

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 4/5 February 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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.

**I was looking at some photos during the week and marveling at the many activities** and celebrations that are part and parcel of our parish life – baptisms, weddings, family Masses, school events. As I shuffled through them, all of a sudden I became aware of my appearance. ***I was not smiling!*** It's not that I was angry or did not want to be in the photo but my facial expression lacked any sense of joy or gratitude.

Normally I would not have given it a second thought but for this weekend's gospel where Jesus clearly tells his followers ***"You are the salt of the earth"*** and ***"You are the light of the world"***. Obviously this means that we are meant to be some sort of person – a person that makes a difference – but what sort of person?

Remember, this call to be ***"salt"*** and ***"light"*** follows on immediately from last weekend's Beatitudes, where Jesus tells us that "blessed" or "happy" are the poor in spirit, the mourners, the merciful, the pure in heart and so on.

Because today's gospel follows on from last week's, I can only assume that people who are the ***salt of the earth*** and ***the light of the world*** are the same as those who are "happy" to hunger and thirst after righteousness, who are peacemakers and who are persecuted for standing up for those who have come off second best in life. ***The question is "am I happy"?*** I certainly did not look happy in many of the photos! When you go home and you close the door and you look in the mirror, who do you see looking back? Is there any trace of happiness staring back at you? Even today as we gather for Mass, if someone took a snap shot of us would they see faces that are happy and excited to be alive or would we look more like an undertaker's convention?

We can't change our characters. Some of us are quiet, some of us are noisy. Some of us are the extroverted type, fond of parties, while others like a bit of peace and quiet. But whatever sort of person we are, we strive to not be miserable, or negative, or cynical. Quite the opposite is true, we are truly blessed to be given the challenge to be ***"salt"*** and ***"light"*** for our sisters and brothers. So happy are we to be given the opportunity to make a difference. So happy in fact, that subconsciously it is written all over our faces!!! God bless,



*Fr Peter Brannelly*

### Young Adults Meeting

Gather with fellow Young Adults from around the Sunshine Coast at the Savvy Squire on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February for our first social event. We will gather at 6pm and will be joined by the Caloundra Young Adults Group. For more information contact Fr Will (aupitoiulianow@bne.catholic.net.au) or Dcn Isaac (falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au).

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## **Parish Mass Times**

### **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*

## **Book a front seat!**

This year, as part of our Lenten journey together, we have organised Bishop Tim Norton to lead us in a Lenten Mini Mission. Originally from Sydney, after finishing high school Tim studied and became a physiotherapist. After several years of work he joined the Divine Word Missionaries, and much of his seminary formation was undertaken in Mexico. In 1991 Tim was ordained a priest, after which he commenced postgraduate studies. Tim has served as provincial leader of the Divine Word Missionaries and, up until his appointment as auxiliary bishop of Brisbane, he was working in the order's retreat centre in Italy.

**Our Parish Lenten Mini Mission will be at 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Stella Maris.** Everyone is encouraged to make the Parish Mini Mission part of your Lenten journey this year. Lent is only two and a half weeks away with Ash Wednesday falling this year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.

## **A Little Bit of Training**

Thank you to all those who ticked the boxes on our Ministry Volunteering Form and agreed to join the different ministry teams in our Parish – your generosity is very much appreciated. If you volunteered to be a Communion Minister or Reader in any of our parish's church communities, next Saturday there is a short training session at Stella Maris next Saturday morning beginning at 10am. It is not too late to volunteer! At the entrance to the church you will discover the Ministry Volunteering Form – simply tick the appropriate boxes and return it this week to the Parish office.

## **An Invitation**

All our lives have been disrupted by Covid and our Parish life has certainly not escaped the dislocation. So many of our ministries and outreach that we took for granted has disappeared and if we are not careful, will be forgotten and lost in the busyness of our daily lives. An important ministry has been ensuring that fellow Catholics at the Buderim Hospital receive Holy Communion. We are looking for parishioners who wish to undertake some brief training to become part of the Buderim Private Hospital Communion Ministry Team. If you are interested please get in contact with Fr Peter through the Parish Office ([suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)).

## **Podcast Series:**

### **Great Characters of the Bible.**

This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity; and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture.

Subscribe to our podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device. To view go to: <https://youtu.be/cHcRWj9APsk>

## **Completamente Pieno**

We have been overwhelmed with the response to the Italian classes – in fact we are oversubscribed and have had to form two classes, which are both now full. The classes will start 7 February. Each of the eager students will donate \$5 per lesson and the proceeds will support the work of our local St Vincent de Paul conference. If you're booked in, could you please bring cash to pay on the night.

## **New to the Neighbourhood?**

We live in an extremely mobile society, and especially here on the Sunshine Coast there are always people coming and going. If you are new to our Parish, or if you are reconnecting with the Church, we would love to welcome you more formally to our Parish Family. You will find "welcome packs" at the entrance of our churches, and if you complete and return the form we will be in contact with you. Once again, *welcome*.

