

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.

How do the dead rise?

I've mentioned this before, but I was always afraid of Michael Jackson's film clip "Thriller". I thought it was so scary that these dead people would come out of their graves and dance their way down the street towards you. No dark street has ever been the same.

But when we talk about the Resurrection of the Body, as seen through Christ Himself, I can firmly say, without a shadow of a doubt, that our bodies **will not** rise from the graves as Michael Jackson's minions did, but instead, our souls will be united with its glorified body, through the power of our Trinitarian God.

The union of our soul with our glorified body is exemplified in the person of Jesus. What that will look like is beyond us, but we submit ourselves to the process through faith in Christ who "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body."

This, in a very real and tangible way, is why modern-day ideologies that deny the body will never be compatible with Christianity. It doesn't make sense to deny the validity of your body because of how you might identify. The body is a non-negotiable part of who we are as persons especially as Christians.

For us Christians, our body matters! Certainly, we acknowledge the weakness of our flesh, especially with its vulnerability towards sin but, more importantly, Jesus Himself rose with the body that was abused, torn and broken by humanity, but somehow, it was different; all the brokenness was redeemed!

As people of faith, we're already given a foretaste of Christ's transfiguration of our bodies whenever we participate in the Eucharist. The Catechism tells us, "Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly; so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection (CCC #1000)."

Within those that partake of the Eucharist is this very hope of resurrection. The hope of resurrection **is in You!**

I think, if we want to delve into the question *how do the dead rise?* then our starting point is the Eucharist. This great gift is truly one we do not deserve but since the Lord has given it to us, so that we too might one day share in the glory of God, may we genuinely partake truthfully and regularly so that through the source and summit of our faith, we may become what we eat; someone transformed by God. Take that, death!

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

THANK YOU

Holy Week and the Easter Time is a rollercoaster ride of emotions, events and ceremonies. Each year across our four church communities our liturgies capture the essence of our faith as we journey with Jesus through Holy Week and emerge at Easter into the bright realisation of the Resurrection. On behalf of the entire parish I would like to thank everyone who in any way helped with our Holy Week ceremonies. We are blessed to have generous and talented liturgists, musicians, choir members, ministers of the Word and Eucharist and sacristans. Behind them lie countless unnamed parishioners who without making a fuss, clean and prepare the church and altar and give their time to ensure that all flows smoothly. On behalf of a grateful parish, *thank you.*

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Weekend of the 9 April 2023

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Enrolments Are Now Open for Confirmation 2023

The start of our Sacramental Programme for 2023 is not too far away - if you have a child in Grade 3 or older, now is the time to enrol - this is our parish's only Confirmation programme this year. Simply go online now at maroochydoreparish.com.au. For any questions please contact Carrolyn Watt at the Parish Office.



You are invited to YOUTH GROUP!!!



We are starting a youth group for children in Grades 4-6 at Siena from 3-5pm on Friday afternoons during term time. This will be a great space for children to enjoy activities, games, craft, fun and faith. Youth group is a great environment to meet new friends and take part in a positive and powerful journey of faith with Jesus. To register and for more information please scan the QR code.



Divine Mercy Sunday—April 16

The Nambour Parish has organised Reconciliation at 2pm, Chaplet at 2:45pm and Mass at 3pm for Divine Mercy Sunday—all welcome..

Technology for the Third Age

Technology is changing so quickly and the pace of change can overwhelm us. Upgrades happen without our knowledge and suddenly things on our smartphone or tablets have changed or moved. When change happens simple tasks become difficult and frustrating. It is okay for teenagers who have grown up with computers and whose lives are fully consumed by them – *but what about the rest of us?* How do you find an app, operate the calendar, organise photos, access podcasts?

On this Friday, following the 9am Mass at Stella Maris, our second self-help Technology for the Third Age gathering will convene and we will explore and find solutions to some of the technology challenges that frustrate us. *Bring your technology and come along!*

Request for lift to Mass

A lady living in Alexandra Headland would like a lift to Sunday 9.00am Mass at Stella Maris Church each week. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Violet Woods* and *Louis Martin* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish, and *Johannes "Duncan" Streuderst* who is being fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Jim Walsh, Ruth Reeves* and *Ivan Brady*. May their souls and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, through the rich mercy of God,

At Your Service

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



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, 10 April

◆ No Mass

Tuesday, 11 April

◆ No Mass

Wednesday, 12 April

- ◆ Mass (7am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ St Mary's Community Team meeting.
- ◆ Stella Maris Community team meeting.
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)

Thursday, 13 April

- ◆ Mass (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Funeral of Ruth Reeves, 11.30am at Stella Maris.

Friday, 14 April

- ◆ Mass (9am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Technology of the Third Age (10am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Funeral of Ivan Brady, 10.00am at Chapel, White Ladies Nambour.
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 15 April

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Juliette and William Roberts, Armani Kharouni, Sonny Ingram; Nivelles, Ezekiel and Syllas Kelly (Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Chloe Proctor, Darcy Siddaway, Isla and Maizie Spring (St Catherine's)
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ Vigil Mass (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Vigil Mass (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 16 April

- ◆ 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)

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.

Stella Maris Parish Office

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