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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C, 9
October 2022

From Fr Peter...

In this weekend's Gospel we hear the all too familiar story of the 10 lepers and how only one came back and gave thanks to Jesus for being cured. Funny, we always concentrate on that one grateful leper but have you ever wondered what happened to the other nine who were also healed?

Each of the nine would have had to come to terms to a totally new reality of living and relating! Perhaps one of the now-clean lepers went off to build a new life for himself. He busied himself seeking work, a new place to live, putting down roots for himself and, maybe someday, a family. *Work, work, work* became the driving force of his life.

But another one of the lepers was immediately overcome with fear and worry -- *What do I do now? I can no longer beg. I must find work. But I have no skills, I've never learned how to do anything. Who will hire me? How will I survive?* So worried and fearful was the once unclean leper for his future that he was paralysed from doing anything and remained huddled at the gate.

Still another leper, realizing that he was now clean, wanted revenge on the many passers-by who laughed at him, ignored him, and inflicted so many cruelties and indignities on him because of his illness. *They will pay for what they did to me*, he vowed.

But one of the lepers, finally freed from his sufferings, ran as far away from the place as he could. All he wanted to do was forget his old life -- and everyone and everything about it. He tried to make himself deaf to the cries of the suffering of others, but he could never run away far enough not to hear them.

And, of course, there was one leper who went out and celebrated -- and celebrated and celebrated. His newfound joy lasted as long as the wine did. Once the wine and the camaraderie that comes with it disappeared, he had to face a new life. And he found himself completely lost and alone.

In fact, there was one leper who didn't believe he was made clean. Why would anyone -- least of all God -- want to do this for the likes of him? There had to be a catch. So he just waited and waited for his leprosy to return. In his own mind and spirit, he was never healed.

And so the nine lepers went their separate ways. But without a sense of gratitude for the miracle they had experienced, the miracle didn't last very long -- their fears, their angers, their repressions, their scepticism, their misplaced hopes and values just made them lepers all over again.

I wonder if sometimes we let our obsessions, our worries and fears, our disappointments and hurts overwhelm us so much that we fail to recognise the blessings and many "miracles" that are taking place during the mundane routine of our days and weeks.

Sure, none of our lives are perfect and there are always regrets, but I wonder, if we consciously begin to live this week with a perspective of gratitude perhaps, as a bonus, we will come face to face with the reality of the love of God in our midst.

Fr Peter Brannelly

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 2 Kg 5:14-17
Second Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

In Transition

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Cassandra Esclamado, Vallie Kaarsberg, August Tonkin, Aidan Perdignes & Lincoln Heywood* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Patty Collins* (Memorial Mass this Wednesday, 10.30am), *Audrey Porter* (Funeral Prayers this Friday at Gregson & Weight Chapel). May

their souls, and the souls of our departed priests, religious and parishioners, through the rich mercy of God. *Rest in Peace.*

Welcome

With all our schools now back for the final term our Parish life returns to normal until the hectic days leading up to Christmas. A warm welcome to everyone joining us today! Whether you are traveling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our community today as we celebrate the 28th Sunday of the Church's year.

Finance Report

This is a report from the Parish Finance committee that held its scheduled meeting on 13 September. After the opening prayer the parish accounts were examined and compared with the budget. The committee is grateful for the continued generous financial support of each member of the Parish that enables them to budget and plan for the future.

Matters discussed included:

Approval was given for the repair and restoration of the external timberwork at Stella Maris Church. The exposed timber panels and door frames require yearly maintenance to prevent deterioration from exposure to the weather. When completed the required yearly maintenance will be included into our annual maintenance schedule.

Michael Fitzpatrick presented to the Committee a report outlining issues with the audio visual delivery systems at both St Catherine's, Sippy Downs and St Peter's, Coolum. The report was in part based on the maintenance plan submitted by Design Stage, in 2018.

Both churches are using audio visual systems that need to be upgraded which will require installing ceiling mounted laser projectors, and replacing the rear projected equipment currently in place. It was agreed, for cost efficiency, that both churches should be upgraded at the same time

Work will begin on the 17th of October with the screens being removed at both churches and the walls filled in. New ceiling mounted laser projectors will be installed with St Peter's also receiving an audio upgrade to bring it in line with the other churches of our Parish.

An Archdiocesan Safety Audit was conducted across the Parish and it identified 26 items across all 4 churches which need to be addressed. None of the issues were major and all will be addressed in due course. There were no other incidents reported or ongoing since the last meeting of the Finance committee.

Covid has changed all our lives in ways none of us could have imagined 3 years ago. Zoom meetings, on line learning, on line shopping, awareness of Facebook, WhatsApp, Messenger and our general computer competence has increased incredibly. As a Parish, we have realised the importance of our digital footprint and how we communicate and receive information.

In collaboration with our neighbouring Caloundra Parish, we have created a position titled "Director of Communications" to coordinate all our social media and digital communication and evangelization. This part time position will enable the Parish to keep up to date with technology and improve our ability to communicate with parishioners. Modern social media is also an important means of evangelization and it is important that, as a Catholic Community, we utilise all digital platforms. More information will follow.

Other items discussed included the repair of the digital screen in front of the Maroochydore Church, the completed asphalt line marking at Coolum and Buderim, the restoration of the Coolum mural. The new columbarium is ready to be installed at Buderim.

