

Stella Maris Catholic Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of June 27 & 28, 2026 Year A

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16; Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

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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At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly
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Last Sunday, despite the predictions of rain, we had blue skies, which provided the perfect backdrop for our Multicultural Mass and the culinary and cultural festivities that followed. We certainly were blessed! If there were three words that capture last Sunday's Multicultural Mass and all the cultural cuisine and traditional displays that took place afterwards, it would be **Diversity – Unity – Faith**. Great celebrations like last Sunday do not just happen, and it truly requires a team effort. Not every parish could host an event like last Sunday's Multicultural Mass, and that we could is a testimony to the generosity of our Parish Family. A special thank you to Michael Fitzpatrick and all the liturgists and musicians who led our Eucharist. To Olga Girle and Graeme Hight, and all the workers who prepared and cleaned up afterwards – a big thanks. Finally, to all the table coordinators and your supporters who enthusiastically rallied around and prepared the food that ultimately fed the multitude—thanks. *To everyone involved – congratulations on a great community celebration of faith.*



A New Financial Year

With the new financial year just around the corner, it is a timely reminder that it is only through your continued generosity and committed support that we can fund the ministries, activities and outreach of the parish. Looking into the immediate future, it is only with the confidence of your financial support that we can plan for the challenges of the future.

The reality is that we are who we are only through your generous support, and there are many ways to support the mission and ministry of your parish. Since COVID, many have opted to utilise direct debit to support the parish, and we are grateful. If you choose to support your parish utilising weekly envelopes, then this week they will be available for collection. If you would like more information about how to financially support your parish, please collect a "Planned Giving Envelope", which is available at the entrance to the church. *However you decide to support your parish, we are grateful.*

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 29

- Adoration (4:30pm, Stella Maris)
- Benediction (5:15pm, Stella Maris)
- **Mass** (5:30pm, Stella Maris)

Tuesday, June 30

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

Wednesday, July 01

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

Thursday, July 02

- **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's)
- Baptism Preparation (6:00pm, Stella Maris)
- St Carlo Acutis Sacred Relic (7:00pm, Stella Maris)

Friday, July 03

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

Saturday, July 04

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

Sunday, July 05

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **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 and Baptism Mass)
- **Mass** (9:30am, St Mary's)
- Young Adults BBQe (10:00am, 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.



An assisted hearing loop has been installed at Stella Maris – please contact the Mass coordinator or sacristan to access the system.

At the start of the school holidays, we especially acknowledge all families on vacation who are joining us this weekend – thanks for being part of our celebration on this 13th Sunday of the church's year.

Hospitality

The focus of our parish family on the first weekend of the month is always hospitality – across our parish next weekend you are invited to enjoy the hospitality of your community after Mass – why not invite a friend or neighbour to join you? A special thanks to all our fellow parishioners who coordinate our hospitality weekends – why not be part of the action and bring along something to share?

Baptism Sunday

Sacramentally, our parish family is extremely busy. From the first breath a baby makes to the last breath a parishioner exhales, and every moment in between, as Church, we are part of the story! Last year we welcomed into our parish family through baptism 243 young and not so young new members of our Catholic Family. Next weekend, at our 9:00am Stella Maris Mass, we welcome them back as together we celebrate our Baptism Sunday. Baptism is a profound step in the life of faith, and we want to recognise this milestone with prayer, support, and thanksgiving. It is a joyful occasion honouring all those who have been baptised in the past year and a powerful reminder of our own baptism journey.

Baptismal Preparation

Speaking of baptism, on the first Thursday of each month, we host a short baptismal preparation meeting. At the meeting, we simply go through the ceremony and explain the symbols. The next baptismal Preparation meeting will be at 6:00pm, this Thursday, July 2 at Stella Maris Church. This meeting is for all parents with infants to be baptised. Please go to the parish web page and follow the links to complete the registration form before attending the meeting.

First Friday

This coming Friday is our monthly Anointing and Healing Mass, and everyone is invited to join us at Stella Maris for Mass at 9:00am. As always, it is good to invite friends and neighbours, especially those who might need transport to Mass. Following Mass, there is always a great morning tea!

