

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.

What happens when we die?

It's probably one of the most sought after answers known to humanity. What happens to us when we die? What will it be like when we go to heaven?

There's a fantastic TV Show on Netflix titled, The Good Place. In a comedic way, the show wrestles with the concept of the afterlife and brings to the forefront of our minds, the philosophical and meaningful questions we might encounter.

We began our week with All Saints Day and All Souls' Day which served as reminders to us that we need to be intentional with our earthly pilgrimage. Our time here on earth matters and what we do here matters. This, in part, is what the Sadducees failed to see. They were more concerned with cornering Jesus and disproving him to the detriment of their own souls.

We started a long journey to Jerusalem on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where we heard Jesus "resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem," in chapter nine of Luke's Gospel. This weekend we come to chapter twenty of Luke's Gospel and hear of Jesus in the temple with the learned and leaders of the faith. Chapter nineteen was Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Our questions today follow a line of tests that the Sadducees and Pharisees designed in order to catch Jesus in blasphemy or lawlessness. The Sadducees themselves did not believe in the Resurrection of the body or the immortality of the soul, so the fact that they asked this question truly reveals their desire to outclass Jesus.

At the end of the day, the answer to their questions weren't really answers that would affect the average person, simply because the Sadducees were an exclusive upper-class assembly that kept to themselves. Moreover, because they didn't believe in the resurrection, they weren't invested in the answer.

We, as regular Mass attending people, could perhaps fall into a similar trap if we don't continue to keep our eyes outward to see the needs of our neighbour. With the truths and foundations of faith that we enjoy as Catholics, we can fall into the trap of theologising in an echo-chamber that is not aware of the real and important needs of the world.

Our invitation, and indeed our call as followers of Christ, is to maintain a balance of faith in the way we speak and act. The hope is that our prayer life might animate our ministerial life. What we do here on earth is connected to our eternal home. May we be prepared to meet with our Lord in the resurrection and be united in mind, body and soul with our God. It won't be the Good Place of our TV show, but it'll be the Right Place to begin our new life into eternity - one that goes beyond marriage, race or culture. New life in eternity is found in God and when we're united in God, nothing else matters.

Fr William

**PARISH NEWSLETTER for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
WEEKEND OF 5/6 NOVEMBER 2022**

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14 **Second Reading:** 2 Thess 2:16-3:5 **Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

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Parish Masses

WEEKEND MASSES

Maroochydore
Saturday 8.00am &
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

ברוך הבא **Velkommen** **bienvenido** **bienvenu**

baha bonvenigar **haere mai** **歡迎**

However you want to say it—welcome!

**For all our visitors and friends reconnecting with us -
thanks for joining us as celebrate together the
32nd Sunday of the Church's year.**

Decision Time

The local teams are currently grappling with our Parish Mass times. With the reality that there will only be, at the most, two priests appointed to the Parish, looking into the future we must be strategic with the times and locations of our Parish Masses. At the moment they are not! Our schools are an important place of faith and evangelisation so each week two of our weekday Masses should be celebrated at the Stella Maris School chapel and St Catherine of Siena church – these will be both parish and school liturgies. Also, if we want to make Sunday Mass accessible for families, our Parish needs to be at a family-friendly time on Sunday morning. Looking to the future, there will be deliberate forethought to ensure that our Mass times and locations are sustainable and support the mission and viability of our Parish. The proposed new Mass times, when finalised, will be published in the newsletter next weekend. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding during this process. There will **not** be a reduction in the number of weekend Masses.

Vinnies Celebrations

The members of the Maroochydore and Coolum St Vincent de Paul conferences warmly welcome all parishioners and friends to join with them in marking their 40th anniversary of service and ministry to our community. For many in our suburbs the members of our Vinnies conferences are the face of Christ and the church in action. For the past 40 years, their ministry has been made possible through your generous financial support. Thank you. This Wednesday, 8 November at 9.30am you are invited to the Vinnies anniversary Mass at Stella Maris which will be followed by morning tea and a display.

Speak like an Italian!!!

It is never too late to learn a language. Have you ever wanted to learn Italian or have you learnt Italian years ago and would like to refresh your memory? Early next year we will be starting an Italian group and it is open to everyone from learners to those who want a refresher course. The Italian classes will be led by a qualified Italian teacher. It will be a great way to exercise the mind and have a bit of fun as we learn a new language – watch the newsletter early in the New Year for more details.

Hospitality

This weekend is the first weekend of the month and across our Parish Family hospitality is offered to all parishioners and visitors. Thank you to our fellow parishioners who generously organise our gatherings each month.

Spiritual Journey

None of us journey through life all by ourselves—there are times when we need someone to accompany us along the journey. What is true for daily life is also true for our spiritual journey! Paula Burnett, a parishioner and staff member of Good Samaritan College at Bli Bli is currently in formation as a Spiritual Director with St Francis Theological College, Milton. A key part of third and fourth year training is to give spiritual direction to a volunteer Directee by engaging regularly in spiritual conversations with the director acting as a listening and reflective companion in an atmosphere of trust and openness to support the Directee's growing awareness of God's presence in his/her life. This is similar to an intern program in other professions. Paula is currently seeking a volunteer Directee for her Supervised Practicum. The meetings can be face to face or via Zoom. If you are interested please email Paula.burnett@bne.catholic.edu.au

Thank You Gatherings

We have a couple of functions approaching over the next few weeks. This Tuesday, 8 November, from 5:30 - 7:00pm the **musicians and singers of the parish**, and your partners, are invited to a **Thank You Soiree** on the balcony of the Maroochydore Presbytery. To assist with catering and karaoke numbers, please RSVP to the parish office (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au). Importantly, thank you also to our Parish Family, for the generosity and commitment of so many who continually give of their time and energy to make our Parish a place of faith and community.