The Finance Committee meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting of the Committee will be 7 November.

Becoming Catholic! A Journey of Faith.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith? Welcome!



The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ. Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). During the RCIA process, you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. Ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage signify the steps along the way. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about becoming Catholic or starting to become Catholic as an adult, please contact Fr William or Fr Peter.

We Remember

November is traditionally a time that we remember and pray for those who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith. In fact, throughout November we want to remember and name all our loved ones and fellow parishioners who have died. From next weekend each community will have a *Book of Remembrance* at the entrance to the Church and you will be invited to inscribe the names of your deceased family and friends – throughout November the *Book of Remembrance* will be at the base of the altar and the focus of our prayers.

Inviting you...

Inviting you, your family and friends for the PUBLIC ROSARY on SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER at 10:15am. KINGS BEACH AMPHITHEATRE (De Vene Avenue, Kings Beach). Opposite Kings Beach Tavern. All are welcome to give honour to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Please bring a plate/camping chairs/picnic rug.

Any inquiries please contact Jen on 0415 615 557 or fatima.caloundra@gmail.com.



The Week Ahead

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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which our communities celebrate our 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.

Sunday, 9 October

Children's Church during the 9am Maroochydore Mass

Monday, 10 October

Adoration 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm

Mass (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 11 October

Mass (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)

Maintenance work continues at Stella Maris.

Christ Catholic Community (9.30am, Maroochydore)

Wednesday, 12 October

Mass (7.00am, St Mary's Church)

5:30pm Buderim Teams meeting

6pm Stella Maris Team meeting

Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom gathering)

Latin American prayer group meets every Wednesday

in the Maroochydore Parish function room 6-8pm

Thursday, 13 October

Mass (8.30am, St Peter's Church)

After Mass parishioners head off for coffee at the following establishments—all are welcome to join them..

Compound Surf and Drink Coffee

Shop 23B 15 Heathfield Road or

Rock Hop Espresso

12 Elizabeth Street or

Ma Bolange Cafe Patisserie

Shop 7 1812 David Low Way

2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy—Stella Maris

Mass (5.30pm, St Catherine of Siena Church)

Friday, 14 October

Mass (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)

2pm Stations of the Cross, Stella Maris

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, 15 October

Reconciliation **8:30 to 9:30am**, Stella Maris.

11am Baptism of infants. Stella Maris

11am El Shaddai group meets at Sippy Downs Church.



Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family



Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar

Our Year One students are focusing their learning in Religious Education this term on Mary. In particular they are investigating how Mary has been honoured in the past and in the present. This includes comparing artworks, icons and songs that have been created for Mary. They will also be looking deeply at the words of the Hail Mary prayer and linking these words to scripture, in particular the stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. At the end of term, students will design their own creation to honour Mary. We cannot wait to see what these enthusiastic learners will come up with!



Restoration and Maintenance

It is easy to see the progress on the restoration and maintenance work being carried out on the external woodwork of Stella Maris church. It is hoped to have the project completed by the end of the week. Thank you for your continued financial support that enables us to budget to ensure that such important work is carried out.



Stella Maris Primary School
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 Principal: Nicole de Vries


As part of Year 2's learning last term, they spent time learning about St Francis of Assisi and his wisdom and finished their learning about how they could be stewards of the earth. On Tuesday, our students gathered to celebrate our beautiful natural world that our creator God



has gifted to us. Alongside this they celebrated the life, works and wisdom of St Francis of Assisi. This liturgy was held in our newly renovated Children's Chapel where students had the opportunity to gather and pray together.



The start of the last term of the year is also an ideal time to focus on the core values of Stella Maris School and to ensure that they are reflected in every aspect of our school life.



Siena College
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 Principal: Michael McCarthy

As holidays end, students and staff return to school refreshed and ready for a very busy and at times, stressful term 4. Year 12 students are busy preparing for external exams that are fast approaching. Many of the year 12 students were busy studying over the September School break, as were many staff and other students engaging in learning and spiritual events.

On the 27th of September, 100 students across BCE attended the annual Student Voice Festival of Ideas, 10 of which were Siena Catholic College students. This year's theme was *Wishes for Education: a hope-filled focus*, building on what works for all students and their education. It was a full day of ideas sharing, networking, and talking about what is important to students in their schools. *Festival of Ideas* provides a platform for BCE's stakeholders to connect, discuss and collaborate on how to build a safe environment for our young people. Student Voice gives students the opportunity to be heard by their teachers and school staff members and exercise responsibility for their own ideas and opinions. Thank you to Mrs Joan Prasser, Campus Minister, who devotes

much of her time and energy in ensuring student voice is prevalent at the College.

On the 3rd and 4th of October, 12 Siena Catholic College Staff members participated in the Mary Mackillop Staff Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage offered staff an opportunity in gaining a better understanding of the Josephite Spirituality within the Catholic faith tradition. St Mary MacKillop is Australia's first saint, and the College has a House named in her memory, and as well, the learning gained provides an advantage in teaching and delivering service in our school community which aspires to the traditions and ideals of the Dominican charism which is like that of the Josephite charism, both fully inspired by the Gospel values of Jesus.