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FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT, Year A, 27 November 2022

Welcome to Advent!

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. It is also the start of a new Church year. We move to year A of the three year cycle, and this year has an emphasis on Matthew's Gospel. For us here, in our Sunshine Coast Catholic community, the obvious change of liturgical season is noticeable – this weekend not only have we changed our Mass times, but the change of liturgical colours, the lighting of the Advent Wreath, and the subtle different emphases during Mass, will hopefully make us appreciate this short but important season. As a Parish Family we set out afresh in the midst of the distractions and busyness in the weeks ahead as we await the birth of the Christ Child. To help, let us notice a few things over Advent.

The first is the use of silence. We need to understand that silence is not the absence of something happening. Rather, it is done intentionally. We teach our children 'mindfulness' and 'stillness' at school, yet we Christians often fail to practice that centuries-old tradition of silence. When we are silent after the Readings, it is to let the Word sink deeper and bend our minds and hearts. ***Don't be worried that the musicians have fallen asleep!*** They will start the Psalm or Gospel acclamation after a period of silence. The challenge for us in the pews is to embrace the silence and hear the voice of God in the stillness!

Advent is also the season that we practice expectant waiting. The use of our silences before Mass starts, after the Readings, after the Homily, and after Communion will add to this expectancy. Don't just be still. Be still with purpose! Wait for the promise that has already been fulfilled.

The other things you will notice is that the Introductory Rites are more streamlined. After the Entrance Song, there is the lighting of the Advent candles, a brief response, we sing another refrain of the Entrance Song and then we move straight to the Collect (the Opening Prayer). The lighting of the Advent Wreath

replaces the normal Penitential Rite and there is no Gloria sung during Advent.

Finally, you will notice that at the end of Mass on the third and fourth Sundays of Advent there is a change to the Recessional Hymn. Instead of a full song, we will use a simple sung exhortation to 'Wait for the Lord'. After the Presider or Cantor sings this once, the assembly responds and then there is silence as the Presider leaves the church. Yes, it is a bit unusual. It feels 'unfinished'. This is done intentionally. It tells our bodies that there is more to come. We are not there yet. The Nativity of the Lord is getting near.

This change, which is made on the third and fourth Sundays of Advent, moves the liturgical focus from the end times to the specific focus on a tiny part of the Roman Empire in the First Century, where something happened that most of us are still trying to fathom. When grace became flesh and God spoke an undeniable 'Yes' to the human condition.

All these liturgical changes make the point that we are now in a different season, not as penitential and as 'bare' as Lent. But a season filled with joyful expectation.

Finally at Stella Maris Church you will notice the Blessed Sacrament chapel window has been decorated with artwork featuring the Advent candles. In a society where Christmas starts in late August, our window sends an alternate message to the masses who worship at the 'cathedrals of consumerism'!

So, welcome to Advent – welcome to this time of joyful expectancy. Let us clear our minds and make room in our silence. Let us allow God to speak God's Word anew.

In joyful hope. *The Liturgy Committee.*

Our new Mass times (starting this Saturday)

Parish Mass Times from 26 November

WEEKEND MASSES

Maroochydore
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 6.30am,
9am & 5pm

Coolum Beach
Saturday 4.30pm
Sunday 7.30am

Buderim
Sunday 9.30am

Sippy Downs
Sunday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 5.30pm
Maroochydore

Tuesday 9.00am
*Stella Maris School,
Maroochydore*

Wednesday 7.00am
Buderim

Wednesday 9.00am
Sippy Downs

Thursday 8.30am
Coolum Beach

Friday 9.00am
Maroochydore

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Welcome

This weekend across our Parish Family,
our new Mass times come into effect.

Welcome to everyone, especially visitors,
as together we celebrate the First weekend of Advent.

Welcome and Congratulations!

Congratulations to those who were received into Full Communion on Sunday 27 November. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and protect Charlotte Law, Henry Martin and Joy Morgan as they learn more about themselves and their Catholic Faith. We also congratulate Frankie Hookham and Bryce Cramond who were also Confirmed at the same time.

First Friday

A reminder that the First Friday of December is our Anointing & Healing Mass at Stella Maris Church. All parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend. After the Mass you are invited to join us for morning tea in the function room (bring a plate if you wish). Please check with your neighbours and friends to see if they need transport.

