

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.

WELCOME TO HOLY WEEK

This is the week that is truly holy. As a Parish Family, we are invited to enter into this holy of holy weeks as much as possible. To do that we have to see this week in its entirety. If you only experience today's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and next Sunday hear about the resurrection you miss the drama and ultimately the substance and foundation of our faith! And so we are all invited to make the time and immerse ourselves as much as possible in the drama of Holy Week this year.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: At the start of our Masses this weekend we hear the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as a bearer of good news rather than as a conquering warrior. If we give permission to our imagination, we can see ourselves being swept along with the crowds welcoming this charismatic and controversial preacher and leader who has so many contradictory expectations placed on his shoulders! After entering into the church we have Matthew's Gospel version this year, which shows the prophecies of scripture being fulfilled in Jesus. Matthew portrays Jesus as being in complete control of the situation because of his foreknowledge and free decision.

This Monday, 3rd April, Communal Rite of Reconciliation at Stella Maris: An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in a communal context. Everyone should make reconciliation a part of their Lenten journey and it is recommended to attend this sacrament at least once per year.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday of the Lord's Supper, 7pm at Stella Maris: – Jesus' act of carefully washing the disciples' feet is reenacted. The directive Jesus gives is affirmed each time we celebrate the Eucharist; *"Do this in memory of me"*, Jesus says. Jesus himself models what we are supposed to do; when we eat and drink we live as he lived and we love as he loved. In a world where love is overcast by arrogance and selfishness we have a model of light who renounced self so that all he encountered might have a full life and might know true love. As we participate in this supper we recall Jesus' bold model of service and his call to do the same.

At the end of Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose. While the church is prepared for the starkness of Good Friday, at the Altar of Repose people are invited to remain for private prayer and devotion. This recalls Jesus' words in the garden of Gethsemane. As the scripture says, *"Can you not watch but one hour with me?"* No sacrament can now be celebrated until the celebration of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord, 7th April:

Stations of the Cross at 10am at Maroochydore, Sippy Downs and Coolum sets the practical scene of the drama of Good Friday and prepares us for the major focus of this day – the 3pm celebration of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross.

Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm: This liturgy is in three parts -- (I) readings and homily (II) veneration of the cross (III) Holy Communion. We have the reading of John's passion; as we reflect on the passion we try to understand the cost of Calvary. John's portrayal has Jesus very much in control of all that happens. In this solemn ceremony we unite ourselves to our saviour and we contemplate our own death to sin in the death of the Lord. The truth we see today is a man who was rooted firmly in his Father. We see one, who despite the journey he had to walk, trusted that his heavenly Father would see him through it. We see one who trusted that God would overcome the darkness of his death. While none of our own journeys might have led us to crucifixion, they have led us to cry out *"let this cup pass away from me"* at some time. We leave in silence, bewildered by the events of the day and the emotional and political extremes that have transpired since Palm Sunday.

Holy Saturday, 8th April – The Easter Vigil:

The 6pm Vigil Masses are at Stella Maris, Maroochydore and St Peter's, Coolum. This is the night of nights. The liturgy is in five parts (I) the liturgy begins with the church in darkness. The priest lights the paschal candle from the Easter fire. The light is spread from person to person. The procession enters the church to the chant *"the light of Christ!"* (II) three out of seven readings will be read. And after the absence of five weeks the Gloria is at last sung. Homily (III) baptismal liturgy, blessing of water & renewal of baptismal promises (IV) the liturgy of the Eucharist (V) concluding rites. Salvation history is remembered and God's love for us is proclaimed through Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Easter Sunday, 9th April: Mass of the Lord's Resurrection: Our Easter Masses are: **6:30am** Maroochydore; **7:30am** Coolum; **8am** Sippy Downs; **9am** Maroochydore; **9:30am** Buderim and **5pm** Maroochydore.

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Weekend of the 1/2 April 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Summit 23

As a part of the Implementation phase of the Plenary Council the Summit 23 is a way of gathering the faithful of the Archdiocese to look ahead to the future.

How can we listen to God as a community and diocese to shape the future that God desires for us in this part of the world? This question, along with many others, will be part of our exploration and reflection. Join us as we open a space of discernment which will hopefully lead to spirit-filled action. If you want to be involved or if you want more information simply email Fr William (aupitoiuliano@bne.catholic.net.au). Summit 23 will take place at Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks - 6pm Thursday 18 May to 3pm Saturday 20 May.



