

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.

Allow me to be a little bit morbid just for a moment! It strikes me that with every experience of loss, with every sign of illness, with every hint of age creeping upon us, we become more and more aware of our mortality and the relentless march of time. We all live on the edge of eternity. This sense of impending doom is easily reinforced by the secular media that relishes in the breakdown of law and order and the random acts of senseless violence which are like a time bomb relentlessly ticking away within our community.

Time is strange for us human beings. Our perception of time is affected by our personality, by the activity we are engaged in and by our mental state. If we are depressed time can seem to move very slowly. If we are intoxicated with alcohol we can lose our sense of time. On the other hand, if we are having great fun, time can seem to fly by.

Our sense of time changes as we get older. When we are young, time seems to slip by so slowly. I can remember sitting hot and sweaty in humid classrooms after lunch looking at the clock on the wall, a clock that seemed to tick by so slowly – *when will the 3 o'clock bell ever go?* Growing up, Christmas holidays seem to go on forever and ever – *you were almost glad to go back to school at the end of January!* When we are teenagers, our body clock appears to be set around a 25 hour day which means teenagers have only two speeds – *full speed ahead or fast asleep!* It does not seem fair that the older we get the less sleep we seem to need. What's more, the older we get the earlier we seem to wake up!

Whatever our experience of time, one thing is for certain, in the big scheme of things we don't have a lot of it. And in our modern Australian culture, we seem to have less and less of it. We are so busy that time seems to slip through our fingers. Days flow into weeks that flow into months and, before we know it, another Christmas is rushing towards us.

That is why this weekend's readings are quite "timely". We are coming close to the end of one church year and the beginning of another. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, and the following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. **There are only 41 shopping days till Christmas!** So it is understandable that, interwoven in this weekend's scripture, we get a glimpse of an apocalyptic vision of the end of time.

Whatever stage of life we are at it is important to accept that some day our time here will come to an end. But what is more important, is becoming more conscious that every day can lead us to live fuller, more fulfilling lives – *perhaps even holier lives!* Time waits for no one so, between now and Christmas identify what is going right in your life and relationships and celebrate it! Importantly, recognise what is not going right in your life and relationships and take the time to do something about it.

Wishing you and yours every blessing for the coming week

Fr Peter Brannelly

PARISH NEWSLETTER for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
WEEKEND OF 12/13 NOVEMBER 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20 Second Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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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

Thursday 5.00pm*
5.30pm *change this week
Sippy Downs

Friday 9.00am
Maroochydore

WELCOME

Book the Date

We are blessed to belong to a diverse faith community that is comprised of so many generous and willing members. One of the risks all large communities (like ours) is to take the ministry of our fellow parishioners for granted – *we are who we are, because of all who serve, and who make sure everything flows smoothly!* 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 reflect who we are called to be. Not every Parish community is as blessed as we are!

Once a year, just before the onslaught of the busy Christmas season, we like to invite everyone who is on a roster or involved in any form of ministry to a BBQ at Stella Maris Church. It is a chance for all of us to gather, reconnect and give thanks. So, if you are on a roster or involved in any way, in an aspect, of the running of our four faith communities, please accept this invitation to our pre-Christmas appreciation BBQ on **Tuesday, 22 November, from 5 to 7pm.**

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be cooking their famous, gourmet sausages and Fr William will have his karaoke machine out. All we ask is that, for dessert, you perhaps bring a plate to share. All new parishioners are also warmly welcome to attend.

Christmas Hampers needed for Coolum

St Vincent de Paul – Coolum, is preparing to put joy and cheer on everyone's table this Christmas, including for those parenting alone, some of who have up to six children. If anyone can prepare and donate a hamper for an individual or a family please contact Robert at St Vincent de Paul Coolum, on 0427 791 960 or send a text to this number and we will be in touch very soon.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who financially supported the Annual Catholic Campaign. This important annual appeal raises funds for the Archdiocesan Charitable Works Fund, which supports the work of Centacare, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Provincial Seminary and the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund. This year the people of Stella Maris Parish contributed **\$12,632.00** over the weekend. This amount does not include private donations. On behalf of all the agencies that benefited from your support, thank you for your generosity.

Gluten-Free Hosts

Gluten-free hosts are available. To arrange, simply contact the sacristan or coordinator before Mass. The priest will always distribute the gluten free host at communion.

Hola!

Every Wednesday evening at the Maroochydore Function Room the Latin American prayer group gathers at 6pm. A warm welcome is extended to all Spanish speakers to join them. Please tell your Spanish speaking friends!

Perhaps You ?

The disruption caused by Covid is probably incalculable, and the many aspects of our lives that we once took for granted that now are gone forever! What is true in our day-to-day life is also true of our Parish life together. Slowly we are emerging from Covid and trying to get back with being an engaged and responsive Catholic Parish. One important ministry was our outreach to Buderim Private Hospital. A dedicated team were part of this ministry, visiting patients and bringing Holy Communion – *would you like to join the team?* In the New Year we will be restarting this important ministry and will be providing training – between now and then why not consider making this your ministry? More information will be shared in January.

