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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C, 11 September 2022

The Lost Sheep

Saving Private Ryan is a 1988 American war film directed by Stephen Spielberg. Set during the Invasion of Normandy, France in World War II. The film follows Army Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) and his squad of men as they search for a paratrooper, Private James Ryan (Matt Damon), the last surviving of four servicemen brothers. They set out on this mission for the sake of their mother who had already lost three of her four sons in combat.

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about the parable of the lost sheep. It is a familiar parable, told by Jesus, of the Shepherd with 100 sheep who loses one then leaves the 99 to search and find the lost sheep. It is a parable of redemption, rescue, love and concern.

Let us think about the two stories. Soldiers were called out to rescue a fellow soldier. The Shepherd goes out to find the one lost sheep. The question we may ask is, who is the lost sheep? We are the lost sheep and Christ is the Good Shepherd. The image of our Lord Jesus Christ carrying the sheep, on his shoulders, rejoicing, is a beautiful image of the love of God for each of us and of His forgiving us our sins when we stray.

"There will be more joy in heaven over the one sinner who repents."

Jesus is our Shepherd, but He also calls us to shepherd others. There are many lost sheep in our world, we only have to look with the eyes of Christ to find them. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta once said, "Stay where you are. Find your Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right there where you are, in your own homes and in your

own families, in your workplace and in your schools. You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society-completely forgotten let alone." Jesus calls us to love and forgive others as He loves and forgives us. In the end of Saving Private Ryan, Captain John Miller dies saving the life of Private James Ryan. Christ died for our sins, so that we may have eternal life. Christ will come with an army of angels to rescue each one of us. All we need to do, is listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and ask to be rescued.

Deacon Michael Khoury

Safeguarding Sunday 2022



The Parish of Maroochydore and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
 Second Reading: 1 Tim 1:12-17
 Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

Best Dressed

The best dressed crowd at our 9am Stella Maris Mass this Sunday will no doubt be the members of the Sunshine Coast Priory of the Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller. The modern order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller is a Christian, chivalric, ecumenical community directly descended from the Hospitaller activities at the Hospice, founded before the turn of the 12th century by the Amalfi merchants, for pilgrims in Jerusalem. The Knights Hospitallers had a focus on aiding the sick and the poor and were noted for developing methods of improving the survival rates of patients and pilgrims. Their mission continues today as they 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 Sunshine Coast Priory is currently supporting the Western Queensland Drought appeal, Hear & Say, Cittamani House and have supported Zambales in the Philippines (children with cleft palettes), Our rainbow House and Val Smith-Orr with burns victims. We welcome each member of the Knights of Jerusalem and their families to our celebration today.

Golden Wedding Bells

Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 24th of September at 11:30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more, are invited to attend, together with your family and friends. RSVP by Wednesday September 21st via E cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or: 3324 3030.

Welcome

Each week new faces appear at our Sunday Masses and in such a large and diverse Parish like ours, it is easy to get lost in crowd and become part of the furniture! We don't want that to happen! If you are new to our Parish Family or if you have been here a while but feel you have not been welcomed to our community then we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us this Wednesday, September 14th between 6 and 7:30pm at the Stella Maris presbytery balcony for a Welcome Cocktail Party. It will simply be a chance to introduce ourselves to you and tell you about some of the ministries and vision of your new Parish Family. If you have not done so already, to help us with catering, we would appreciate if you could call the Parish Office (5443 3488) on Monday and indicate if you are coming. The Four Local Community Groups and your priests are looking forward to meeting you on Wednesday.

Follow us on Facebook

Visit the Stella Maris Heads Catholic Parish Facebook page! You will receive updates on what's happening within the parish,

religious articles and content of interest. 'Like' our Facebook page will keep you notified of new posts and help to promote the Parish page to more viewers. Thanks

Wanted

The church places great importance on keeping our records up to date. In a large and busy parish like ours, with confirmations and baptisms and funerals being a constant part of our parish life, it is easy to fall behind with the recording of canonical details. We are looking for some parishioners who have a little spare time to come in and help us by simply filling out and completing our parish registers. If you would like to help or would like more information please contact Fr Peter or call the parish office.