Drop Off

Recently, we have received correspondence regarding the “drop off” area at Stella Maris. The complaints are basically that when they have attempted to drop off family members, parishioners with mobility issues, they are confronted with many cars already parked in the drop off zone. St Vincent's has also raised a concern about the safety of pedestrians who have to navigate between cars. The request is that the upper driveway be used as a drop off zone. It probably does mean that if you are dropping off someone, you will probably have to arrive a little earlier to secure a parking bay in the lower carpark. Once again, this issue highlights the long term parking challenge we face at Maroochydore and the need to address this challenge by securing additional adjacent property/parking space.

Where Faith and Life Meet

We welcome into God's Family, the Church *Miguel Garcia, Arlo Goodwin, Olivia Kelly, Collins Norris, Dax Phillips, and Yrise Pourtou-Rivera* who will be baptised this weekend.

This Monday, the 29th of June, the feast of St Peter and Paul, is the anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Brian Heenan and Fr Gerard Lai, we pray in gratitude for their priesthood and witness.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Frederika Zavnik*. May their souls and the souls of all our deceased priests, Religious, family members and members of our parish community, through the rich mercy of God, *Rest in Peace*



Roses are Red – Violets are Blue

Sometimes, we forget how quickly time flies, and many of the gardens around Stella Maris have certainly thrived over the past 9 years! We are in the process of looking at replanting and cutting back a lot of the foliage over the next couple of weeks. One of the areas we are especially focused upon is the garden near the Stella Maris columbarium – we have cleared the garden and added top soil and fertilizer – now, all we need are plants, our initial thinking is roses, so if you would like to plant a rose tree, let us know. Our area around our columbarium is a sacred place, and we want to keep it as a place of memories and thanksgiving.



It is amazing just how quickly a month comes around – on the first weekend of every month On the first weekend of every month, we have a trailer at the lower carpark accepting all your empty bottles and cans. We take your empties to the local Containers for Change, and the process supports our youth program. Thank you to Knights of the Southern Cross, who completed the process by taking the trailer full of bottles and cans to the local Containers for Change depot. 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.

Going into round 17 **TimH1970** is the clear leader in our Parish tipping completion closely followed by **CaseyDee** and **lynchmark** rounding off the top 3. On the leader board Fr Peter continues to make rapid progress in the wrong direction – *who would have thought that the Gold Coast Titans would have beaten Penrith last weekend!!!!* The proceeds of the completion support our youth attending the Ignite Youth Conference at the end of the year. ***Suddenly everyone is a Dolphin supporter!***

Calling all Young Adults! This weekend (6:00pm Sunday, June 28) we will be meeting for dinner and formation with guest speaker, Oskar Borough, who has travelled all the way from Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane. The theme of the night is **"A Converts guide for New Catholics"** and will cover four topics: **1)** Stages of Faith and Prayer, Learning where you are and where to go from there. **2)** Eucharist, Real presence and Real symbol. **3)** From Intellect to Mysticism, going beyond Aquinas. **4)** Into the wilderness, navigating deserts, loss and dryness. Join us for an interesting and informative night of Catholic faith formation. All Young Adults are welcomed – ***why not bring a friend?***

Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis

The First-class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis will visit OLR Caloundra on July 3. St. Carlo was an Italian boy, born in London, who strove for holiness in his ordinary life in Milan, before dying from Leukaemia at the age of 15. He used his skills in computer programming, as well as his friendships, to spread the Gospel message. The relic will be accompanied by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi. Monsignor is responsible for bringing St. Carlo's Pericardium Heart Relic to different nations and speaking first-hand about this inspiring millennial. Visit the Caloundra Parish webpage for the day's details.

At Stella Maris

On this Thursday evening, July 2, the sacred relic will visit our parish family. We are invited to discover St Carlo's five steps to holiness.

7:00pm Rosary with reflections from St Carlo.

7:30pm Talk by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo

8:00pm Veneration of the Pericardium Relic

All Welcome.

"Fun Days with God"

School holidays are getting closer, which means planning is well underway for our Maroochydore Parish holiday programme. This school holiday, the theme is "Alive in the Spirit". It will be an exciting day of fun activities- craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games all based around the Holy Spirit.

Date: Thursday, July 9.

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm, children may be dropped off from 8:45am, with our program beginning at 9:00am. Pick up time 3:00pm.