Fresh is Best

Nothing says it like fresh flowers! We have all heard it before and deep down we know it is true. The reality is that most of us have some flowers or greenery around the house and you are invited to share them with your Parish Family. The Stella Maris Church's Décor team would love you to give them any flowers from your garden. If you ever have any that can be used in our churches, please call Maricel (0418 726 777) or Mirjana (0426 737 789). Perhaps you want to make a special anniversary or occasion by helping with flowers that weekend?

Baptismal Preparation

On the first Thursday of every month except January, we host our Baptismal Preparation meeting. At this short meeting we explain the ritual and the meaning behind the symbols used in the ceremony and answer any questions before confirming dates and times of baptism. The next preparation meeting will be held at Stella Maris Church this Thursday, 1 December, at 6pm. If you would like to book and receive the paperwork in advance, please contact the parish office.

Tangled in our Web!

This weekend our new Parish Website goes live and you are invited to log on and check out our new webpages. We will post the URL to the new website from our Facebook page live on Sunday morning! It is a work in progress, and over the coming months you will notice new additions. The important thing is that it now gives us a solid platform to utilise social media; and we are grateful to Fr William and Bernie Bain for all their hard work in getting our new website up and running.

Vinnies Appeal

Our local St Vincent de Paul conference is currently organising Christmas hampers to deliver to individual and families. If you would like to contribute towards a hamper please contact 5451 7600. You will also discover envelopes for the St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal in our churches this weekend. All the money raised through this appeal stays locally and helps Vinnies respond to families and individuals who are in need. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

BBQ Breakfast

Come and join the St Catherine of Siena Church community as we begin our new Mass times this weekend. We've organised a BBQ breakfast at the church after the 8am Mass. Starting

our Sundays with Mass is a beautiful way of giving thanks to God amidst all the blessings we experience. We look forward to seeing you there. God Bless.

Christmas Reconciliation

Why not make sure that Reconciliation is part of your Christmas preparations this year?

This year on the Sunshine Coast there are two Communal Rites of Reconciliation offered, and you are encouraged, leading up to Christmas, to ensure that they are part of your preparation for the birth of the Christ Child. On Saturday, 17 December, at Our Lady of the Rosary (Caloundra) the Communal Rite will be celebrated at 9am. Then on Monday 21 December, at 5pm, there will be the Communal Rite celebrated at Stella Maris Church. If there is one time of the year to put everything right between God, family and neighbour it is this time leading up to Christmas!



Catholic Mission Appeal

On behalf of the Missions Office thank you to all parishioners who generously supported this year's appeal. We deposited \$5660.75, which does not include the many who took advantage of direct deposit and credit card options. Once again, on behalf of all those who directly benefit from your generosity, "Thank You".

The Week Ahead

Christmas Rosters

Though many of us travel for Christmas, many remain here to celebrate with family, friends and our parish community. If you are involved in any Mass ministries and will be joining us for any Christmas Masses, please let us know so we can ensure all the ministries are filled for the Christmas Masses. There are blank roster sheets at the church doors over the next two weeks. Thanks for helping us celebrate our Christmas liturgies.

Fun and food

Last Tuesday, parishioners from every corner of our Parish gathered on the lawn of Stella Maris Church for our annual "thank you" BBQ for everyone who is on a roster or serves in any ministry. As a community we are blessed with many generous and dedicated volunteers who are the 'mortar' that keeps our Parish flourishing. The BBQ was served with the assistance of the members of our local Knights of the Southern Cross, and as usual, the rest of the catering was undertaken quietly by members of the Parish. Thank you once again.

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.

Saturday, 26 November

- ◆ Reconciliation **8:30 to 9:30am** - Stella Maris.
- ◆ 10am Baptism of infants - Stella Maris.
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets - Sippy Downs.
- ◆ 1pm Baptism of infant - Stella Maris.
- ◆ **Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 27 November

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ 11am RCIA Initiation - Stella Maris.
- ◆ **Polish Mass** (4pm, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

Monday, 28 November

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

Tuesday, 29 November

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

Wednesday, 30 November

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Latin American prayer group meets every Wednesday in the Maroochydore Parish function room 6-8pm.
- ◆ **Year 6 End-Of-Year Mass**, Stella Maris Primary School

Thursday, 1 December

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul meeting (Coolum)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy - Stella Maris.
- ◆ **Year 6 Graduation Mass** (Stella Maris Primary School)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation for infants and young children (6pm, Stella Maris Church)

Friday, 2 December

- ◆ **Anointing Mass** (9am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 2pm Stations of the Cross - Stella Maris.
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris).
- ◆ Presentation Day Liturgy, Stella Maris Primary School.
- ◆ Year 12 farewell, Siena College.

