Stella Maris Catholic Parish

All Saints Day

Weekend of October 31 and November 01, 2026 Year A

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 **Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

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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Saints and souls capture our focus this weekend and provide the theme for the month of November. Since the times of the early church special days were assigned so that the believers could remember those who had died, especially the martyrs. In times of great persecution, such as under the reign of Diocletian, the number of martyrs became so great that a special day could not be assigned for each one. So, in parts of the church they began to celebrate groups of martyrs on a single day. As early as the year 610, Pope Boniface IV consecrated a church to the Blessed Mother and all the martyrs, ordering a special feast day to celebrate them all. Around the year 840, Pope Gregory IV extended this feast to the entire church and assigned it to the present date, which is November 1st.

So this weekend we kick off a month of remembering and appropriately we begin with the feast of all the saints. But we are not just acknowledging the "official" saints about whom we read and revere in the liturgical calendar. Mary MacKillop, Mother Theresa, Oscar Romero and Maximilian Kolbe remind us powerfully of what we are capable of when we place our trust in God. There are still martyrs making the ultimate witness of the faith today!

But today and this month is our chance to remember the saints we have known and who have lived among us and have not made it to the "official list". Parents, teachers, friends, parishioners, work colleagues and even strangers – we all have our heroes and we all have people whose life and faith inspire us to be more – more like the people God made us to be. This is our yearly reminder not to forget them but rather to remember that they are part of the great company of saints that intercede for us.

That great company of saints is our source of inspiration and provides us today with the courage to navigate through life as we hopefully make our way, one day, into their company. But, as we look to those who have gone before us for inspiration and example, let's not become complacent about our own pilgrimage and our responsibility to be a visible and practical witness to the reality of God's love. As St Augustine wryly remarked when contemplating the two thieves crucified with Jesus on Calvary:

Do not Despair one of the thieves was Saved
Do not Presume one of the thieves was Damned

The saints did not despair nor did they presume and as we approach this coming week, ***neiher should we!***

Have you secured your seat for Flavours of the World?



Tickets for our upcoming fundraising lunch; **Flavours of the World**, will be available for sale after all our Masses this weekend. If you haven't already heard, this lunch will be helping us fundraise to secure a NET Team for 2027 and will be held on **Sunday, November 22, 12:00pm** at **Siena Primary Daintree Building**. This event will feature a four-course menu inspired by dishes from around the globe, cooked by local chefs; Carlo from RSL Caloundra and Luke from GRANDMA ĐẶNG Vietnamese. If you would like to purchase a ticket (**$100**) after Mass today, please look for the Flavours of the World table located outside of the church. You can make a purchase using **cash**, **QR Code** or **Tap**. Tickets are selling fast and limited spaces are available, so don't hesitate and secure your seat for the best lunch on the Sunshine Coast today!

CAN'T MAKE IT BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT US TO SECURE A NET TEAM IN 2027?

You can make a direct deposit using the details below:

Account Name:	**ADF - Stella Maris Parish**
BSB:	**064 786**
Account Number:	**100 000 037**
Payment Reference:	**NET27 Donation**

Thank you for your generous support

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, November 02 *All Souls' Day*
- **Mass** (5:00pm, Stella Maris)

Tuesday, November 03
- **Mass** (9:00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- Funeral of Robert Oxley (11:00am, St Peter's)

Wednesday, November 04
- **Mass** (7:00am, St Mary's)
- **Mass** (9:00am, St Catherine's)
- Funeral of Claire McGovern (10:00am, St Peter's)
- Play and Pray (9:30am, Stella Maris)
- Scripture Study Group (9:30am, Zoom)
- Community Meetings: **Coolum**: 12:00pm **Buderim**: 2:30pm; **Sippy Downs**: 4:00pm **Maroochydore**: 6:00pm

Thursday, November 05
- **Mass** (8:30am, St Peter's)
- Baptism Preparation (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Friday, November 06
- **Mass & Anointing** (9:00am, Stella Maris)
- Community Meal (6:00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, November 07
- **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, November 08
Thirty Second 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
- **Maronite Mass** (11:00am, St Marys)
- Junior Ministers (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- 10:10 Youth Group (3:00pm, Stella Maris)
- **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.

Hospitality

How quickly the start of a new month comes around. In our Sunshine Coast Parish Family the first weekend of every month has a special focus on hospitality. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass today and share in the hospitality of our community, to catch up with friend and welcome visitors. Thank you to the coordinators and all those who bought a plate along to share.

First Friday

On the first Friday of every month, we celebrate a special healing Mass at our 9:00am Stella Maris Mass. Please let your neighbours and friends know about this Special Mass, especially if transport is an issue!