Never Too Late

Our catholic tradition has been to baptize our new born babies shortly after birth. Sometimes, for many different reasons, a child's baptism is delayed. No problem – no one should be excluded from God's Family and being a pilgrim with the rest of us on the journey of life. We warmly invite children older than 7 years and their parents who have not been baptized to a short meeting after the 9am Maroochydore Mass this weekend.

The Spirit is Moving!

Last Thursday over two ceremonies, Bishop Tim Norton celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 140 of our young parishioners. Their confirmation was the culmination of a journey of preparation coordinated by the Parish and personalized by their parents. Thank you to our Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Carolyn Watt for her leadership in guiding us through the programme and to the parishioners from the Stella Maris Community Team who assisted on the night. Thank you to Gabby Khoury and the Siena Primary Choir and Janet O'Connor for the music and the support of Bianca Dixon and Chloe O'Reilly, the Religious Education Coordinators at Siena and Stella Maris primary schools.





Children's Liturgy

There will be children's liturgy 9am Mass this Sunday and on the 25th of September at Stella Maris Church. All children are welcome. Are you interested in joining this ministry—I we are trying to build a team of leaders so f you are please contact Carrolyn Watt at the Parish Office .

Thank You

This week your Parish Finance Committee has its monthly meeting where it will review our income and expenditure, assess the future needs of our Parish Family and try to budget accordingly. On behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you for your continued, generous financial support—it is only through your commitment that we can plan for the future with confidence.

If you would like to join your fellow parishioners in financially supporting your parish simply email the parish office and we will send you a information pack. (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au) Everyone's support is important—no ones generosity is taken for granted.

A grateful Parish says Thank you

The Week Ahead

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Monday, 12 September

Mass: St Vincent Health Care, 11am
Funeral Rites for Kenneth Daniels 11am Stella Maris
Adoration 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm
Mass (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 13 September

Mass (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
Christ Catholic Community – 9:30am, Maroochydore
St Peter's craft group, 1pm, Coolum
Finance Committee meeting 5pm
Alpha Program (6 to 8pm, Function Room, Stella
Maris Church)

Wednesday, 14 September

Mass (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
St Gerard Majella St Vincent de Paul Conference
meeting 8:30am at 1 Norval Court Maroochydore.
New members always welcome.
Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom gathering)
Parish Local Groups meeting, 5pm Maroochydore
Parish Welcome Cocktail Party, 6pm, Presbytery balcony

Thursday, 15 September

Mass (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
Coolum St Vincent de Paul meeting, 9am.
Mass (5.30pm, St Catherine of Siena Church)

Friday, 16 September

Mass (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
Grief support Group morning tea, 9:30am, Maroochydore. An invitation is warmly extended to anyone joining through grief and for any parishioners who would like to join us after the 9am Maroochydore Mass. All welcome.
Funeral Rites for Tony Story, 10am, Maroochydore.
Gen Y Fridays – the young adult group meets on Friday at the Stella Maris chapel at 6pm followed by dinner. All young adults welcome.
Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris).

Saturday, 17 September

Reconciliation **8:30 to 9:30am**, Stella Maris. Please note the change of time for Saturday Reconciliation – thank you.
El Shaddai group meets 11am Saturday at St Catherine of Siena Church.

In Transition

We welcome into our Parish Family Mia Callaghan, Spencer Kleinberg, Harvey & Josie Kirk, Storm Kerswill and Willow McShea who were baptized this week. We pray for all those who have died, especially Ken Daniels, whose funeral rites will take place this Monday, 11am at Stella Maris and Tony Story, whose funeral rites will be celebrated at 10am this Friday at Stella Maris. May their souls, Rest in Peace.