Saturday, 3 December

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



Siena Catholic Primary School
58 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
psippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Glen Bucklar

Years 4-6 students competed in our Senior Swimming Carnival at Sunshine Coast Grammar on 11 November. The weather was beautiful and the spirits were high! There were war cries during the lunch break as well as endless cheering all day to support each other.

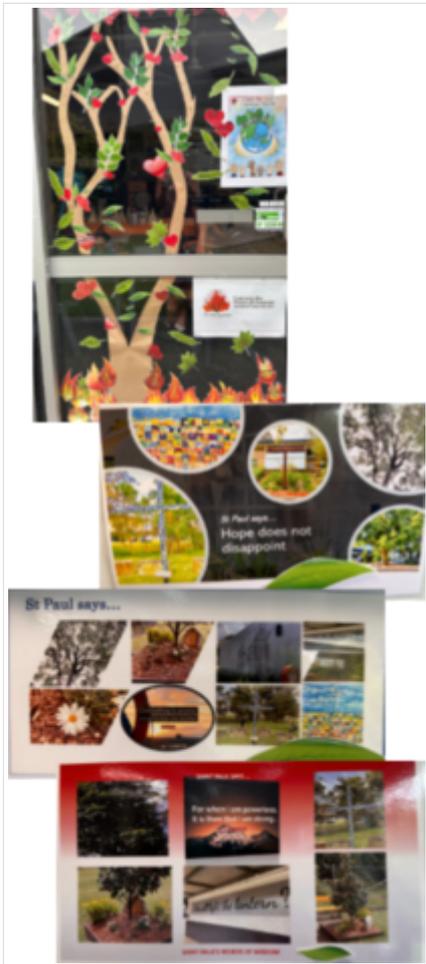
One of our school values is Excellence; as well as Hope, Justice and Integrity. Many students were striving for excellence as they earned a point for their house for every race they swam in, regardless of place. It was wonderful to see all students putting in their best effort, even if swimming is not their favourite thing.

We got to do it all over again last Friday with our Junior Swimming Carnival, which is Prep to Year 3.



Stella Maris Primary School
Stella Maris Way, Maroochydore
pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Nicole de Vries

As part of Year 4 learning, students have been looking at the wise words of St Paul. They explored places around our school that represented the key words and messages of St Paul and created photo montages. This learning also linked to the work the students have been doing with Laudato Si' and the "Care for Our Common Home".





Siena College
 60 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
ssippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au
 Principal: Michael McCarthy

After an amazing week of celebrations, we came to the moment to say farewell to our much-loved Year 12 students. It is not just a graduation. It is a commencement. A transition into adulthood. We wish all our Year 12 students the very best with their future endeavours and remind them that what will matter more than ATAR results, ranks and scores going forward, is kindness, tenacity, an open heart, curiosity, and above all else, love. As they venture out from this safe harbour they go with our very best wishes. Congratulations to each and every one of our Year 12 Graduates of 2022!! Be kind, be safe and be love!

Our Parish Details

At your service...

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Wednesday	7.00am	St Mary's Church, Buderim
Thursday	8.30am	St Peter's Church, Coolum Beach
Thursday	5.30pm	St Catherine of Siena Church, Sippy Downs
Friday	9.00am	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore

Reconciliation

Every Saturday	8.30am to 9.30am	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
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Our Churches

Stella Maris	2-10 Church Street Maroochydore
St Peter's	28-32 Elizabeth Street Coolum Beach
St Mary's	24 King Street Buderim
St Catherine of Siena	58 Sippy Downs Drive Sippy Downs

Mass Times

Saturday	6.00pm	St Peter's Church, Coolum Beach
	6.00pm	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
Sunday	7.00am	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
	7.30am	St Peter's Church, Coolum Beach
	9.00am	St Mary's Church, Buderim
	9.00am	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
	5.30pm	St Catherine of Siena Church, Sippy Downs
	6.00pm	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
Monday	5.30pm	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore
Tuesday	9.00am	Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore