

Embracing the faith communities of St Mary's Buderim, St Peter's, Coolum, Stella Maris, Maroochydore and St Catherine of Siena, Sippy Downs.

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC PARISH

Our Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

The Pharisee and The Tax Collector

In the Gospel this Sunday, the two men in Jesus's parable are completely opposite. Although we might have some negative notions about Pharisees today, at the time, a Pharisee was seen as a model citizen. He was knowledgeable, just, law-abiding, tithing, and righteous before men. They were the kinds of people we would want our children to look up to. The Pharisees owned the best reputation in Israel. We assume that no one looked at the Pharisee and saw a problem that needed to be corrected. No one, that is, except Jesus.

The Tax Collector, on the other hand, was just the opposite. If the Pharisee was the model citizen, the Tax Collector was the criminal avoiding arrest. In today's culture, the closest social equivalent would be drug pushers, those who prey on society, who make money off others and make a living off stealing from others. He was not regarded as having one shred of righteousness and he could not thank God for anything he was or did.

When compared, the Pharisee is obviously the better person. We would want him as our neighbour. We would turn to him if we needed help. We wouldn't mind walking by him on the street. The Tax Collector, on the other hand, is someone we would avoid. We would shudder to see him approaching our house. We would disassociate ourselves from him.

In the day, the Pharisee was the good person and the Tax Collector the bad person.

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

The parable reminds us that how society labels us is not necessarily equivalent to who we are. In fact, we may be the complete opposite of what we are perceived to be.

The Pharisee may be telling the truth in what he "confesses" to God; he may really be a "good" Pharisee. The problem with that, however, is that he is led to despise and judge the tax collector, and he overlooks his own weaknesses. On the other hand, the tax collector shows humility and repentance before God that he does not even raise his eyes to heaven but only beats his breast and begs, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Those of us who feel "close" to God because we perceive ourselves to be "good" (in contrast to evildoers or criminals) can fall into the same trap of self-righteousness just like the Pharisee, and we begin to judge others - something only God has the right to do. If we honestly scrutinize ourselves, we can never boast of any personal righteousness before God; in fact, we will find many reasons for God to judge us. We can never be wrong if we approach God with an attitude of humility and honest acceptance and confession of our shortcomings.

Let us leave God to deal with others.

Do I tend to be self-righteous or judgmental towards others? Do I humble myself before God and confess my sinfulness? *Deacon Michael Khoury*

In Transition

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Samuel Marshall, Levi Wehl, Anna Jimmy, Emaan Anil & Hunter Yates* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Fay Mason*, whose funeral rites will be celebrated at the G&W Chapel this Monday at 1.00pm. May Fay's soul and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, through the rich mercy of God, *Rest in Peace*

PARISH NEWSLETTER for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
WEEKEND OF 22/23 OCTOBER 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 Second Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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Parish Masses

WEEKEND MASSES

Maroochydore
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7am, 9am &
6pm

Coolum Beach
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am

Buderim
Sunday 9.00am

Sippy Downs
Sunday 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 5.30pm
Maroochydore

Tuesday 9.00am
Maroochydore

Wednesday 7.00am
Buderim

Thursday 8.30am
Coolum Beach
& 5.30pm
Sippy Downs -

Friday 9.00am
Maroochydore

Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend we celebrate Catholic Missions and we are reminded that we belong to a Church that is universal. The missions appeal gives us the opportunity to support and pray for our catholic sisters and brothers beyond our shores. Our financial support provides practical life-changing programs which aim to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

One of the programs highlighted this year is the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre which is a dream of the local Church and community in Embidir, Ethiopia. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need. Thank you for supporting this appeal once again - you can use the envelopes provided or go on line at catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia.

We Remember

In preparation for November, at the entrance to all our churches you will find our **Book of Remembrance** – during these days leading up to All Souls Day you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased family members and friends in the book. The names recorded in our Book of Remembrance will be the focus of our prayers.

Financial Support

On the 24th of December 1996, Fr Francis Hefferan, long serving Parish Priest of Nambour, died. In fact it was Fr Hefferan who built the original church at Maroochydore in 1964. Shortly after his death his family established a bursary specifically to reward and support young people between the ages of 15 to 25. In the 22 years of the bursary over \$150,000 has been distributed to young people of our area to support them in areas as diverse as weight lifting, music, theatre and academic excellence. To find out more about the bursary visit the Nambour parish website.

Book the Date

Our Parish family would not be the same without the generous volunteering of so many of our fellow parishioners. Across our Parish there are so many who share their time and talent week-in and week-out ensuring that all our ministries and outreach runs smoothly. Not every Parish community is as blessed as we are! If you are on a roster, as a way of acknowledging and saying thank you, we would like to invite you to a volunteers appreciation BBQ on the night of Tuesday 22 November. More information to follow.

Calling All Junior Ministers

After the 9am Mass this Sunday at Stella Maris Church there will be altar serving training for anyone interested in being part of this ministry. For additional information please see Fr William.

Celebration Coordination

We are in the process of establishing a Parish Liturgy Group to help coordinate our liturgies and to ensure that all our ceremonies and liturgical moments are celebrated with dignity and reverence. In such a diverse and busy Parish, this group will help harmonise our liturgies and be proactive in planning ahead for the different seasons. Hopefully there will be a representative from each of our four communities on the Parish Liturgy Group. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Fr Peter at the office: suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

On The Move

The Archbishop has made the following appointments. • **Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI** has been appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Valley parish, Gatton Laidley and Administrator of St Mel's parish, Esk. • **Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI** has been appointed Parish Priest of St Peter's parish, Rochedale. • **Fr John Fitz-Herbert** has been appointed Parish Priest of Moorooka Salisbury. • **Monsignor Peter Meneely** has been appointed Administrator of Holy Family parish, Runaway Bay • **Fr Bryan Pipins** has been appointed Administrator of St Mary's parish, Coomera • **Fr John Fowles** has been appointed Administrator of St Joseph's parish, Murgon • **Fr Jose Panampuzha Joseph CMI** has been appointed Associate Pastor of Ipswich Parish Community.