## Support of your Parish Family

Your generous and continued financial support of your Parish is very much appreciated and not taken for granted. You may place your donation on the collection place or utilise the "Tap & Go" facilities at the entrance to the church. Another way to support your parish is by scanning this QR Code which will direct you to the donation page on our Parish website. However you decide to support your Parish, *thank you!*



SCAN ME

## Anointing and Healing Mass

Our first Anointing & Healing Mass for 2023 was celebrated at Stella Maris last Friday at the 9am Mass. At the conclusion of Mass everyone gathered for morning tea. Thank you to the organisers. We will celebrate a Anointing & Healing Mass each First Friday of this year, so the next Mass will be 9am on Friday March 3.



## Catechism books have arrived

For those who ordered a Catechism book for our *Catechism in a Year* sessions, please come by the parish Office to pick up your book. Books cost \$20.

## Preparing for Easter

Are you gathering together to reflect and share using this year's Lenten Program? Please ring the Parish Office on 5443 3488 and let them know.

### The first group to be organised:

St Catherine of Siena Church 6.30pm to 7.30pm, during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday (22 February).  
Contact Helen 0409 576 170.

## 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, 6 February

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

### Tuesday, 7 February

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel). All Welcome.

### Wednesday, 8 February

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ St Peter's Community Team meeting.
- ◆ Stella Maris Community team meeting.

### Thursday, 9 February

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

### Friday, 10 February

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 2pm Stations of the Cross (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

### Saturday, 11 February

- ◆ Reconciliation **8.30 to 9.30am** (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Riley Peat, Zoe Stuart and Charlotte Styles at Stella Maris Church.
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Declan Smith and Koa Hickey at St Peter's Church.
- ◆ Parish Liturgical Workshops (10.00am morning tea, followed by 10.30am workshops, Stella Maris Church).
- ◆ **12noon** El Shaddai group (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Sunday, 12 February

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

### Prevention and Protection Policy

#### Policy Statement

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.  
*Mark 10:14*

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental right of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours for Employees and Volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.

Extract from the Archdiocese of Brisbane's *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy* (Version: 17 March 2017)

## St John's College

### OPEN AFTERNOON AND YEAR 7 2024 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Tours of the College will commence at 5:30pm with the Information Evening to follow from 6:30pm at the Multi-Purpose Centre.

To enrol please visit [www.stjohns.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjohns.qld.edu.au)



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# Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



I feel truly blessed to be part of this amazing child-centred, God-focused Catholic community at Siena and the Stella Maris Parish.

Being new to the school, I have been welcomed and I witness the Gospel values each and everyday through the words and actions of our staff and students.

We welcome all who are new to Siena Catholic Primary school, especially our Preps and their families.

This year our theme is 'Be the Flame – Let your Light Shine'. Following in the footsteps of Jesus and inspired by our patron St Catherine of Siena we, through our words and actions, light the path for others and allow their light and potential to shine.

Living our virtue of Justice, we are a community of faith, building respectful relationships, valuing and embracing all. **'Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and praise your Father in Heaven.'**

As the Year progresses, we will share the ways we have enacted this theme. One way is following our Four Care rules. At present, we are focusing on our 'Care for Others'

We have a busy few weeks ahead with our Opening Mass, Ash Wednesday and Lent.

May God bless and keep you in his care.

Kim APRE Siena



## Stella Maris Primary School

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Maroochydore  
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Principal: Mark Ballam



At Stella Maris School, the 2023 school year has begun with much excitement as we have welcomed 120 new Prep students, 25 new students across other year levels, lots of new families, a cool new Year 6 teacher (Mr Codey Lee), two new members of the school leadership team (Principal, Mr Mark Ballam; and Assistant Principal Religious Education, Mrs Jenny Davissen) and the return of students and staff from 2022. How lucky are we?!

Our Prep staff have been busy helping our Prep students settle into their new routines and new learning spaces. They are transitioning so well, despite the heat, farewelling their parents each morning, meeting new friends, exploring their new environment and learning lots. With the help of volunteer Year 6 students, they are also enjoying playtime with such a great array of play spaces to choose from. We can't wait to watch these little ones soar in 2023.



## Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Michael McCarthy



It has been a busy week at the College! Last week we welcomed back our staff and students and the grounds are now buzzing with conversations and catch-ups, while the classrooms are again filled with purpose as everyone quickly re-engages with teaching and learning. It promises to be a wonderful year!

### Day 1 - Year 7



### Day 1 - Year 12



## Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Luca Marie, Mali Marie, Cuba Marie, Alexis Marie and Remy Mallaite** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Vaughan Johnson** and **Desmond Sullivan** whose funeral rites were celebrated last week, and **Dr Daniel Lane** and **Constance Graham** who recently passed away (funeral details available soon). May their souls and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, through the rich mercy of God,

**Rest in Peace.**