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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C, 4
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The Parish that Quit Money

The last line of this weekend's Gospel certainly gets your attention: none of you can be my disciple, unless you give up all your possessions. Is Jesus for real? Money and the things money can buy are the stuff that keeps everything going! Well, let me give you a book title that will also grab your attention: The Man who quit money. It is the title of a book, written by Mark Sundeen, released back in 2012.

The opening pages feed on your inquisitiveness. "In the first year of the twenty-first century, a man standing by a highway in the middle of America pulled from his pocket his life savings -- thirty dollars -- laid it inside a phone booth, and walked away." The man's name is Daniel Suelo, who was 39 back then, well-educated and apparently rational man who had simply decided to act on his belief that he'd be taken care of if he followed the advice of St. Francis of Assisi: "If we embrace holy poverty very closely, the world will come to us and will feed us abundantly."

Fast forward thirteen years later the book deals with the now 52 year old Daniel Suelo who still lives in caves in the canyons outside of Moab, Utah. Suelo was raised an evangelical Christian and still remains deeply religious. It is hard to imagine in this day and age but Suelo does not have any personal identification, bank accounts or credit cards, mobile phone nor has accepted any form of Government handout over the past 13 years.

He forages for wild food, keeps an eye out for food that has been thrown out and happily accepts a feed from friends or strangers. While he is driven by spiritual beliefs and longings, he is not a monk, nor is he associated with any church. And although he lives in a cave, he is not a hermit: he is relentlessly social, remains close with friends and family, and engages in discussions with strangers and even has a website which he accesses through the local public library. (Because he has

had to look after his aging parents Suelo's circumstances has changed but his principles have not. When you get home look up his web page!)

So, thinking about today's Gospel, is Daniel Suelo the only one of us who has taken seriously the last line: none of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions. If we were to divest ourselves of all our possessions and give ourselves to living as Suelo does -- absolutely without money -- would that make us true followers of Jesus? Would we be a perfect parish full of perfect disciples of Christ? Or would we be simply the same people minus our money, a roof over our heads and clothes on our backs?

The Gospel that we hear this weekend, which contains some of the harshest words in scripture, is not exclusively about money or possessions but discipleship. And getting rid of your money and possessions and going to live in a cave makes you no more of a disciple than taking off your wristwatch will make you lighter and able to fit into your clothes!

Discipleship has to be more than that! Discipleship is a way of life. Perhaps Jesus is suggesting that money, possessions, family, and the many other things and gimmicks that clutter up our modern lives can be a distraction from what we should be on about, or an excuse to water down our response to the challenges we face. Further, they can allow us to sidestep confronting some of the tough decisions that are part and parcel of being an authentic disciple of Jesus.

Not all of us are cut out to live in a cave and scavenge for leftover food. But all of us here in our diverse Sunshine Coast Catholic Community are called to discipleship -- that is what brings us together to celebrate this Eucharist. What sort of disciple we are this week will depend upon what distracts us from becoming who we are called to be!

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Peter Brannelly

Happy Father's Day!

We wish all father's a wonderful day.

Next Sunday

At the 9am Maroochydore Mass next Sunday we will welcome members of the St John of Jerusalem, Hospitaller. The Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller (Sovereign Order) is a Christian, chivalric, ecumenical and international community of members, who continue more than 900 years' of tradition helping the sick and the poor of all nationalities, races and creeds. Their mission is to undertake projects of support and comfort to those in need; acting always with compassion, humility, integrity and respect for all people as we seek to alleviate suffering. Their motto is Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum. For Faith, For Service to Humanity.

The Spirit is Moving

Please keep in your prayers the younger members of our community who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. This Tuesday they will have a practice in preparation for Bishop Tim Norton conferring the sacrament on this Thursday at Stella Maris.

Welcome

We live in a highly mobile society. If you are new to any of our faith communities or if you have been with us for a while but feel you have not been welcomed or made connection with your new parish family - well we want to see you on Wednesday evening, September 14th. A warm invitation is extended to all new parishioners to join us for a Welcome cocktail Party on the presbytery balcony and to assist with catering simply pick up a Parish Welcome Pack at the entrance to the church and send us an email. It will be a chance for all new parishioners to meet members of your local communities and for us to introduce ourselves to you.

Hola – Calling all Spanish Speakers

All Spanish speakers are invited to gather this Wednesday, 6pm, September 7th, at the Stella Maris function room for the Latin American Prayer Group. The coordinators are trying to establish a prayer and social group. For more information please contact the Parish Office

Interested?

