

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Weekend of the 20/21 May 2023

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Embracing the faith communities of St Mary's Buderim, St Peter's Coolumb, 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.

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE FAITH

Enthusiasm was in abundance at our last Multicultural Mass planning meeting with a report on the involvement of so many capturing everyone's imagination. The liturgy will be uplifting and dynamic, full of colour, movement and sound! Our first ever Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18th at 11am. If you would like to be part of the liturgy get in contact with other members of your cultural group or association or contact the liturgy coordinator Michael Fitzpatrick (mfitzpatrick@ozemail.com.au).

In these weeks leading up to the Multicultural Mass our focus is also on the celebrations flowing on after the Mass. We want everyone to have the chance of tasting and experiencing something of the uniqueness and vitality of the many different groups and cultures that build up and sustain our community. We will be setting up stalls around the grounds of Stella Maris and will also have a stage where the music and dance of the many communities will be on display. If we are expecting over 400 at the Mass - *that's a lot of food – and a lot of generosity!* To be part of the generous teams that make this all possible please contact one of the following coordinators :

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and Patricia Sweeney Fawcett (patriciasweeneyfawcett@yahoo.co.uk) | Malaysia - Jane Chung and Peter Thien (janeyenyeechung@gmail.com) |

Can't see your group? Would you like to help coordinate a table? Would you like more information, if so please get in contact with Fr Peter (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au).

Our Multicultural Mass is inclusive of all in our Parish Family. If you can't see a group or association that you fit into then perhaps you might join in the celebrations by bringing something Australian – ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons, jam drops – *use your imagination!!!*

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Riley Lambe, Lucy Varendorff* and *Grace Friend* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died. May the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, 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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ANOTHER WEEK ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Last Monday evening young parishioners and their parents gathered at Stella Maris Church for the second night of preparation for Confirmation. At our Masses last weekend they were officially enrolled in our Sacramental Programme. It was a chance to remember the baptismal promises made on their behalf and how on the night of their Confirmation they will have the opportunity to renew their baptismal promises by themselves. Their preparation continues this Monday when the focus will be on the chrism and the anointing that takes place during the ceremony – what does it mean – what does it signify? Please keep them in your prayers, and remember during this preparation programme there is no Monday 5:30pm Mass at Stella Maris.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

When did you last spend time really investing in your relationship? Regardless of whether you've been together for only a few months or several decades, whether your relationship is thriving or facing challenges, the Marriage Course offers practical, online sessions to help strengthen your most important relationship. No group sharing, just time together for you and your partner.

Be supported and encouraged with seven online sessions in the privacy of your own home covering topics from the art of communication, to resolving conflict, to the power of forgiveness.

Time: 7:30pm to 9pm

Date: Wednesday nights beginning 31st May 2023 (for seven sessions)

Where: Online Zoom link will be shared after registration.

Cost: Course is free. Option to purchase journals at \$50 per couple or to download the PDF version for free

RSVP: Wednesday 24th May. Find out more and register now at tinyurl.com/tmcmay23

INVITATION

In preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi on the weekend of 10/11th June we are organising 24 hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The adoration will begin after the 9am Stella Maris Mass on Friday, June 9th and conclude with Benediction on Saturday morning at 9am. At the entrance to the church you will find a sign-up sheet where you can indicate what time you would like to commit to during the 24 hours of adoration.

THANK YOU

A very practical way of showing our solidarity with fellow believers who live in countries around the world where life is cheap and often each day is a struggle for survival is through the annual Project Compassion appeal that runs through Lent. Through your financial sacrifice you stand with and support those on the fringe of life and your commitment does make a difference. This year, through your generous support, our Parish Family raised **\$10,433.40** which makes a difference in the lives of many fellow believers.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Our Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to our fellow parishioners who are in hospital, retirement homes or are housebound fulfil a vital ministry within our community and we are grateful. To support this ministry and provide the respect and ensure the importance of this ministry we have introduced new guidelines which include:

~*Only designated Eucharistic Ministers are permitted to take Holy Communion from the Church.*

~*The ministry takes place on the day and preferably the Eucharistic Minister is commissioned at the end of Mass.*

~*Before Mass starts the Eucharistic minister records their details so that there is a record.*

Once again, we are blessed as a community to have so many generous parishioners who are willing to give of their time to fulfil this important ministry. If you would like to join this ministry please contact Fr Peter or Fr William.

DINNER WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women is an evening event that provides a space for women who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. This year's dinner will be held 6.00pm on 1st June in Brisbane. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his personal journey of vocation to help those present gain insight and wisdom into their own discernment and the questions they're currently facing. This is an opportunity for women to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey. If you know of any young women who are seriously discerning their vocation, please extend this invitation to them. To express interest in attending, email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au by 22 May.

