Stella Maris Catholic Parish

twenty ninth sunday in ordinary time

Weekend of October 17 and 18, 2026 Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6 **Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 **Gospel:** Matthew: 22:15-21

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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A **scam email** has been making the rounds disguised as Fr Peter. Your Parish Priest will never contact you using a private email and will only use an email ending in bne.catholic.net.au. If you receive a request relating to our parish that seems unusual, reach out to our friendly staff. We're happy to help you verify.

what is world mission sunday?

A Global Day of Prayer and Solidarity for the Missions.

Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. Its purpose is to sustain more than 1,124 mission territories — places where the Church is young, often materially poor, and sometimes persecuted, but where the seed of the Gospel is being planted and nourished. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides support for pastoral and catechetical programs, church construction, healthcare, and education in mission territories.



a mission rooted in history

World Mission Sunday traces its roots to Blessed Pauline Jaricot, a 19th-century French laywoman who mobilized prayer and support for the Church's missionary efforts. Her first fundraising circles helped support the Church in the United States — then a mission territory itself — until 1908. Australia remained a mission territory until 1976!!! Today, Australian Catholics return that generosity by supporting the missionary work of the Church beyond the shores of our country.

called to be missionaries

This day, the universal Church reflects its deepest identity as the Church in mission. Catholics worldwide unite at Mass to recommit to our vocation to be missionaries. We are called in a special way to be missionaries through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity makes it possible for missionaries, priests, catechists and pastoral workers to reach out in the name of Jesus to communities and families in need in 1,150 dioceses throughout the world. All proceeds are disbursed to the Missions; no funds are held in reserve.

thank you for your support

There are appeal envelopes at the entrance to the church. As a priest who worked for over ten years in the missions, I can assure you from my first hand experience, your generous support is appreciated and does make a difference!

Wishing you and yours every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Peter Brannelly



Save the date everyone! We are excited to announce that after the great success of the first one - we will be having our second **Parish Worship Night!** It will be held **this Thursday evening**, October 22 at Stella Maris Church from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Join us for a powerful night of praise, worship and Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together as one community to encounter Jesus and grow deeper in our faith. **All are welcome.** We will kick off the evening with a shared dinner at 5:30pm - so please bring a plate to share. We can't wait to see you all there!

God bless, Maroochydore 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, October 19
- RCIY (4:00pm, Stella Maris)
- Adoration (4:30pm, Stella Maris)
- Benediction (5:15pm, Stella Maris)
- **Mass** (5:30pm, Stella Maris)
- The Chosen (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Tuesday, October 20
- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- Funeral of Zdena MacDonald (10:30am G&W)
- Preventing Burnout (6:30pm, Stella Maris)

Wednesday, October 21
- **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's)
- **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine's)
- Play and Pray (9:30am, Stella Maris)
- Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)

Thursday, October 22
- **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's)
- Funeral of Irene Moodie (11:00am St Mary's)
- Funeral of Tony Bianco (11:00am Stella Maris)
- Parish Encounter Night (5:30pm, Stella Maris)

Friday, October 23
- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris)
- Community Meal (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, October 24
- Reconciliation (8:30—9:30am, Stella Maris)
- Baptisms (10:00am, St Maris)
- Jesus Shine Prayer Group (11:00am, St Catherine's)
- **Vigil Mass** (4:30pm, St Peter's)
- **Vigil Mass** (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Sunday, October 25

Thirtieth 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)
- **Mass** (9:30am, St Mary's) (Children's Church)
- Junior Ministers (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- 10:10 Youth Group (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- **Polish Mass** (4:00pm, 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.



Each weekend there are many visitors joining us who are not Catholic – you are most welcome. When it comes time for Holy Communion you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing. Thank you for being with us today.

young adults

This Sunday evening, October 18 after the 5:00pm Mass, there will be a night of worship and adoration for all young adults. Dinner will be provided, so please, stick around for a few hours after the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy some food and fellowship before taking some time to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All young adults are welcome, don't forget to invite a friend. ***See you there!*** For more information or to join the YA WhatsApp chat, please contact Dahli: dahlisc@gmail.com

waves of harmony

At 2:00pm, Sunday, October 25, the Sounds of Celebration fundraiser will take place at St Peter's Church Coolum. There will be performances by Waves of Harmony and special guests. Afternoon tea will be available following the concert. The ticket price is $20.00 (payable at the door). All proceeds go towards supporting the local outreach programs of St Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

not resting on their laurels



Our busy Stella Maris Craft group meets this Friday, 9:45am, just after the 9:00am Mass. All are welcome – even just to pop in and have a cupper! The craft group is busy preparing for their Christmas Sale and new members are always welcome.