Taking the Plunge

Our Baptismal preparation session always takes place in the first week of the month and because of Holy Thursday this coming week the baptismal preparation meeting will be on **this Wednesday, 6pm at Stella Maris**. At the short meeting we explain the symbols of the baptismal liturgy, answer any questions and confirm dates and times. All parents with infant children to be baptised are invited to contact Challis at the Parish Office to receive a registration form prior to the meeting.

A Gathering of the Crafty !

At the Function Room at Stella Maris Church some of the craftiest people of the Parish gathered to exchange ideas and work on craft projects. The Stella Maris craft group meets on the fourth Friday of every month, and the next gathering is on April 28th after the 9am Mass. New members are always welcome and for more information please contact Olga Giraldo on 0417 792 616. St Peter's craft group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month 1.00pm (contact Mary Priddy) Why not join one of them... or both!



Archbishop's Vocations Dinner 2023



Archbishop's
VOCACTIONS DINNER 2023
for MEN 13 APRIL

The promotion of vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to religious life is essential for the Church's present and future. To offer some encouragement to young men and women on their journey of discernment, the Archbishop is hosting dinner on two evenings at his place in April and June. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in attending this event please see Fr William or Deacon Isaac.

New to the Neighbourhood ?

Our parish we would like to officially welcome you to your new Faith Community. At the entrance to our churches you will discover a **Welcome Pack**. If you could take a pack as you leave church today, complete the details and return it to us, we will be in touch. Several times a year the Welcome Committee host a New Members Cocktail Party on the balcony of the Presbytery and we want to ensure that everyone gets an invitation.

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, all who will be baptised this weekend.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Francis Jayaraj** whose funeral rites were celebrated last week, and **Sylvester O'Dempsey** whose funeral will be on this Monday, 3 April and **Ruth Reeves** whose funeral rites will be on 13 April. May their souls, and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members (especially Rex Southon whose third anniversary occurs on Easter Sunday), through the rich mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.

At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly
Fr William Aupito Iuliano
Deacon Isaac Falzon
Deacon Michael Khoury



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Polish Blessing of the Food

The Polish community warmly invites you to join them for their Blessing of the Food. This is a most enduring and beloved Polish tradition dating back to at least the 15th century. As is the tradition here in our Stella Maris Parish, you and your family are warmly invited to bring your traditional basket of food to be blessed, and join them on Holy Saturday, 8 April, 10.30am at Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore.



Enrolments Are Now Open - Confirmation 2023

The start of our Sacramental Programme is not too far away - if you have a child in Grade 3 or older, now is the time to enrol. Simply go online now at maroochyidoreparish.com.au For any questions please contact Carrolyn Watt at the Parish Office.

Catholic Encounter Kids Day 2023

The Ultimate gift for your child or grandchild in the Easter school holidays!

Let Encounter Kids inspire your child with their one-day school holiday program filled with games, activities, crafts, fun and faith. Whether your child likes puzzles or playing Tug-O-War, it's the ultimate environment to meet new friends and take part in immersive play and prayer designed to give children a positive and powerful experience of the Catholic faith.

Encounter Kids is the perfect playground for kids to burn off some energy in the school holidays, master some true friendships and encounter faith that might yet lead them to their best friendship ever with Jesus! Open to all primary school children aged between 5 and 12 years, this one-day program creates a welcoming and fun space for children to connect with Jesus and grow in faith.

As a parent who's doing your best to pass on the faith to your child, don't miss out on this one-time event hosted in collaboration with Stella Maris by our neighbouring parish, Our Lady of the Rosary Caloundra, on Friday, April 14 from 9am to 5pm - click on the QR code for more information.

More Info



Vinnies Clothing Sale

Vinnies Maroochydore is having a clothing sale this week (Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April). 50% off all women's, men's, boys' and girls' clothing. Drop in and grab a bargain! The Maroochydore store is located at 1 Norval Court, Maroochydore.



Don't be afraid to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Stella Maris this Monday, 5pm, part of your Lenten Journey this year.