Leadership

As the largest parish in the state, coordination is vital in ensuring that our Parish Family runs smoothly while at the same time ensuring that new and exciting faith initiatives are also explored. This task falls largely onto the shoulders of the generous members of our four local groups. At these meetings we not only address current and pressing local issues but also look to the future and plan for ministry outreach and programmes that strengthen our Parish Family. This Wednesday Coolum meets at: 12:00pm; Buderim: 2:30pm; Sippy Downs: 4:00pm and Maroochydore: 6:00pm.

Thirsty Work

The first weekend of the month is also the time when we have the trailer at the lower carpark at Stella Maris to accept your empty bottles and cans. We take your empties to the local Containers for Change, and the process supports our youth program. There are orange Containers for Change bags at the entrance to the church to assist you, but bringing your bottles and cans in any container will work just as well. 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.

Reportable Conduct Scheme Training

It's Qld Law. Volunteers who require either Blue Card or Police Check are required to complete Reportable Conduct Scheme Training. This training takes approx.. 20mins . To assist the Safeguarding Team are providing face to face training at Stella Maris Church on Monday 10:00am, November 9 and November 16. Training can also be completed online - *archelearnvolunteer.brisbanecatholic.org.au* Please email *lsr.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au* or phone the office 07 5443 3488 or just turn up.

Christmas will be upon us before we know it and once again on the nine days leading up to Christmas we will have our **Christmas Novena**. Each morning we will have our Christmas Novena Mass at 6:00am – what a great way for all of us to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child!

Where Faith and Life Meet

We welcome into God's Family, the Church ***Oliver Brown, Sally Conway, Xarli Delaney, Brooks Fennell, Finn Jensen, Judd Jensen, Luca Squires*** & ***Vivienne Whybird*** who will be baptised this weekend.

We pray for all those who have died especially ***Robert Oxley*** & ***Claire McGovern.***
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

We Remember

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 02 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.***

Frances Kathleen Anderson	16-October-2025
Allan Waldon	30-October-2025
Margaret Jean Golding	30-October-2025
Bev Sawyer	01-November-2025
John Volpe	11-November-2025
Elaine Edna Desbrow	13-November-2025
Henry Vincent Frisby	16-November-2025
Patricia Edith Meaney	25-November-2025
Shirley Winifred Anderson	24-November-2025
Glynn Bradley Ross	28-November-2025
Michael Richard Cass	03-December-2025
Mary Cuell	10-December-2025
James William Montgomery	18-December-2025
Patricia (Pat) Nancarrow	01-January-2026
Florence Teresa Alison	06-January-2026
William George McLellan	09-January-2026
Melville (Bob) Marshall	18-February-2026
Paige Annalise Wincen	18-February-2026
Janice Mary (Jan) Cox	23-February-2026
Jennifer Margaret Pikersgill	26-February-2026
Patrick Arthur Hennessy	10-March-2026
Anne Carmel Donovan	13-March-2026
Vincent Michael Coyne	04-April-2026
Bronwyn Edith Rynne	11-April-2026
Kevin Mitchell	11-April-2026
Warren (Jim) Priora	22-April-2026
Peter (Pedro) Callanan	30-April-2026
Margaret Ann Clifford	10-May-2026
Merryl Lynette Berry	11-May-2026
Mirka Frederika Zavnik	14-May-2026
Marian Schmidt	16-May-2026
Geoffrey John Matlock	16-May-2026
Christopher John Harman	22-May-2026
Ronald Henry Mabb	23-May-2026
Rebecca Bridget Mellifont	28-May-2026
Theresa Zielinski	28-May-2026
Thomas (Tom) Rickards	09-July-2026
Carmel Eileen Evans	21-July-2026
Helena Margaretha Kubik	28-July-2026
Nola Patricia Thompson	30-July-2026
Tobenna Miracle Nwokeke	04-August-2026
Roy Francis Thompson	07-August-2026
Marion Crothers	15-August-2026
Ferdinand (Ferdi) Sedhoff	31-August-2026
Vincent Michael Hooper	05-September-2026
Margaret Veronica McMahon	08-September-2026
Phillip Trovatello	08-September-2026
Rita Ellen Condon	22-September-2026
Ian Christopher Meddows	26-September-2026
Shane Martin Bradshaw	02-October-2026
Anthony (Tony) Bianco	08-October-2026
Zdena Bozena Macdonald	09-October-2026
William (Bill) Bellair	11-October-2026
Irene Margaret Moodie	12-October-2026

Veritas – our back to basics, Catholic Q and A ministry, meets after the 5pm Mass this Sunday

Waiting For You

If you placed an order for one of the annual Archdiocesan publications – Break Open the Word, Daily Mass Book, Ordo or God's Word Daily Diary – they are available for collection at the Parish Office. If you would like to purchase one of those publications please go to the Liturgy Brisbane website or visit St Paul's Bookshop at the Cathedral in Brisbane.

