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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C, 21 August 2022

Come and join us next weekend!

Next weekend we have two very significant celebrations in our parish.

Join Bishop Tim Norton, Frs Peter and William and other priests, as we gather to recognise the many years St Peter's Church and St Mary's Church have provided a wonderfully spiritual place for us to praise and thank God.

(See the below flyers for the details.)



St Peter's Church - 40th Anniversary of their Dedication



St Mary's Church - 30th Anniversary of their Dedication

The Narrow Gate

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” Luke 13:24

The 2022 Commonwealth Games were held in Birmingham England a few weeks ago. There were about 5054 Athletes competing in 280 events across 20 Sports. These athletes would have been training for the past four years so they could be at their best, to try and win a medal. Not all the athletes would have won a medal but they would all have trained for many months and years as they strived to be at their best. Young athletes from all around the world, are already setting goals and beginning their journey towards competing in the 2032 Olympic Games in Brisbane.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told the crowds of people, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” This is a challenging Gospel as Jesus reminds us that not all of mankind will enter into His Kingdom.

Strive comes from a Greek word meaning to exert much effort and energy. In athletic contexts, it implies a great deal of effort and training. Every athlete who wins, strives to win. They invest a great energy and effort and make many sacrifices. It is not an

accident that they win but the result of deliberate and sustained effort.

Jesus tells us that this is the kind of effort and energy that we need to enter the narrow gate. He also tells us, however, that we cannot enter Heaven by our own will or through our efforts, alone. Jesus is the narrow gate and the way to heaven. Our striving should be directed towards following his teachings and humbly allowing Him to lead us. It takes humility to examine our lives and, at times, to admit that we are weak and sinful. Striving includes repenting for our sins and asking Jesus to forgive and heal us. It is learning to rely more on Him and less on ourselves.

The “narrow gate” is that gate through which the humble enter. Pride and self-sufficiency lead us to attempt to make our own path to Heaven. But this path is never the correct one. Entering the “narrow gate” means that we listen to God. He, as the divine Shepherd who is always calling to us in a gentle way. Only when we are attentive to His voice will we know where He is leading us. Only then will we discover the way through the one and only Narrow Gate, which is through Jesus Himself. This is the striving that leads us to achieve the ultimate goal, to share in God’s eternal Kingdom.

Dcn Michael

Annual Catholic Campaign this weekend

We are called to be the face, hands, and heart of Christ in our communities. Every day, God showers us with blessings so we will have gifts to share. Your support serves those in our community who need our care today. Please put your donation inside the envelopes supplied in the churches, and pop it into the collection tray during Mass this weekend. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.

Youth Group News!!!

COME MEET FR WILL!!! Sunday 28 August 2-4 pm in the function room at Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore. There will be: fun games, talk by Fr Will, praise and worship!!! Cost is a small donation \$5 for pizza and soft drink. All new youth welcome!!! (Grade 7 to 12)

Thank you from our Youth

We, the Youth, would like to say thank you, the members of our parish, for the beautiful, generous donations and your support of our BBQ last Sunday, in helping us raise funds to attend the Ignite Conference. Thank you as well to the *Knights of the Southern Cross*, who helped us run the fundraiser, not only donating the sausages, bread and essentials needed for the BBQ, but coming out to assist us with the event. Every year you

never fail to lend a helping hand to the youth, and we thank you ever so much. We certainly couldn't do it without any of you.

Trivia Night

As part of their fundraising to attend Ignite Conference in September, the team from [@kingdom.caloundra](https://www.facebook.com/kingdom.caloundra) proudly present their next event: Trivia Night! For just \$10 per person, you will enjoy a fabulous night of trivia, raffles, and a special performance from our worship band! Invite your friends and gather a group. BYO food. Drinks available for purchase on the night. Contact the parish office to book your seat today! Ph 5430 9390. (Please note, this is an 18+ event)

In Transition

We welcome into our Parish Family **Indiana Carpenter and Lorenzo Gardner** who were baptised this weekend. We pray for all those who have died, especially in the past week. May their souls, and the souls of all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, through the rich mercy of God, *Rest in Peace*.

The Week Ahead

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Friday, 19 August

- **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- Grief Support Team meeting
- Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Saturday, 20 August

- 9am - 10am Reconciliation (Stella Maris Church)
- The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and young children

Sunday, 21 August

- Confirmation Workshop for those children who have commenced their preparation.

Monday, 22 August

- **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 23 August

- **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- Christ Catholic Community (following 9.00am Mass, Function Room, Stella Maris Church)
- Alpha Program (6 to 8pm, Function Room, Stella Maris Church)

Wednesday, 24 August

- **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- **Mass** (9.00am, Siena College, Year 10's)
- Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom gathering)

Thursday, 25 August

- **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- **Mass** (5.30pm, St Catherine of Siena Church)

Friday, 26 August

- **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- Gen Y Fridays (Rosary, 6.00pm, Chapel, Stella Maris Church). Followed by dinner somewhere together.
- Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Saturday, 27 August

- The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and young children
- **40th Anniversary Mass and celebration** (6.00pm, St Peter's Church)

Sunday, 28 August

- **30th Anniversary Mass and celebration** (9.00pm, St Mary's Church)
- **Polish Mass** (4.00pm, St Mary's Church)

Our Parish Details

At your service...

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Brannelly PP

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This Sunday's Scripture

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
WEEKEND OF 20/21 August 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: *Go out to all the world*

and tell the Good

News

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Our Churches

Stella Maris Church

2-10 Church Street
Maroochydore

St Peter's Church

28-32 Elizabeth Street Coolum
Beach

St Mary's Church

24 King Street Buderim

St Catherine of Siena
Church

58 Sippy Downs Drive Sippy
Downs

Weekend Mass Times

- Saturday** 6.00pm St Peter's Church, Coolum Beach
6.00pm Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
- Sunday** 7.00am Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
7.30am St Peter's Church, Coolum Beach
9.00am St Mary's Church, Buderim
9.00am Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
5.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church, Sippy Downs
6.00pm Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore

Weekday Mass Times

- Monday** 5.30pm Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
- Tuesday** 9.00am Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
- Wednesday** 7.00am St Mary's Church, Buderim
- Thursday** 8.30am St Peter's Church, Coolum Beach
- Thursday** 5.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church, Sippy Downs
- Friday** 9.00am Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore

Reconciliation

Every Saturday 9.00am to 10.00am Stella Maris Church,
Maroochydore

Second
Thursday of
each month Following the
8.30am Mass St Peter's Church,
Coolum Beach