8:00am, St Catherine's) (Children's Church)
- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris) (Children's Church)
- **Mass** (9:30am, St Mary's) (Children's Church)
- Junior Ministers (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- 10:10 (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris) (Children's Church)
- Veritas gathering after the 5:00pm Mass

*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.*

# THREE IN ONE

This week, we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on **Trinity Sunday**, we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Our scriptural readings call our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

## YUMMY

The first weekend across our parish family has always had a special emphasis on **hospitality**. Next weekend, being the first weekend of the month, is no different! An added bonus is that next weekend we have the opportunity to welcome our new priest, Fr Gerard. So please, plan to join us after Mass next weekend – why not invite a friend or neighbour? Also, don't forget that you are invited to bring along a plate to share next weekend.

## GOT A QUESTION ?

Veritas is our ministry to those who are seeking to understand what we believe as Catholics and some of the customs and traditions that most of us take for granted. Quite often, our simple rituals can confound the onlooker until they are explained! For all those searching, you are welcome to make Veritas part of your journey. We gather on the first and third Sunday after the 5:00pm Sunday evening Mass. Our next meeting will be next Sunday – all are welcome- why not invite a friend?

## A BLESSING

Every weekend across our parish family we welcome visitors and searchers – you are most welcome – thanks for joining us. You will notice that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our liturgical life together and that helps explain why we place such reverence around receiving Holy Communion. If you are not a baptised Catholic you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing at communion time – simply approach the minister giving out Holy Communion with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Once again, thanks for being with us today.

## THANK YOU

For many in our community, the members of our Vinnies conferences are the visible face of the Church responding with practical and desperately needed support. Our two local **St Vincent de Paul** conferences at Maroochydore and Coolum would like to thank all parishioners once again for your generous support of their Winter Appeal. There are still appeal envelopes available at the entrance to the church if you would like to support the appeal. As a parish, we keep the members of our Vinnies conferences in our prayers as they reach out and minister to those who are so often on the fringes of our community.

Available at the entrance of all four of our churches, we have new information envelopes containing details about our **Parish Planned Giving** program 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 community. Please feel free to take an envelope home with you today. You will also find at the entrance to the church our **Funeral Preparation Pack**, which is free for you to take home and complete - after all, you can never be too prepared!



# BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Children aged between 7 and 15 years

Families are warmly invited to attend a Baptism Preparation Session on 5:00pm Tuesday, June 16 at 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. We look forward to sharing this special step in faith with you and your family. Please contact Carrolyn for more details: [sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)



# BE SEALED WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Congratulations to the 120 younger members of our Parish Family who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Thursday at Stella Maris. Their preparation over the past five weeks was truly a team effort with families, catechists and our NET Team guiding the young candidates – all coordinated by our Sacramental Coordinator, Carrolyn Watt. A big thank you to the choirs of Stella Maris Primary School and Siena Primary for leading our celebrations.

Three weeks ago, we celebrated with Michael Khoury when he was ordained a priest in the Maronite Church – one of the ancient Eastern churches in union with the Bishop of Rome. A warm invitation is extended to all Maronite Catholics and friends on the Sunshine Coast to join us for our **first Maronite Mass** at 11:00am, St Mary's Church, Buderim, Sunday, June 14, 2026, Please let your Maronite friends know about this Mass.

**Feeling chilly?** - then the Stella Maris Craft Group will keep you warm. Our popular **craft stall** is being held next weekend, June, 6 and 7, before and after all four Stella Maris Masses. We have a large range of hand made items - there's something for everyone. All proceeds will go to needy projects within the parish and wider community. **See you there.**



**Baptismal preparation meeting is 6:00pm this Thursday at Stella Maris.**



At the last gathering of Sisterhood, our Parish Women's Ministry, we welcomed Dr Mary Murphy to our gathering. Mary is an educator who has worked predominantly within Catholic Education and Ecumenical schools. Currently, her focus is on the formation, professional supervision and faith development of senior and middle leaders within schools. Dr Mary Murphy gave us a brief and enlightening presentation based on the work of Fr Richard Rohr, outlining how the spiritual tool of enneagrams can assist us in discovering knowledge about ourselves so that we can interact more fully with divine love. Our focus now turns to our annual Sisterhood Retreat, which will be held on Saturday, August 29. We are excited that our guest speaker has agreed to join us, and preparations are well and truly underway. The numbers will be limited for the retreat, so please make sure you mark your diary.