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, 3 April

- ◆ Funeral of Sylvester O'Dempsey (10.30am, St Peters Church)
- ◆ No Adoration, Benediction or Mass today
- ◆ **Communal Rite of Reconciliation** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 4 April

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

Wednesday, 5 April

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, **Parish Office Meeting Room**, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation for infants and young children (6pm, Stella Maris Church)

Thursday, 6 April - Holy Thursday

- ◆ **Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7pm Maroochydore
- No Sacraments celebrated until the Easter Vigil

Friday, 7 April - Good Friday

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** 10am Maroochydore 10am Coolum Beach 10am Sippy Downs
- ◆ **Veneration of the Cross** 3pm Maroochydore 3pm Coolum Beach 3pm Buderim

Each year there is a special leaving collection at the conclusion of the 3pm service in support of the Christians in the Holy Land—thank you for your generosity and practical support.

Saturday, 8 April - Holy Saturday

- No Sacraments celebrated until the Easter Vigil.
- ◆ **Easter Vigil** 6pm Maroochydore (including Baptisms of infants and initiation of RCIA candidates) 6pm Coolum Beach

Sunday, 9 April - Easter Sunday

- ◆ **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)

This Palm Sunday weekend, the first of the month, coincides with our monthly hospitality. All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us after Mass to catch up and to share in some light refreshments. Thank you to all our local organising groups that make our monthly hospitality possible.

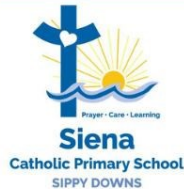
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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This past week we, as a school, have been reflecting and participating in Holy Week Liturgies to remember the true meaning of Easter. Jesus died so we may have life.

Year 1 re-enacted Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was treated like a king. People lining the streets waving palms singing Hosanna to the King.

Our Year 5 class then led the school in a beautiful reflection on the last Supper and The Washing of the Feet. Jesus said remember me when you gather. He gave us his Body and Blood so we may live our lives serving others.

On Friday we finished the school term by witnessing a moving re-enactment of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. Our Year 4 children told the story of the Passion in a reverent and meaningful liturgy.

We wish our Siena school community, the parishioners and our priests a holy and prayerful Easter. May you all be safe and come back renewed in the spirit of the Resurrection.

Easter Blessing

May you all cherish and live the true meaning of Easter where we celebrate the Risen Christ. May we be Christ here on earth to others and do his will through our loving words and actions.

May God bless and keep you and your family safe during this Holy time.



Stella Maris Primary School

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With the school holidays commencing just in time for the beginning of Holy Week, we decided to commemorate the events of Holy Week a week ahead of time at Stella Maris School. Year level groups gathered throughout the day on Monday to engage in storytelling activities, music, reflection and prayer to begin the pilgrimage. There were many hands up when Mrs Davissen invited volunteers to participate in the retelling of the story. Everyone joined in calling out, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to our King!" as palm branches were waved and Jesus "journeyed through the hall into Jerusalem" in preparation for the Passover. We remembered Jesus' command to "Do this in memory of me!" as the bread and wine were shared amongst the disciples. We imagined the disciples' surprise when Jesus bowed to wash their dirty feet. We considered how Jesus must have been feeling when he asked his friends to stay awake and watch with him awhile, while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and then they fell asleep. Finally, we pondered the fear of the disciples as Jesus was arrested by the Roman soldiers.

With the fabulous help of some of our Work Experience Year 10 students from St John's College at Nambour, we had Year 6 students lead us, in a dramatic retelling of the events of Jesus' final hours, so that we finish our term as a whole school community reflecting prayerfully on the events of Good Friday. Was it the intense mood music that stirred the senses? Was it the use of intentional silence, pauses or expressive voices? Perhaps it was the soulful singing of "Look at the Cross", led by the choir or the strong beating of a single drum amidst the silence. Time will tell. How lucky are we though, that unlike Jesus' disciples, we know the next part of the Easter story? While we head off in different directions for our two-week school holidays, we look forward to sharing the joyful celebrations of the Resurrection as a school community when we return for Term 2.

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This week we wrapped up what has been a busy term with a Liturgy of the Word that previewed the events of Holy Week. Students were encouraged to recall the Passion narrative and to reflect on how each of us is called to live in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection. The key text of our liturgy was Jesus' call to his disciples to 'come, follow me'.

Our Year 7 students spent the first three days of the week on camp at Currumundi. This was an opportunity for them to have fun, to learn additional skills, and to consolidate new friendships - all while developing a strong sense of cohesion and support within their cohort.

The final of our five Caritas fundraisers concluded this week, with Bernardino's gigantic Easter raffle. Our support for Caritas is such a big part of the College's Lenten observance and our House Leaders and their support crews are to be congratulated on both their awareness and fund-raising efforts.