Baptismal Preparation

On the first Thursday of every month, we host a baptismal preparation meeting for all parents with infant children. At this short meeting that begins at 6.00pm at Stella Maris, we simply look at some of the symbols used in celebrating the sacrament, answer any questions and confirm dates and times. Please go to our Parish web page and download the registration form before the meeting.

Older Children Baptism

There will be an upcoming Baptism Preparation Session specifically tailored for older children between the ages of 7 and 15 who wish to join our Catholic faith community. If your child has expressed a desire to be baptised, or if you have been waiting for the right time to take this beautiful step together, we invite you to join us.

Location: Stella Maris Catholic Church, Maroochydore
Day: Tuesday, November 10
Time: 5:00pm

Please note that both the parent and the child are required to attend this session together. This ensures that you can support your child through this meaningful spiritual milestone and understand the next steps in their sacramental journey. We look forward to welcoming you and your family as we share in this special time of preparation.

When considering or updating your will, thank you for remembering the mission and ministry of your Parish community.

New to the Neighbourhood?

We live in such a mobile society. Apparently, data from the census revealed that Queenslanders had one of the highest rates of residents who have changed addresses in the previous five years. Also, the Australian Bureau of Statistics mentioned that Queensland was the most popular destination for Australians to move to from other states. So, sitting beside or in front of you might be someone new to our Parish Family – make sure that you make them feel welcome! If you are new to the Parish could you pick up a welcome pack at the entrance of the church so that we can formally welcome you to your new Parish family. On Thursday, November 12 we are hosting a **"New Parishioners Cocktail Party"** which is really just a fancy name for a gathering at the presbytery to welcome you! So please, if you are new to our Parish Family or if you have been here a while but have never been formally welcomed, take home a welcome pack, complete and return the details and we will be in contact with you.

Sunshine Coast Catholic Education

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Eric Ellems

Viva Siena was a resounding success, showcasing the talents of more than 250 Siena Primary students across eight co-curricular music ensembles. Congratulations to every student who performed as part of the Semitone and Senior Choirs, Concert Band, Junior Band, String Club, Guitar Ensemble and Guitar Club.

Throughout the evening, our students displayed remarkable confidence, courage, creativity and commitment in bringing each performance to life.

Every student should feel immensely proud of what they achieved, especially those taking part in their first major concert and those who performed in multiple items. Well done to all!
With a packed house and an enthusiastic audience, the evening was a wonderful celebration of music and community. Our sincere thanks go to our talented, creative and dedicated music staff, who have generously shared their time and expertise throughout the year to nurture our young musicians and bring this memorable concert together. Special thanks to Todd Wynyard, Gabby Khoury and the many music teachers and tutors whose commitment makes Siena's outstanding music program possible.

Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore
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Principal: Mark Ballam

What a fantastic two days of learning and growth for our Year 4 students! On Thursday 8 October, students participated in a Faith Formation experience facilitated by the Parish NET Ministry Team. Through engaging group activities and meaningful discussions, students explored the importance of friendship and reflected on how they can strengthen their relationship with Jesus in their everyday lives.



Friday 9 October, our Year 4 students headed to their Day Camp with Character Builders, where they took part in a variety of team-building challenges on both the shore and in the water. The day provided opportunities for students to demonstrate courage, communication, resilience and teamwork as they supported and encouraged one another.



Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins

It's already the end of our fourth week of Term and there's a feeling of change in the air. Our Year 12s have begun their external exams and are winding down the academic year, before they move into their end of school celebrations. At our most recent Assembly, we prayed 'that they might have clear minds as they study, patience when the work is difficult, and peace as they sit each exam; remembering that their worth is not measured by a number, but by the people they are and the good that they strive to do'. In the last few weeks, our Year 10s completed a Retreat Day with Michael Fitzpatrick, while our Year 11s took part in the next of their Pathways Meetings. Both events gave students time to reflect on where they are in their schooling journey and to consider all that the final years of schooling will bring.

Last Thursday night, we held our annual Awards Presentation Night. This event was an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Siena staff and student body, whether in the classroom, on the sporting field, on the stage, or in service to the local and wider community. We were so proud to acknowledge students who contributed in so many ways to College life.

May you pick the winner in the race that stops the nation this Tuesday!

Take a moment to become a registered member of your Parish

Over two thousand parishioners have already signed up and become registered members of our Sunshine Coast parish – ***have you?*** It is easy; simply use your phone and this QR code will take you directly to the parish sign-up page. You will receive a confirmation code, which will allow you to securely enter your family details.

Option two is to go on your computer and follow this link **maroochydore.flocknote.com/register** as it will also take you to our Parish Flocknote data page.

Finally, if all else fails, at the entrance to the church, there is a hard copy of the registration form. Please complete it and return it to the parish office so that we can register you.

However you register, thank you for taking the time and becoming a registered and known member of your Catholic Parish.

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

Become a registered parishioner of your parish – simply follow the Flocknote QR link.