

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend of the 22/23 April 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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 you respond to missed expectations with your spouse, friends or boss? Many of us sometimes meet these moments with anger, sadness, frustration or even distrust. More importantly, how do we respond to our unmet expectations of God? I dare say we may sometimes respond in the same way. In today's gospel reading, we read of the famous encounter of the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. Here we learn of two disciples whom Christ meets on the afternoon of the resurrection. We are told that they are discussing the volatile past week (Holy Week) in a depressed and confused manner when they are interrupted by the Lord.

We read that Christ's identity is hidden as He converses with the two disciples, and we discover that these disciples did not believe Jesus was the Messiah, the God-Man. Instead, we learn they expected a political leader to redeem Israel by overthrowing the Romans. Jesus rebukes and then teaches the disciples through the prefigurements of the Old Testament the true purpose of the Messiah, that He had come to suffer to redeem humanity from sin and death. He then celebrates the first Eucharist with them since Holy Thursday: "Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them", notice this takes place after the unpacking of scripture. The disciples' "...eyes were opened and they recognised him" at the breaking of the bread. They had seen the risen Christ at the reception of the Eucharist.

We learn from St Luke's Gospel that these disciples had a misconception of who Christ was and the purpose He came for. We learn that Christ opens their eyes through Holy Scripture and the Eucharist. How often do we misperceive Christ's involvement in our surrounding circumstances? Maybe we believe in the midst of the moment that Christ's providence is lacking in our sufferings, or that He is here to remove our sufferings. However, from what happened at Emmaus, we learn that Christ is God in the flesh through whom all things were created and that His primary mission was not to set us free from our discomforts, but from sin and death. We learn that in the Mass we can receive the grace, by the reading of scripture and the reception of the Eucharist, that our eyes can see Christ in the midst of our turmoil. That it is in the reception of Christ's blood and flesh we can say, "Whatever happens to me, sweet or bitter, I gladly receive from His hands as what is best for me". Perhaps this week when life seems out of control, we might have the courage to re-centre our eyes to Christ in the Mass. (source: Henry Martin)

*Deacon Isaac Falzon*

### At Your Service

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



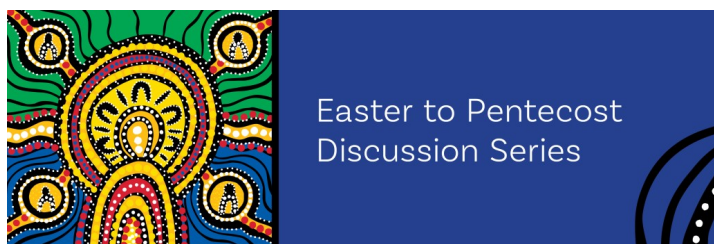
### Stella Maris Parish Office

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## The Rich Faith Traditions & Expressions of our Parish Family

The face of our country is continually changing and you only have to look around at Mass to see that reality reflected in our Parish family. Each member of our parish brings to our community a unique and rich faith tradition that adds each week to our celebrations and parish life. This year we want to celebrate our unity in the midst of our diversity by gathering for a Multi-Cultural Mass on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be a chance to recognise the many different faith backgrounds and experiences as well as allowing us to come together to taste the flavours, colours and traditions of the many people who make up our Parish Family.

Naturally an event like this does not just happen and it requires the assistance and generosity of many people to bring all the threads together. On Saturday, May 6 at 9:30am in the Stella Maris meeting room we will have a preparation meeting and everyone who wants to be involved is welcome. In the meantime, all the different cultural groups and associations are invited to start getting organised to come up with ideas about the Multi-Cultural Mass and the celebration that will follow.



## VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS EASTER TO PENTECOST DISCUSSION RESOURCE

In September 2021, Archbishop Mark Coleridge publicly endorsed the *Uluru Statement From the Heart* and made an historic commitment on behalf of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Evangelisation Brisbane, in partnership with the Edmund Rice Centre, have created a resource that invites Catholics to reflect with Christ when reading the Uluru Statement From the Heart. Designed to take people on a journey in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost, *Voice Crying in the Wilderness* includes scripture, prayer and discussion questions for individuals or groups to engage with the significance of the Uluru Statement and our response to it.