November is around the Corner!

This year, **All Saints Day** is on Tuesday, November 1st, and we will have Mass at Stella Maris Church at 9am in the morning and an additional Mass at St Peter's, Coolum at 5pm that evening. The Following day, Wednesday, is **All Souls Day** and there will be Mass at St Mary's, Buderim at 7am in the morning. At 9am at Stella Maris the All Souls Mass will be coordinated by the Parish Grief Support Team followed by morning tea.

Perhaps You?

Covid has disrupted so many ministries within our Parish. At Stella Maris church we want to revamp our Sunday morning children's liturgy that takes place during the first part of the 9am Mass during school terms. Our goal is to get a group of parishioners to take it in turns to lead the children's liturgy – all the resources are provided and you always work in a team. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Fr Peter at the office (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au). Perhaps you and a couple of your friends would like to form a team?

May The Spirit Lead Us

May the fruits of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia bring about a humble, inclusive and hope filled future for the Catholic Church in Australia. After a November 2022 meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the decrees (motions passed) will be sent to the Holy See to be reviewed. The decrees will then be implemented and become the law of the Church in Australia six months after implementation. For the latest updates on the Plenary Council visit: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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 5 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.

Entertainment Galore

Waves of Harmony and the Coolum St Vincent de Paul conference presents **Sounds of Celebration** on Sunday afternoon, November 6 at 2pm. This fundraising concert at St Peter's church, Coolum "Sounds of Celebration" will support Vinnies' homelessness program. In conjunction with the concert there is a raffle which will be drawn on the day – tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – go to the parish Facebook page.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.

Monday, 24 October

- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 25 October

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Christ Catholic Community (9.30am, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Craft Group (1pm to 3pm, St Peter's Church).

Wednesday, 26 October

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society, St Gerard Majella Conference meeting
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom gathering)
- ◆ Latin American prayer group meets every Wednesday in the Maroochydore Parish function room 6-8pm.

Thursday, 27 October

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church).
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy—Stella Maris
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, St Catherine's Church).

Friday, 28 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, 29 October

- ◆ Reconciliation **8:30 to 9:30am**, Stella Maris.
- ◆ 11am Baptism of infants. Stella Maris
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets at Sippy Downs Church.

Sunday, 30th October

St Catherine's Team Meeting at 4pm

A Ministry For You?

The St Mary's Leadership Team is reenergising the communion to the sick and house-bound ministry – members of the Buderim community are asked to consider joining this important ministry. See notice board for more details or contact Bob Elson at r.elson@uq.edu.au

Known by Name

One of the distinguishing traditions of our Parish Family is the wearing of name badges. We see each other each week and being known by name makes a big difference! Just imagine if we all had a name badge! With the Christmas rush and crowds quickly descending upon us, being known by name is so important for our Parish Family. This week I have an offer you can't refuse! If you want a name badge simply complete the form below and place it in an envelope and put it on the collection plate or return it to the Parish Office and we will get you a name badge – *it is that simple!!!*

NAME _____ (Please Print)

CHURCH COMMUNITY _____

EMAIL _____ MOBILE _____

Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School
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Principal: Glen Bucklar



The task for our Year 6 students this term in Religious Education is to identify and describe many ways in which faith is celebrated in the lives of believers, past and present. Last week we organised a range of guest speakers to come and talk to small groups of students about their faith. Our speakers ranged from students from Siena College, members of our parish and St Vincent de Paul as well as staff from our school. The students moved around these speakers as they addressed three questions:

1. What is your understanding of faith and in particular Christian faith?
2. How do you live/ celebrate your faith?
3. What is your metaphor for faith?

After listening to and reflecting on this information, students have now been tasked to create their own metaphor and explain how it represents Christian faith. They also need to select a scripture quote to support their metaphor. We are looking forward to seeing what they come up with!



Stella Maris Primary School
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Principal: Nicole de Vries



Last week, Stella Maris held their school Musical, “Mary Poppins”, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. As a school, to say we are proud of the way the students performed is an understatement. Throughout the musical, the students displayed our 5C’s of Courage, Compassion, Commitment, Creativity and Confidence and this was evident in the growth they displayed across the performances. A huge thank you goes to all the staff and parents involved in making this year’s musical such a great success.



Siena Catholic College
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Principal: Michael McCarthy



The Year 11 Cohort gathered on Wednesday to reflect on their role in the College inspired by the teachings and examples of Jesus. The theme of the Mass was Servant Leadership, leadership that includes all students of the year 11 Cohort and Siena Community. Servant leaders strengthen the weak and empower those entrusted to their care, and also show compassion towards the disadvantaged and the lost (Eze. 34:2-10). Jesus who, in obedience to God, came to earth to serve and not to be served. He taught leadership should be like the one who serves (Lk 22:26). Greatness in God's sight is not found in how many people serve the leader but rather in how faithfully the leaders serve others. Through prayer, the Year 11 students reflected on how they might be leaders that serve as they venture on to year 12 and beyond.

The Finals of the Sunshine Coast Schools Debating took place last week and our Senior team did our Siena Community proud. Taylor, Joshua and Fraser gave it their heart and soul on Wednesday night, unfortunately not coming away with a win. However, we congratulate our students, including our Junior Team who made it to the Semi-Finals, and all our other teams on the tremendous effort this debating season.

