

Stella Maris Catholic Parish

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of September 12 and 13, 2026 Year A

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21:35

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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We are already planning for 2027!

Orders are now being taken for
next year's **Ordo, Break Open
the Word Daily Mass Books
and God's Word** – please go
to the Parish Office to place
your order.



NET REPORT

Hello all, here's an update from the past two months of some of our ministry in our Sunshine Coast Catholic Community.

Over at Siena College, we have been blessed with many different opportunities like going on excursions with different year levels, running classroom sessions at the college and even the Years 4s, 5s, and 6s down at Siena Primary. One of our highlights at the highschool was 'Siena Day'.

We started the day by leading music for their liturgy, joined in on the games around the school, and then cooked up a BBQ for the students to help fundraise for Ignite Conference. We have been able to spread ourselves across multiple schools in this second half of the year, which has been good for us in a change of pace and meeting many new young people. St Johns Nambour, Good Samaritans Bli Bli, Stella Maris Primary, Siena Primary, and of course, Siena College, have been the schools we have gotten to in the past two months.

In the Young Adults' space, we hosted a worship night focusing on the theme of 'Found' and had a great turn out of young adults. It was a great night of deepening our relationship with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and giving Him all of our praise through praise & worship. Just recently we hosted a 'Country Themed Open House' which was such a fun night of line dancing, community, food, and plenty of boots and flannels!

With the parish, we started out with assisting the school holiday program, run by Bernie Baillie - 'Fun Days with God' where we focused on the Holy Spirit. In July through to August, we led catechism sessions for the kids who were preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. This was a four-week plan where each Sunday we would help the kids understand this beautiful sacrament a little bit more. It was so wonderful to be there and see them receive the Eucharist for the first time.

On the 30 July, we had our very first 'Parish Worship Night' which was a great success! We explored the theme of 'Going Deeper with Jesus' and two of our team members shared their stories of their own relationships with Jesus. It was a powerful night of worship, adoration, and reconciliation. One parishioner shared to us, "I can't get the song 'Yeshua' out of my head."

Alongside all of that we have been helping out with the RCIY program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth) which is a journey to the faith for youth who are interested into becoming a Catholic!

Both the brotherhood and sisterhood of our team were able to go to the Men's Retreat and the Sisterhood Retreat, which was a great time of formation for ourselves and to get to know even more of the community. Both were amazing turn outs, particularly the Sisterhood Retreat where there were nearly 200 women in attendance!

This second half of the year has been amazing and is becoming home for all of us. We've been blessed with time to spend a day at Aussie World, visit the natural beauty down at the beaches and beautiful nature walks around Buderim.

God is good! We're still getting to know a whole bunch of people, so if we haven't met you yet - come say hey!

God Bless, Maroochydparch NET Team

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, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)

Wednesday, September 16

- **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's)
- Communion Service (9:00am, St Catherine's)
- SVDP Meeting (Maroochydore)
- Pray & Play (9:30am, The Annex)
- Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris)
- Grief Support Meeting (9:45am, Stella Maris)
- Community Meal (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, September 19

- 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, September 20 *25th 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)
- **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.

Tell your neighbours and friends that we Live Stream our 9:00am & 5:00pm Sunday Mass – simply go to our parish webpage and click onto “Mass Livestream” for all our Masses and videos.



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

With only one more week before school holidays there is an eagerness to get to the semester finishing line – as students and teachers dream of their well earned two week break we welcome everyone to our Parish Family today especially visitors and those who have joined us for the first time – *you are most welcome.*

Invitation

We live in an incredibly mobile society and there are always plenty of new faces popping up on the Sunshine Coast. In such a large and busy Parish places like ours, it is very easy for new faces to get lost in all the activity and the rush of modern living! The ministry of our Welcome Committee is to extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and provide information about our local Catholic Community. Several times a year we host a “Welcome Party” and as we prepare for the next “Welcome Party” we invite anyone new or returning to the parish to collect a Welcome Pack from the entrance to the church – could you complete the details and return them to the Parish Office so that we can send you an invitation.

Located adjacent to the **Welcome Pack**, at the entrance of all four of our churches, we have new information envelopes containing the many ways you can support your Parish. Our Parish Planned Giving programme, and our Endowment Fund, will provide your Parish Family with financial security into the future.

Seminar

September is Dementia Awareness Month and on Friday, September 18th there is a seminar on the challenges of Dementia with information on My Aged Care, legal and financial aspects, and a opportunity to meet staff face-to-face at expo tables. The seminar is at Mooloolaba TAFE, 34 Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek, 4557.

To register

Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/DOOCW>

Or contact Lorrae: 0418 298 183 or carersoutlook@gmail.com

A Sunday in September

The football Finals have finally arrived and every one of our Stella Tippers have played their Joker so the leader board has become clear with only a handful of points separating the top 10! Everyone will be watching to see if **Tolka Rovers** (144 points), **BBee** (144), **Murdoch1956** (144) can keep the lead as we come to the business end of the NRL season. Snapping at their heels are **TimH1970** (143 points), **Timmoie** (142) and **Tiger Bart** (142) and one point below them are **Berserk Warrior** (141), **Kocattips** (141), **Casey Dee** (141) and **Mick Tanzer** (141). That there are only 3 points separating the top ten indicates the fierce completion and analytical skills of the Stella Tippers! May the best team and the best tipper progress to the Grand Finals! The proceeds of our friendly tipping completion support our youth programme. *May the best team and best tipper win!!!*

Gratitude

Last weekend across our Parish Family, being the first weekend of the month, hospitality was the focus of our community. A big thank you to all those who prepared, served, provided and cleaned up after our Masses – your ministry and generosity is truly appreciated.