After the 9am Stella Maris Mass this Sunday anyone not baptised Catholic and interested in discovering more about what we believe are invited to meet Fr Will in the function room at 10:15am. There is a journey of discovery where we explore what we believe called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and it helps a person discern God's call in their

life. We also need parishioners willing to accompany inquirers along this journey – if you are interested or would like more information please join Fr Will in the function room or contact him at aupitoiulianow@bne.catholic.net.au

Security

We always have to be conscious of security and during the week locks on the Stella Maris church had to be replaced – anyone with a key to the church will need to go to the parish office to get a replacement. Keys to the Blessed Sacrament chapel are not affected.

Children's Liturgy

There will be children's liturgy 9am Mass Sunday the 11th & 25th September at Stella Maris Church.

Date claimer

All local groups are reminded to put in your diary the combined meeting at the Stella Maris function room on Wednesday, September 14th at 5pm.

The Week Ahead

Monday, 5 September

- Adoration 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm (Stella Maris Church)

- Mass (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 6 September

- Mass (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)

- Christ Catholic Community - following 9.00am Mass, Maroochydore Function Room

- Confirmation practice 4 & 6pm

- Alpha Program (6 to 8pm, Function Room, Stella Maris Church)

Wednesday, 7 September

- Mass (7.00am, St Mary's Church)

- Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom gathering)

Thursday, 8 September

- Mass (8.30am, St Peter's Church)

- St Vincent de Paul Society, St Peter's Conference meeting

- Confirmation Ceremony 4pm Maroochydore

- Confirmation Ceremony 6pm Maroochydore

- Mass (5.30pm, St Catherine of Siena Church)

Friday, 9 September

- 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). Would you like to be involved in this ministry?

Would you like to find out more about how you can support this ministry? Please contact the Parish Office (5443 3488)

Saturday, 10 September

- Reconciliation 9 – 10am, Stella Maris
- El Shaddai group meets this Saturday at St Catherine of Siena Church following the baptism.
- Vigil Mass 6pm Maroochydore
- Vigil Mass 6pm Coolum

St Peter's gives thanks

What a wonderful celebration of St Peter's 40th Anniversary last weekend! The St Peter's community would like to thank Bishop Tim, Bishop Brian and the priests who served us in the past and at present. We were also presented with a Papal Blessing to mark the occasion. The socialising afterwards involved pizza, drinks and much reminiscing. Thank you too, to all who assisted in making the event so special, the combined St Peter's choirs, gardeners, sacristans, Community Leadership Team, and everyone who attended, helped with the set-up and with the clearing-up afterwards. A special "thank you" to Michelle Kennedy, Fraser Wilson and their daughter Trinity, who painstakingly renovated the St Peter's mural. Thank you too, to our dedicated and talented Craft Group who made the bunting and to the many who loaned or donated fairy lights to add to the ambience. More news to come in September's Good News.



St Mary's gives thanks

Our thanks, to all those in attendance and others who assisted, for your energy, enthusiasm and involvement in St Mary's Church, Buderim's celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of their Church. St Marys' Community Team. Congratulations to the organizing community, liturgists, musicians and caterers for providing a celebration worthy of 30 years.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
 to be celebrated by
 Archbishop Mark Coleridge
*Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more
 are invited to attend, together with family and friends*
Saturday 24th September 2022
11:30am
 RSVP: Wednesday 21st September
 email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
 telephone: 3324 3030
 The Cathedral car park will be available.



Mary Poppins - The Broadway Musical



Stella Maris Catholic Primary warmly welcomes all Parishioners to this years production "Mary Poppins" the Broadway Musical. At the Stella Maris School Hall, 5 Stella Way, Maroochydore

Performances: Thursday 13 October at 6.30pm;
Friday 14 October at 6.30pm;
Saturday 15 October at 6.30pm

Ticket Cost: \$24 per Adult; \$12 per School Aged child
Tickets are purchased via the Humanitix website:
<https://events.humanitix.com/mary-poppins-musical>

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome Harry Bessell who will be baptised at Stella Maris this weekend. We pray for Joan Davis who died last week and her funeral was celebrated on Friday. May her soul and all our deceased priests, rest in peace.

Our Parish Details

At your service...

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Brannelly PP

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

Carrolyn Watt (Youth Coordinator / Childrens Sacraments Coordinator)

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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

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