

Stella Maris Catholic Parish

# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of June 13 & 14, 2026 Year A

First Reading: Exodus 19:2- 6; Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11 Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

## Book a Front Seat

### NEXT SUNDAY LET'S CELEBRATE OUR UNIVERSAL FAITH

Next Sunday, everyone is invited to be part of our multicultural celebrations beginning with Mass at 11:00am. All the different communities will be helping us celebrate through their distinctive expressions of faith, food and traditions. It promises to be a truly unique and uplifting Mass full of colour, movement and faith. Our celebrant this year is Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. Then, afterwards on the grounds of Stella Maris Church, the celebrations continue with food to be shared and culture to be celebrated. It is a celebration of family and faith! There has been a lot of planning behind the scenes to ensure it will truly be an exciting and colourful celebration of our Universal Catholic Faith!

With the big day only a week away, there is an urgency to support the people organising and coordinating the various food stalls after Mass. If you are able to assist, please make contact with one of the names below to be involved:

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Can't see your group and would like to help coordinate a table?

Contact Olga Girle - [olgagirle@hotmail.com](mailto:olgagirle@hotmail.com) . Our Multicultural Mass is inclusive of everyone in our parish family. If you cannot see a group that you fit into, then perhaps you might like to join in the celebrations by bringing something Australian (ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons, jam drops, etc).

**SO YOUNG AND OLD AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN, LET'S TOGETHER CELEBRATE OUR UNIVERSAL FAITH NEXT SUNDAY**



# 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 15

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

## Tuesday, June 16

- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- Baptism Preparation older children (5:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Wednesday, June 17

- **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)

## Thursday, June 18

- **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's)
- SVDP Meeting (9:00am, St Peter's)

## Friday, June 19

- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris)
- Grief Support Meeting following Mass
- Community Meal (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

## Saturday, June 20

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

## Sunday, June 21

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Mass** (6:30am, Stella Maris)
- **Mass** (7:30am, St Peter's) (Children'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) (Children's Church)
- **Multicultural Mass** (11:00am, 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.*

# THIS WEEKEND

The Maronite Church is 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 11:00am, **this Sunday, June 14** at St Mary's Church, Buderim. Please let your Maronite friends know about this Mass. *All welcome.*

## Parish Clergy

Fr Peter Brannelly  
Fr Gerard Lai  
Bishop Brian Heenan  
*Bishop Emeritus*

# THE NEXT CHALLENGE

As mentioned in last weekend's newsletter, the challenge for our Parish Family is to prepare for the future. Maroochydore and the Sunshine Coast are only going to keep growing and will emerge as a major urban and commercial centre. Stella Maris Church is situated strategically at the heart of this development. Our central location is important for visitors as a holiday destination, but our prominent location is just as important in maintaining a visible and active presence of our Catholic faith.

Already, the numbers attending our weekend Masses and other activities are putting a strain on available parking spaces, with stories of families driving around on Sundays for 15 minutes looking for a car park before giving up. With development taking place around us, this problem will only get worse and, in due course, will significantly impact our community. Once redevelopment has taken place, our opportunity will be lost forever.

For parking, long-term viability, and future options, we have no alternative but to explore the possibility of acquiring neighbouring properties.

The only way I know how to address this challenge is to approach our neighbours and see if they are willing to enter into negotiations. ***If they do, for us it is a multimillion dollar challenge!*** As a Parish Family, I don't want us to look back with regrets at the opportunities that we failed to grasp. I am open to any suggestions on how we can move forward and creatively embrace this important challenge.

# BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN

## Children aged between 7 and 15 years

Families are warmly invited to attend a Baptism Preparation Session on 5:00pm **this 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 details: [sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)

# SAFEGUARDING

To assist everyone who needs to keep up to date with their Blue Cards, Police Check, and latest training, our Parish Safeguarding team will be holding training after the 8:30am Thursday Mass at Coolum on June 25. If you have any questions, please call a member of our Safeguarding Team who are in the Parish Office every Monday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

# FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Shine Jesus Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group that gathers each Saturday morning, 11:00am at St Catherine's, Sippy Downs are celebrating their first anniversary and they would love you to join them. Beginning at 9:30am, **next Saturday, June 20**, with Praise & Worship followed by **Mass at 11:30am** and concluding with lunch. All parishioners, families and friends are warmly welcome. Come and celebrate God's goodness with us!

## Stella Maris Parish Office

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# MEN OF STELLA MARIS PARISH

You are invited to join us for our regular Men's Breakfast from 8:00am - 9:15am, **next Saturday** in the Bliss Room.

Please note the new starting time of 8:00am. If you've never been to a Men's Breakfast, they provide opportunities for sharing our personal faith experiences and hearing what God is doing in the lives of men in our Parish and well as encouraging each other in our spiritual walk.

Our speaker for the morning will be Seminarian and former St Peter's Coolum parishioner **Oskar Burrows**, who will share his faith journey from a non-Christian upbringing, to his conversion to the Catholic faith, and his journey to the seminary.

A light breakfast consisting of cereal, muesli, fruit, yoghurt, toast and spreads is included. Juice, Tea and Coffee are also provided. To help cover costs, a donation of \$5.00 cash (payable at the door) would be appreciated. Perhaps you could invite a neighbour or another parishioner.

NOTE: Disposable bowls, plates, cutlery and cups are provided, however you are welcome to bring your own.