Where Faith and Life Meet

We welcome into God's Family, the Church **Elizabeth Lewis** and **Leo Nield** who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for all those who have died especially **Ferdi Sedhoff**. May his 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

Safeguarding— PREVENTION RESPONSE REPORTING

Today is Safeguarding Sunday in the Dioceses of Australia. It is a day to pray for all who have experienced abuse or harm, to support their healing, and to renew our commitment to creating communities where every person is welcomed, respected and safe.

In the Gospels, Jesus shows particular care for those who are vulnerable and calls his disciples to do the same. Safeguarding is not simply a policy or procedure; it is a Gospel responsibility that reflects the dignity of every person and our shared commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us.

As we celebrate today, let us pray for all who continue to journey towards healing, give thanks for those who serve in safeguarding ministry, and recommit ourselves to building parish communities where trust, compassion and care are evident in all we do.

Here at Stella Maris Parish we are blessed with fellow parishioners who have volunteered their time to be our local safeguarding representatives. The role of the Parish Safeguarding Team is to assist in creating safe environments and activities within the parish, handling concerns and abuse incidents and maintaining Safeguarding compliance. Our Safeguarding team is at the Parish Office every Monday and are willing to assist with obtaining and renewing Blue Cards and Police checks as well as training.

As part of Safeguarding Sunday our local Safeguarding Team have compiled **A Guide to Safeguarding – A Resource for Parish Volunteers** which is available for all parish volunteers and can be collected at the entrance to the church.

May we always remember that **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**, and together we each have a part to play in creating a safe and welcoming community.



Dennis Mulholland
Stella Maris
Maroochydore



Carolyn Healy
St Peter's Cooloom



Sue Power
St Catherine's
Sippy Downs



Susan Flanagan
St Mary's Buderim

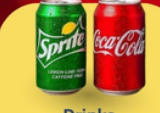
Thank you to everyone who bought your bottles and cans to the trailer at Stella Maris last weekend. Members of our Knights of the Southern Cross took them to our local **Containers for Change** and we raised \$203.40 which will directly support our youth programme. If you would like to directly support us you can take your bottles and cans to the local depot and quote our number **C10193859**



Last Sunday's 9:00am Stella Maris Mass was certainly colourful with the visit of the local priory of the **Order of St John of Jerusalem** to our community. The ecumenical order, dating back to the crusades, where they provided accommodation for pilgrims to the Holy Land and later a hospital, now provides practical assistance to the poor and those on the fringe of our society. While the local **Maronite** community gathered to celebrate their Eucharist, the next Maronite Mass will be held at 11:00am, St Mary's Buderim on Sunday, October 18.

FOOD FAIR FOR
COLOMBIA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Stella Maris Church Maroochydore
AFTER THE 9:00AM MASS



 Colombian Sausage Sizzle + Drink \$5	 3 Empanadas + Drink \$15	 Aji de Gallina + Drink \$15
 Chicken Skewers + Drink \$10	 Desserts \$5	 Drinks (Coca-Cola & Sprite) \$3

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Sunshine Coast Catholic Education

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Eric Ellems



Father's Day

Last Thursday, our school community came together to celebrate Father's Day with gratitude for the fathers, grandfathers and father figures who play such an important role in our children's lives. The morning began with a delicious breakfast, generously supported by our staff, P&F and parent representatives, and continued with a beautiful whole-school liturgy led by Year 1 and Fr Gerard.

Following the liturgy, our Prep children enjoyed a special morning with their dads and guests through games, photos, singing and shared laughter, creating treasured memories together.

Thank you to our volunteers and all who helped make the week so special. Your generosity and community spirit brought joy to our students and families and reflected the warmth that makes Siena such a special community.

Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Surf's Up at Stella Maris!

Our Yr 1-6 students are currently enjoying the Surf Education Program at beautiful Maroochydore Beach, learning valuable skills that could one day save a life.

Don't know how to recognise a rip?

We do!

Don't know how to perform CPR?

We do!

Don't know how to enjoy a day at the beach without bringing home half of Maroochydore's sand in your shoes, bag and bus?

We... do not know how to do that yet.

Throughout the program, students are learning about beach safety, surf awareness and responsible care for themselves and others. As they splash, paddle and practise their skills, they are also discovering the wonder of God's creation. The ocean reminds us of God's greatness, beauty and power, while teaching us respect for the environment and for one another.

We are grateful for this opportunity to learn, grow and explore God's magnificent coastline... even if we're still finding sand in unexpected places weeks later!

Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



We've just finished the second last week of term and students are in the midst of assessment and exams. Our Year 11s have just begun their official 'exam block' and the Year 12s are consolidating their learning in preparation for their external exams, which begin soon after the holidays. It's certainly a busy time!

Tuesday saw us participate in activities for RU OK Day. This valuable initiative inspires people to connect with others and encourages all of us to engage in meaningful conversations with people who might be struggling with life's ups and downs.

September 9 was the Feast Day of another of our Patrons, Frederic Ozanam. We took time to remember that Frederic was a man of faith, courage and a deep commitment to serving people in need. Our challenge is to be inspired by his life and actions, so that we too will put our faith into action, treating others with dignity and responding generously to those who need our care.

Congratulations to the members of those sporting teams whose seasons ended this week. We can be very proud of the way our Water Polo, Rugby and Basketball players competed in games against schools from across the Coast.

INTRODUCTION TO PREVENTING BURNOUT

FREE TWO-HOUR EVENT

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 complimentary, two-hour 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, tradesmen, parents, caregivers, volunteers and many others. It quietly strips 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.

If you want clarity, relief, and a path back to healthier energy and wellbeing, reserve your seat now.

 Tuesday 20 October 2026  6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Stella Maris Catholic Church

Register at: www.bradeverton.com/stella