Get Ready!

Over the past couple of months, Fr William and Bernie Bain, our Director of Communications, have been working on developing our new Parish Website. All going well, we hope to launch our new website on the First Sunday of Advent, 27 November.

A WEEK IN PICTURES



Waves of Harmony and the St Vincent de Paul Coolum Conference at presented a wonderful Sounds of Celebration fundraiser concert at St Peter's last Sunday. Thank you to Waves of Harmony, Coolum Voices (from the Coolum State High School), Sharron Benett and other special guests. All proceeds will go to Vinnies Homelessness programs.



After three long years, the first school/class Mass at the refurbished Stella Maris School Chapel was celebrated last Tuesday with Year 5 students. From the 22 November onwards, all parishioners will be invited to join the scholars of Stella Maris School at 9am every Tuesday for Eucharistic celebration as we transition Mass from Stella Maris Church to the school chapel.



The musicians and singers of our parish family "*sang for their supper*" last Tuesday as we gathered on the presbytery balcony for a pre-Christmas gathering. It was a chance for the Parish to acknowledge and thank the commitment and generosity of so many fellow parishioners who give their time and talent to fulfil this important ministry. A grateful parish says "thank you".

THE WEEK AHEAD

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which our communities celebrate 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, 14 November

- ◆ **Mass** (10.30am, St Vincent's Care Services, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 15 November

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Parish Mass** (9.00am, *Stella Maris School*)
- ◆ Christ Catholic Community (9.30am, Maroochydore)

Wednesday, 16 November

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

- ◆ Year 12 Graduation Dinner, Siena College

Thursday, 17 November

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul meeting (Coolum)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy - Stella Maris
- ◆ **Year 12 Graduation Mass** (5.00pm, St Catherine's Church).

Friday, 18 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).
- ◆ Presentation Day Liturgy, Stella Maris Primary School

- ◆ Year 12 farewell, Siena College

Saturday, 19 November

- ◆ Reconciliation **8:30 to 9:30am**, Stella Maris.
- ◆ 10am Baptism of infants. Stella Maris
- ◆ 11am Baptism of infants. Stella Maris
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets at Sippy Downs Church.

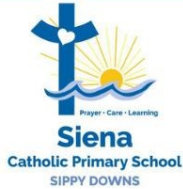


Last Wednesday, members of Maroochydore's and Coolum's St Vincent de Paul conferences celebrated their 40th anniversary of ministry in our community. Bishop Brian Heenan and Fr John Fitz-Herbert concelebrated the Mass with Fr Peter Brannelly. After Mass, parishioners shared morning tea, viewed a photo display and work of the conferences.

Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Year 6 students hosted Outdoor Classroom Day as part of their Term 4 Health Curriculum last Thursday. This required the students to work in co-operative teams to create a physical or wellbeing activity for a range of students across all year levels to participate in. The students offered a huge variety of outdoor activities which included, escape rooms, flower-crown making, clay modelling, succulent planting, T-ball, Oztag, Tug-O-War, obstacle courses, dream catcher creation, water play, rubbish-throwing, and cardboard car races, among many other activities. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the joy and laughter around the school was contagious!



Stella Maris Primary School

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Maroochydore
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Principal: Nicole de Vries



Prep Students had the opportunity to visit the Stella Maris Church to enhance their learning in Religion last week. During their visit, they spent time exploring the key features and symbols of the Church. The students were even lucky enough to have Fr Will teach them a new song to finish their time at the church.



On Tuesday we had our first opportunity to hold a weekly mass in our Children's chapel after many years. It was a wonderful opportunity for our 5B class to be a part of a mass and receive Communion.



Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Michael McCarthy



Students and staff braved the cold for one night whilst learning about some of the harsh realities faced by those experiencing homelessness and disadvantage, last Friday. The Vinnie's Sleepout is not only a night of being uncomfortable, but also a night of opportunity. It's about learning, advocating for, and taking action to support Queenslanders who are doing it tough. Students were presented with activities and different guest speakers to gain a better understanding of the issue and practical ways they can take action.

Fr Joshua Whitehead, from the Caloundra Parish, attended the Vinnie's Sleepout sharing with students his guidance from God and experiences with homelessness at the Stella Maris Parish that led to the establishment of the Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged. We are very grateful to Fr Josh and all the guest speakers who shared their story and inspired the minds of both students and staff.



*Stella Maris Catholic Parish apologises for the errors published in the Daniel Morcombe story on page 4 in a previous edition of this newsletter.

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Iluka Grimsey, Henry McGrade, Ambrose Halpin, Thomas Ball** 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 **Danuta Ward** (Funeral on Wednesday at 10am). May their souls, and the souls of our departed priests, religious and parishioners, through the rich mercy of God. **Rest in Peace.**