Part of the money raised at their last Christmas sale helped fund the purchase of new metal seating benches – with our crowds on the weekend they are a most welcome addition! So please accept this invitation to be part of the creative Fun this Friday morning!

Thank you for remembering your parish in your will.

did you know that.....

When the Pope, the successor of Peter, celebrates Mass at the main altar of St Peter's Basilica, beneath Bernini's magnificent bronze baldacchino, he is doing so directly over the spot where the bones of the Prince of the Apostles lie. Martyred in the nearby Circus of Nero, from which the obelisk in the centre of St Peter's Square comes, Peter was interred in an outdoor pagan (not Jewish) burial ground, which was preserved in situ under Old St Peter's, the basilica built by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century. Clandestine excavations during the Second World War and later scientific analysis of bones found in the grave allowed Pope Paul VI to declare in 1968 that the bones of Peter had indeed been found.

There are many customs and rituals that sometimes we as Catholics take for granted – for visitors and those searching, these rituals and beliefs can be confusing! On the first and third Sunday of every month, after the 5:00pm Sunday evening Mass, we invite anyone searching to **Veritas,** our gathering to help answer some of these questions! Veritas is Latin for "truth" and at this very semiformal gathering we tackle some of the traditions and try to make sense of the "things we do" as Catholics. Please feel free to join us.

where faith and life meet

We welcome into God's Family, the Church ***Cooper Holmes, Austin Patton, Bailey Patton, Mattea Rogers*** who will be baptised this weekend.

We pray for all those who have died especially ***Anthony Bianco***, ***Zdena MacDonald***, ***Irene Moodie***.
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

As I am sure you have noticed, over the last three years our amazing NET Teams have brought so much vibrancy to our parish family. Without their valuable help, important ministries, such as our parish youth groups, school outreach, sacramental programs, and much more would not function the same. With the implications of our loan repayments becoming a stark reality, if we want another NET Team next year, we will have to raise the **$120,000** to cover the costs of the six young missionaries that will fill the shoes of this year's team. We have decided to best way to approach this fundraising goal is to **invite you to lunch!**

Next month we will be hosting a spectacular parish luncheon: **Flavours of the World** to help us fundraise for a new **Maroochydore NET Team** for **2027**. Sit back, relax and enjoy a fantastic three-course meal, featuring traditional dishes from around the globe, cooked by local chefs, all while supporting a good cause.

WHEN: 12:00pm, Sunday, November 22
WHERE: Daintree Building at Siena Primary School (60 Sippy Downs Dr, Sippy Downs 4556)
COST: $100
WAYS TO REGISTER:
1. Scan the QR Code and pay using the BPOINT Portal OR
2. Call the Parish Office 5443 3488 and pay over the phone OR
3. Visit the Parish Office and pay using cash or card.
If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know so that we can cater for you.
Want to reserve a table for eight? Please email media.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au with your list of people and we make sure to seat you together.

Flavours of the World

Can't make it to this event but would still like to contribute to this fundraising goal? Perhaps you might like to donate a prize to our upcoming **Parish Raffle**. More information about this raffle to come. If you are able to donate a prize, please contact the parish office.
We are grateful for your generous support in helping us fund this very important ministry.

On All Souls Day our Sunshine Coast Parish Family has a special tradition to remember and pray for all those whose funeral rites we have celebrated during the past 12 months. We also gather as a parish to be with and support the families who grieve. **This year All Souls Day falls on Monday, November 2 and we will have our special All Souls Mass, 5:00pm at Stella Maris Church.** November is a month when we do remember all our loved ones who have died and you will discover at each of our churches our **Parish Book of Remembrance** – you are invited to take a few moments to record the names of your loved ones and they will be the focus of our prayers during the month – ***may they all rest in the peace of Christ.***



thirsty work !

Thank you to everyone who bought in your empty bottles and cans – we had a trailer full to take to our local Containers for Change depot. All up this past month we raised $333.60 which will go towards securing a new NET Team for 2027. The trailer will be once again back in the lower carpark of Stella Maris on the first weekend of November. 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 CHOSEN — SEASON 6, EPISODE 1 | EARLY ACCESS EVENT

We will be hosting an exclusive early-access screening of **The Chosen Season 6, Episode 1** — before it begins streaming to the public.