You can download the resource here: <https://tinyurl.com/VWresource23>

## Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound

As a Parish Family we are grateful to all those who take Holy Communion to the sick in nursing homes, and to those who cannot make it to Mass on the weekend. In such a large parish your ministry is vital and not taken for granted. Because this is such an important ministry we want to make sure that we are following best practice and are compliant with the latest safeguarding regulations. Everyone who takes Holy Communion to the sick or housebound is invited to attend a short meeting on next Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am at Stella Maris. At this meeting we will also outline some new procedures and parish requirements for this ministry.

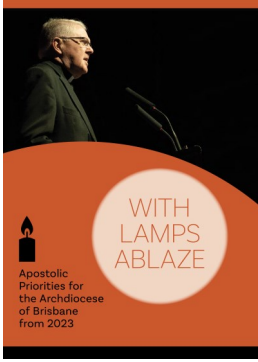
## Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, ***Darcy Wright, Lucie Herrera, Breeze Schwartz, Sunny Schwartz, Amara McKeown, Oliver Reilly, Ella Reilly*** and ***Mia Reilly*** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially ***Tony Palmero*** whose funeral was celebrated last Friday. May his soul and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, through the rich mercy of God,

***Rest in Peace.***

## With Lamps Ablaze



In the lead up to the Archdiocesan Summit, Archbishop Mark has published a document entitled "With Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for our local Church. You can read the document at:

[www.tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://www.tinyurl.com/lampsablaze).

During the Easter season Evangelisation Brisbane will provide information on this document. Part of this is a weekend reflection. If you would like a copy of this week's reflection, email or phone the Parish Office.

### Priority One: Teaching Prayer

*"We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often we urge people to pray but don't really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing. Christian prayer begins not with speaking but with listening; and learning to pray is therefore learning to listen - to listen even to the silences of God. If all we do is speak, then in the words of Jesus we "babble like the pagans" (Matt 6:7). But if we speak after listening and in response to God who always has the first word, then we speak according to the mind of the Holy Spirit. That's what we need to teach and learn."* Archbishop Mark Coleridge



### Thank You

On Good Friday the tradition has been that at the end of the Good Friday service there is a leaving collection for the support of Christians in the Holy Land. This Collection brings indispensable support to the Christian minority throughout the Middle East, not only in Israel and Palestine but in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran and other regions. To put this in perspective, presently in the State of Israel and Palestine, Christians make up about 1.5 percent of the total population. Christians' lives become very difficult and many families are forced to leave in order to seek a livelihood, or to avoid various forms of discrimination and persecution. When the Christian presence disappears, the loss of a Christian culture and the holy sites, precious and vital for Christians throughout the world, follow in the wake. This year over \$3500 was collected in our parish and this money will be forwarded to the Commissariat of the Holy Land, to support our brothers and sisters.

## 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, 24 April

- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Stella Maris
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Librum Et Legere Club meeting (Stella Maris)

### Tuesday, 25 April ANZAC Day

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel).  
Tea, coffee and Anzac biscuits to follow.  
All Welcome.

### Wednesday, 26 April

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society (Maroochydore meeting).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Confirmation Parent Information Night

### Thursday, 27 April

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Onsite Training for Communion to the Sick at Buderim Private Hospital  
Option 1 : 10am  
Option 2 : 2pm
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)

### Friday, 28 April

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 9.30am Craft Group (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Encounter Kids (3.00pm, St Catherine of Siena Church) Book online beforehand.
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

### Saturday, 29 April

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Holy Communion to the Sick Ministry meeting - 9:30am
- ◆ 11am Baptism of Adelina Morley (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Sunday, 30 April

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 10am Interment of Christopher Chandler (Stella Maris)
- ◆ **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.

**Enrol Now For Confirmation This Year**

**OUR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2023  
STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY**



**All baptised children from grade 3 or older are invited to make their Confirmation this year. The program starts this Wednesday 26th April, 5-6pm in the Stella Maris Church. This first gathering is primarily a preparation meeting for parents and will be led by theologian and author, Fr Richard Leonard, sj.**

**The program concludes with the Confirmation ceremony on Thursday 8th June.**

**You will need to attend all sessions to be able to complete the Sacrament. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish (Caloundra) is running the same program a day apart so you are welcome to attend there or here.**

**To register please go to our parish website [maroochydoireparish.com.au](http://maroochydoireparish.com.au) and complete the registration form, both parents are to sign it, and attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Any questions don't hesitate to contact Carolyn Watt at the Parish Office. Email address: [cspy.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cspy.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)**

Please join us for our ANZAC Day Mass, 9am,  
at the Stella Maris Primary School Chapel ~ followed by morning tea.