Parents and caregivers are invited to join us for a closing ritual at 2:45pm.

Where: The Harry Bliss Function room – just past the toilets at the Stella Maris Church

Cost: \$10.00 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family.

What to bring: Children are to wear comfortable "SunSmart" clothing and need to bring their own water bottle, morning tea, lunch and hat. We are always keen to have extra adult supervision, so if you would like to stay for the day and help, we would be most grateful, and your child/ren would attend for free. We have limited spaces, so you will need to register via the QR code or visit our website. Registrations will close once we are fully booked. For more information, please email Bernie Baillie at bbailie811@gmail.com.au or phone the parish office on 5443 3488.



Sunshine Coast Catholic Education

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Eric Ellems



Last Friday, we held our Yr 4-6 Athletics carnival at the UniSC Track. A very big thank you to our amazing PE teacher, Mr Mulheran for all the organisation, preparation and many hours that went into making the carnival seamless and such a wonderful success. The day was a culmination of all the practice and qualifying which has taken place throughout the term. Students competed and cheered each other on, with many big smiles on their faces. Congratulations to all the little athletes who turned up and competed, we hope you all enjoyed the day!

Huge thanks to all the amazing Siena Staff who help run these days, the children are so lucky to have staff who go above and beyond at these carnival days!

House Championship Points

1st Fielding, 2nd Ballinger, 3rd Burnett,
4th Dixon.



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Last Thursday and Friday Stella Maris School held its annual Athletics Carnival, and we are delighted to share that the event was a tremendous success. Across two action-packed days, our Year 4 to Year 6 students demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, perseverance and team spirit. Students competed in a range of events including their age groups, taking part in short and long distance sprints, long jump, high jump, discus and shot put. It was wonderful to see all students participate, striving to achieve their personal best while encouraging one another. The atmosphere was filled with House pride, energy and excitement, making for a vibrant and enjoyable afternoon.

Events like this rely on the dedication and generosity of many people. We extend our sincere thanks to our teaching staff who supported the carnival as well as our parent volunteers. Their collective efforts ensured the event ran smoothly and safely. Most importantly, the carnival was a celebration of community. It was inspiring to witness our students showing respect, encouragement and sportsmanship, values that sit at the heart of Stella Maris and our Catholic identity.

We also take this opportunity to congratulate our Principal, Mark Ballam, on his recent participation in the St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout. Through this initiative, Mark has actively supported those who are poor and marginalised, living out the values of Nano Nagle in a very real and meaningful way. His commitment has also helped raise awareness within our school community about the importance of compassion and justice.

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World's Greatest Shave

On Friday, our Siena community proudly came together to support the World's Greatest Shave and the important work of the Leukaemia Foundation.

It was wonderful to see students and staff demonstrating courage, generosity and school spirit throughout the event. We extend a heartfelt thank you to every student who volunteered to shave, cut or colour their hair. Their bravery and willingness to support such an important cause truly reflected our Siena pillar of Service.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our students, families, staff and wider community, we successfully reached our fundraising goal of \$5,000. Every donation will help provide practical and emotional support to Australians living with blood cancer, while also contributing to vital research.

I would also like to sincerely thank our Campus Minister, Joan Prassar, for her outstanding organisation and coordination of the event. Her hard work and dedication ensured the day was such a wonderful success.

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated and supported this meaningful initiative.

If you would like to see the **welcome video from last weekend's Multicultural Mass** or **photos of the celebration** as well as the **video of the Mass**, simply go to our **Parish web page** and **click on the link**.

Visit our Facebook page! There is just too much happening in our Parish to fit into our weekly newsletter! 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. Just go to www.facebook.com/mission.stella/ and click on the "thumbs up" under any of our posts.



The live streaming of our 9:00am and 5:00pm Sunday Masses is back up and running – simply go to our parish web page and click on "live Mass" and follow the links to our YouTube page. We are in the process of upgrading our camera system, so in a couple of weeks' time, you should see a marked difference in quality.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Now Open

Enrolments for First Communion are now open for children in Year 4 or older who have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation. The form can be completed online at maroochydoreparish.com.au. A Parent Information Night will be held at 5:00pm, Wednesday, July 15, in Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore. Please note: parents only are required to attend this evening. We look forward to supporting your child on this special step in their faith journey.