On Tuesday, 22 November, the Parish will host a **Thank You BBQ** for all the **volunteers and members of our Parish who serve on rosters**. It is a great chance for all four communities to come together before the Christmas rush – please mark the date in your diaries.

Good Stewardship

This Monday evening the Parish Finance Committee meets for its scheduled meeting. After reviewing the financial position of the Parish the agenda includes funding for a major youth initiative next year, renovations to the parish office and budgeting for maintenance across our four church communities. The work of the Finance Committee can only be undertaken with the generous financial support of the members of the Parish – thank you. If you would like to join your fellow parishioners and be part of the planned giving programme please contact the parish office.

On the Green

This Sunday afternoon, 6 November, our young adults (GEN Y) are getting together for a afternoon of bare foot bowls at the Mooloolaba bowls club. Why not join them? Bowling begins at 3:00pm. To join in, contact Joe Moloney on 0498 880 417.

Altar Server Training

Calling all junior ministers for practice and training for altar servers at 10:00am this Sunday at Stella Maris. It is our plan to commission the new altar servers within the next two weeks. If you would like to be involved please contact Fr William.

2023 Publications

Did you order *Break Open The Word*, *Ordo* or *Daily Mass Book*? Please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection—they've arrived!

We Remember - We Celebrate - We Pray

Thank you to the Grief Support Group for co-ordinating our service of remembrance on All Souls day last Wednesday. Their important ministry is a year round journey with the families of those who have lost a loved one and it cumulates each year with the Mass of Remembrance.



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.*

Sunday, 6 November

- ◆ Children's Liturgy during 7.30am Mass (St Peter's Church)

Monday, 7 November

- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Finance Committee meeting at 6pm

Tuesday, 8 November

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Parish Mass** (9.00am, *Stella Maris School*)
- ◆ Christ Catholic Community (9.30am, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Craft Group (1pm to 3pm, St Peter's Church).
- ◆ Musicians Soiree, presbytery balcony, 5:30pm

Wednesday, 9 November

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

Thursday, 10 November

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul meeting (Coolum)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy - Stella Maris
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, St Catherine's Church).
- ◆ 6.00pm Preparation for Baptism of infants

Friday, 11 November

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ 2pm Stations of the Cross, Stella Maris
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris).

Saturday, 12 November

- ◆ First Saturday **Mass** (8am, Stella Maris Church).
- ◆ Reconciliation **8:30 to 9:30am**, Stella Maris.
- ◆ 10am Baptism of infants. Stella Maris
- ◆ 10am Baptism of infants. Coolum
- ◆ 10am Parish Liturgy Committee meeting.
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets at Sippy Downs Church.

Sunday, 13 November

- ◆ 10.30am Baptism of infants. Stella Maris

Liturgy Committee

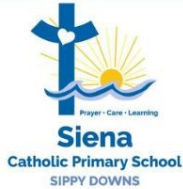
The first meeting of the Parish Liturgy Committee will be next Saturday morning, 12 November, at 10:00am. The meeting will take place at the Stella Maris Parish Office.

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH FAMILY IN YOUR WILL

Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



On Wednesday 26 October, Siena Catholic Primary School celebrated "Socktober" to support Catholic Missions.



Students and staff were invited to wear crazy socks to school and bring a gold coin donation. Members of the Year 6 Outreach committee also hosted lunchtime activities including: creating sock puppets, sock shoot-out competition and a sock fashion parade. We finished our day in prayer by thanking those missionaries who work around the world to help those in need. We hope that the children in Ethiopia will be able to improve the quality of their lives with the funds raised and donated this year.



Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Nicole de Vries



As part of Year 1 learning around Mary the Mother of Jesus, Stella Maris Catholic Primary school students designed a Mary Garden for all students in the school community to gather and pray. Time was spent choosing the right plants and all students worked together with their teachers to plant the garden. On Monday, we were lucky enough to have Fr Will come along and perform a special blessing ceremony over the garden. It was a wonderful opportunity for all Year 1 students. Following the blessing the students had the opportunity to spend some time together with Fr Will learning about the sacrament of Baptism in our Children's Chapel.



Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Michael McCarthy



In the month of October, together with Catholic Mission, we celebrated World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. This year's theme of the appeal was taken from the book of Acts 1:8 'You shall be my witnesses'. Pope Francis said Christ was the first to be sent to proclaim, as the Father's missionary and as His "faithful witness". This year, we were asked to walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Ethiopia and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need. Siena Catholic College student, Mary Cochrane, joined this mission, speaking at local Parish Masses as a Mission Ambassador on the 23 October.

To encourage missionary action among our students, we participated again in Catholic Mission's flagship program, **Socktober**. The program cultivates a passion for students to rise up, engage their local community and take action against poverty through the world game of soccer. It continues to provide our students with the opportunity to lead in Mission, encouraging them to think not only of what they will do to help, but why they will do it.



Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Thea Turich, Levi Moir-Bussy, Luca Moir-Bussy, Kai Jarasrit** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

During the month of November we remember all those who have died, especially those who's names are inscribed in our Parish Book of Remembrance. This week we pray for **Chris Chandler** (funeral held last Friday) and **Phyllida Warwick** (Funeral on Thursday at 10am). May their souls, and the souls of our departed priests, religious and parishioners, through the rich mercy of God. **Rest in Peace.**