For catering purposes or for further information, please RSVP Rob Hoy on 0401 498 059 by 12:00pm Friday, June 19.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is in Year 4 or older, having completed the sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to register via our website [maroochydoreparish.com.au](http://maroochydoreparish.com.au) for First Holy Communion 2026. The program will begin with the parent information night, 5:00pm Wednesday, July 15, Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore. All program times and dates can be found on the website.

## A BIG THANK YOU

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.



THE STELLA MARIS CRAFT GROUP WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING LAST WEEK'S "WINTER SALE"

## BURNOUT

Brad Everton is a parishioner and a psychologist with over 25 years of experience. From his professional experience, Brad has become aware of the signs and ultimate costs of burnout – a reality that can impact anyone, at any stage of life. Brad has put together a free, 90 minute presentation that is open to all titled Introduction to Preventing Burnout : Discover the early signs of burnout and what to do to overcome it.

Are you constantly exhausted, running on caffeine, and feeling guilty the moment you actually try to rest? Burnout is an insidious thief. It sneaks up on high-achievers, busy professionals, and dedicated caregivers, quietly stripping away your energy, your health, and your happiness before you even realise what's happening. If you feel like you're spinning your wheels or simply in survival-mode every day, you aren't just "tired"—*you may be facing burnout*. Brad doesn't just talk about the problem; he deconstructs it with psychological precision. In this powerful session, you will learn:

**Symptoms of Burnout** - Brad provides education around the signs and symptoms that burnout may already be a part of your life (or someone you know)

**Causes of Burnout** - Discover the root cause that leads to burnout

**Burnout Interventions** - Learn Brad's unique and simple strategies for the prevention and management of burnout

To register your seat, go to [www.bradeverton.com/event](http://www.bradeverton.com/event)

Everyone has a place in our Universal Catholic Family and because we will be helping at the Multicultural Mass and enjoying the cultural display, afterwards there will be no Junior Ministers or 10:10 Youth Group next Sunday.

## Where Faith and Life Meet

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Julian Bonvin, Evelyn Bartlett, Frankie Daniel, Reggie Daniel, Jasper Goodson, Darcy Smith & Parker Smith** who will be baptised this weekend.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Theresa Zielinski**. May her soul 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.*

# Sunshine Coast Catholic Education

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Eric Ellems



Recently, some of our Siena students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in a beautiful liturgy at Stella Maris Church.

We continue to pray for these children as they take the next steps in their faith journey. Over many weeks, they prepared thoughtfully for this sacrament and deepened their understanding of the gift of Confirmation in strengthening their faith. During the ceremony, they were blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Oil of Chrism and renewed their Baptismal promises, committing themselves to live as people of faith and to share the Gospel through their words and actions with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Year 5 students also prepared special Confirmation gift bags for those receiving the sacrament. These included prayers, drawings of the signs and symbols of the Holy Spirit, and mementos of the sacramental journey. Thank you to the Year 5 teachers and students for the care and dedication they showed in creating these meaningful keepsakes.

## Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Fr Gerard has been warmly welcomed into the Stella Maris school community, and it has been wonderful to see the connections already forming with our students and staff. In his first week, Fr Gerard has visited classrooms and engaged meaningfully with students. Our Year 3 classes, who are exploring the structure of the Church, met with him in the chapel. Students have been learning about the hierarchy of the Church, including the Pope, cardinals, archbishops and priests, as well as the meaning of vestments and the features of a church. Hearing from Fr Gerard brought this learning to life.

Our Year 2 students also met with Fr Gerard as they prepare to learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They asked thoughtful questions, and he responded with warmth and clarity, helping them understand this sacrament in an age-appropriate way.

We are grateful for Fr Gerard's generous presence in our community and look forward to strengthening our partnership with him and the parish.

## Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



Over the past week, Siena Catholic College has enjoyed several opportunities to strengthen the connection between our College community, our local parish and the wider community.

As part of National Reconciliation Week, students and staff gathered for a community BBQ featuring kangaroo sausages. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures while encouraging meaningful conversations about reconciliation, respect and walking together. Through the generosity of our community, funds raised from the BBQ were donated to QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation), supporting educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making the event such a success.

This week, our Year 10 students joined members of the parish community for Mass, which also marked Fr Gerard's first St Catherine's Mass at Siena. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to gather in prayer alongside parishioners and to celebrate the life and witness of St Catherine of Siena, our College patroness. Fr Gerard's warm presence and reflections helped make the celebration a meaningful occasion for all in attendance.

**This Wednesday evening Stella Maris principal, Mark Ballam and our very own Fr Gerard will be sleeping under the stars in support of Vinnies Sleepout. Homelessness is something we all know too well here on the Sunshine Coast – and most homeless never thought they would end up sleeping rough. Money raised will help provide accommodation, meals, emergency assistance and long-term support for people who need it most. If you would like to support Mr Ballam or Fr Gerard please visit our parish web page and follow the links.**

Keeping on top of technology and making repairs will always be an expensive and necessary challenge for us. It is great to live so close to the sea but the drawback is the corrosive damage caused by the salt air. Last week repairs were made to the internal camera system allowing us to resume the live streaming of our 9:00am and 5:00pm Sunday Masses. Next month our plan is to upgrade the system providing us with more options. Also, new external speakers were installed at Stella Maris last week, which is needed for those who can't find a seat inside the church and have to sit outside during Mass.

## 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 Parish newsletter straight to your inbox!