📅**DATE:** This Monday, October 19 ⏰**TIME:** 6:00-7:30pm 📍**PLACE:** Stella Maris
We ask that you would consider bringing a **Gold Coin Donation to help cover the costs of light refreshments available before the screening and resource materials.*



The Chosen has brought the people and places of the Gospels to life in a remarkable way, inviting millions to encounter the stories of Scripture. After **five seasons** of following Jesus and His disciples, the story is moving toward the very heart of our faith. **Season 6 is the Crucifixion season.** We know where this journey is heading. It won't always be easy to watch but we also know the cross is central to the hope we have in Jesus.
Come and join us as we begin this journey toward the cross together — and be among the first to see what happens next!
To register please contact: 5443 3488 or media.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au
Haven't watched seasons 1-5? You can catch up now by visiting https://watch.thechosen.tv/ and creating a free account.

A Place for Everyone to Belong

pray & play

Mums and dads, granddads and grandmas, perhaps this fun gathering is calling you? From 9:30am to 11:00am **every Wednesday morning**, 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. Grandparents are especially welcome to share their experiences and stories while at the same time enjoying the energy and inquisitiveness of those just starting out on the great adventure of life.

children's church

Every Sunday, 8:00am Sippy Downs, 9:30am Buderim and 9:00am & 5:00pm Maroochydore we have Children's Church. All our younger children, at the start of Mass, are sent 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. From little things great things grow!

junior ministers in action

Our Junior Ministers Youth Group meet 3:00pm **every Sunday** in the Bliss Room. The Junior Ministry is open to all younger members of the parish from Years 3 to 6 who are eager to actively participate in serving our community. Opportunities include training to become an altar server, welcomer, reader, computer operator, collector, or part of the music ministry. They are busy preparing to lead our Sunday night Mass next weekend. While our primary focus is on serving others, we also ensure there's plenty of fun to be had with friends!

10:10 youth group

Calling all young people, Years 7-12! Join us each Sunday afternoon for 10:10, our parish youth group here on the Sunshine Coast. **Date:** Every Sunday **Time:** 3:00pm **Location:** Stella Maris Church

Come along for an afternoon of fun, faith, and friendship as we kick off this exciting new journey together. Meet the amazing NET team, enjoy delicious slushies, and take part in awesome games. Inspired by John 10:10,"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full", our youth group is a place to grow, explore, and live life to the fullest.

Bring your friends and be part of something awesome. See you there! For more information, please contact maroochydore@netministries.com.au or see Fr Gerard.

misa en español

On the second Saturday of every month, our Spanish chaplain, Fr Luis, celebrates Mass in Spanish at St Mary's, Buderim. The next Mass in Spanish will be 6:00pm, next Saturday, November 14 at St Mary's. Their Facebook page is Comunidad Catolica Latina de Sunshine Coast. Also, 6:00pm every Wednesday in the Duffy Room, our Spanish-speaking prayer group members meet.

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On the Fourth Sunday of every month, Mass is celebrated in Polish. The next Mass in Polish will be 4:00pm, Sunday, November 22 at St Mary's - tell your Polish friends, all are welcome.

maronite mass

On the second Sunday of every month, the Maronite community on the Sunshine Coast gathers to celebrate their liturgy. 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. Our next Mass will be at 11:00am, Sunday, November 8.

vietnamese speakers

Any Vietnamese parishioners who would like to catch up with Fr Joseph Hien are warmly invited to attend First Saturday of the Month, Reconciliations at
8:30-9:30am or Monday evening Mass at 5:30pm.

brasileiros católicos em sunshine coast

On the first Sunday of every month at 11:000am, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Edmund Street, Caloundra, Mass is celebrated in Portuguese. Livestream available on the *Brasileiros Católicos em Sunshine Coast* YouTube page.

You are also welcome to join us for our weekly Prayer Group *'Prontos para a Batalha'* every Monday, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra. We will gather from 6:00pm, pray the Holy Rosary at 6:30pm, and begin our Prayer Group meeting at 7:00pm. Whether you have been part of a prayer group before or are simply looking to grow in your faith, everyone is warmly welcome. We look forward to praying with you. For more information contact: *bcsc.contato@gmail.com*

It has never been so easy to get in touch and keep up to date with the many ministries and activities of our Parish.

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