# SUNSHINE COAST CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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Principal: Eric Ellems



Last Sunday, our school community was blessed to lead the parish Mass at St Catherine's Church. It was a joyful celebration of the Eucharist, bringing our school and parish families together in faith. Celebrating the feast of Pentecost made it extra special. Our students participated reverently, and the choir sang beautifully. We extend our sincere thanks to Bernie Ballie for leading the choir, and to Mrs Summit for her lovely piano accompaniment.

This Mass was especially significant as it was the final school-led Mass celebrated with us by Fr Isaac. We thank Fr Isaac for his leadership, guidance and support of our school community, and we assure him of our prayers as he begins this new chapter of ministry at St Mary's, Ipswich.

Following Mass, everyone enjoyed a delicious morning tea with sweet and savoury treats generously provided by SG Bakery, Buderim, and Banjo's. Thank you to all staff and parent helpers who contributed to this special time of hospitality and fellowship. It was a wonderful morning of connection and community with our parish family.

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Last Friday, our Stella Maris community came together to celebrate Under 8s Day, a special occasion recognising the importance of the early years and the joy of childhood. The day began with a meaningful liturgy, inviting us to give thanks for the gift of each child before a shared fruit snack and time to explore the exciting activities on offer.

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students then enjoyed a wide range of hands-on, play-based experiences across our oval, moving through rotations that encouraged creativity, collaboration and exploration. These opportunities highlighted the importance of play in supporting learning, wellbeing and social connection.

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff for their thoughtful planning and to our generous parent volunteers who helped create such a safe and welcoming environment.

Under 8s Day was a joyful celebration of learning, laughter and belonging, reflecting the vibrant spirit of our Stella Maris community. It highlighted the wonder and potential of our learners.

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Principal: Sharon Collins



On Saturday 23 May, a group of Siena Catholic College students visited the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen in Fortitude Valley.

The students began the morning by joining the sisters for Mass before moving into a busy morning of service. Together, they prepared bolognese sauce, stir fry vegetables and pasta for those attending the soup kitchen. A giant brownie was also made and served with custard and ice cream.

Throughout the morning, students also assisted with gardening and took tea and coffee orders for attendees. The sisters praised the students for their hard work, generosity and willingness to serve. It was also wonderful to see some students returning after having previously attended the soup kitchen.

The visit was a meaningful opportunity for students to put faith into action and live out the College's commitment to service, dignity and community. After visiting the sisters' chapel, the students thanked the sisters and staff for the opportunity to be part of the work of the Missionaries of Charity.

In addition to the students' service on the day, the Siena Sports Department donated a large amount of obsolete sport uniforms, which will be taken to Timor by the sisters. Washed, unnamed lost property was also repurposed to support vulnerable families in Brisbane.

Thank you to the staff who accompanied the students, Jonelle Betzel and Miriam Chetcuti, and to all who supported this valuable opportunity for our young people.

## MUMS & DADS - GRANDMUMS & GRANDDADS

Every Wednesday morning from 9:30am to 11:00am, parents with smaller children gather at Stella Maris for our Pray & Play group. It is an excellent opportunity for young children to interact with each other while at the same time for adults to share their wisdom, and in the process, have some fun.

## JUNIOR MINISTERS

Each Sunday of the school term, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, our Junior Ministers gather. This parish ministry not only helps the students develop valuable skills, but also enriches our parish community, and is specifically designed for children in primary school who have made their Confirmation.

## HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Every Sunday afternoon, 3:00pm at Stella Maris, our parish 10:10 High School youth group gathers, and all students are invited. It is an afternoon of fun, faith and friendship, with a bit of food thrown in! For more info, contact: maroochydore@netministries.com.au

Don't throw those empty bottles of Moet or Veuve Clicquot out – **bring them next weekend to Stella Maris!** On the first weekend of every month, we will have a trailer at the lower carpark accepting all your empty bottles and cans. It would make a big difference if you could separate bottles and cans into different bags! We take your empties to the local **Containers for Change**, and the process supports our youth program. Alternatively, A better way to support this initiative is to take your bottles and cans directly to one of the local Containers for Change centres and quote our number **C10193859**. Every little bit helps! **Thanks for your continued thirsty support.**