A JOURNEY ENDS – A NEW ADVENTURE BEGINS

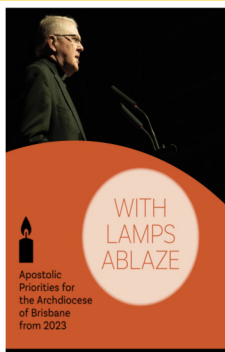
The final steps to ordination are never easy and seemingly slow. For the past six months we have been blessed with the presence and ministry of Deacon Isaac Falzon. While not official, he is due to be ordained at the Cathedral of St Stephen on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul – Thursday, June 29th. We are organising a bus to go to the ordination which will leave Stella Maris at 4pm and then leave the cathedral for the return trip at 9:30pm. The cost is \$20 and there are only limited seats available so to reserve your seat on the bus please contact the Parish Office. Deacon Isaac's first Mass will be at Stella Maris in the Friday, June 30th at 5pm followed by supper.



FAITH ON FIRE

Next Sunday is Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for Pentecost, the Children and Families Team at Evangelisation Brisbane have put together some great resources to engage children and families. You can find a video and other ideas at <https://tinyurl.com/pentecost4kids>. When we

think of Pentecost we usually think of fire and the colour **RED**. To show that you have prepared for Pentecost next Sunday why don't you wear something **RED** when you come to Mass? In preparation for Pentecost, if there is anyone who wishes to donate flowers – especially **RED** flowers – from their garden for the Pentecost Mass please contact Maricel on 0418 726 777 Thank you.



WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

This weekend the much anticipated Archdiocesan Summit concluded when representatives from across the archdiocese reflected upon the document “With Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023” over the past weeks we have been publishing outlines of the seven priorities for the Archdiocese contained in the document.

You can read the document at:

www.tinyurl.com/lampsablaze Fr William represented our Parish Community at the summit.

NEW PRINCIPAL AT SIENA COLLEGE

Last week Ms Sharon Collins was announced as the new Principal of Siena Catholic College, Sippy Downs. She will take up her appointment at the start of the 2024 school year and she succeeds Dr Michael McCarthy who has taken up the Senior Leader School Progress & Performance role for Cluster 7.



Sharon is currently the Acting Principal at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Catholic College, Dalby, and is the substantive Principal at St Saviour's College, Toowoomba. Her other senior leadership roles include Assistant Principal – Religious Education St Mary's College, Toowoomba; Education Officer: Faith and Life, Toowoomba Catholic Diocese and Foundation Assistant Principal – Religious Education, Xavier Catholic College, Hervey Bay.

Sharon's qualifications include a Bachelor of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary), Masters of Educational Leadership, Cert IV in Christian Ministry and Theology, Cert IV in Training and Assessment, Master of Theology and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. We look forward to welcoming Sharon to our Parish Family.

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** – we are glad you have joined our Parish Family!

QUEENSLAND CARE ALLIANCE

Message from the The Queensland Care Alliance: a non-religious volunteer group. We have members of diverse religious faiths, and members with no religious faith. Current members include experienced doctors and palliative care nurses. We think it is inevitable that voluntary assisted dying (VAD) will reduce the quality of palliative care in relieving the suffering of most dying people, unless we take action. Queensland Care Alliance is working towards the vision that every Queenslanders with a life-limiting illnesses will be valued, protected and able to receive high quality palliative care to relieve suffering. We ask that people joining our group share our vision, and attend regular online meetings. More and more people are joining the Queensland Care Alliance, with a range of skills welcomed, including legal, IT, fundraising, organisational and health professional skills. If you are interested in helping improve palliative care to ease the suffering of Queenslanders at the end of their life, please join our group. Please contact via email secretaryqldcarealliance@gmail.com for more information.

A reminder that the monthly Mass in Polish is next Sunday, 4:00pm at St Mary's, Buderim— tell your Polish friends!

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, 22 May

- ◆ Confirmation preparation at Stella Maris church - **reminder - no 5:30pm Mass today.**
- ◆ Librum Et Legere Club meeting (Stella Maris)

Tuesday, 23 May

- ◆ **Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel).

Wednesday, 24 May

Our Lady, Help of Christians (Solemnity)

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church).
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)

Thursday, 25 May

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

Friday, 26 May

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 9.30am Craft Group (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 27 May

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Patrick Speekman (St Peter's)
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 28 May

Pentecost Sunday - 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) including Baptism of Baye Tinson and Daisy Gadsby
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Polish Mass** (4.00am, 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.

A CRAFTY CROWD

Every Friday there is something going on at Stella Maris. This Friday, following the 9am morning Mass the Craft Group gathers in the function room. It is a great social gathering! A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join them – for more information please contact the coordinator, Olga Girle, on 0417 792 616

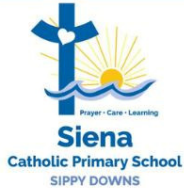
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Sippy Downs

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Breakfast Club at Siena

What could be better than a warm piece of vegemite toast or jam on a cold Autumn morning? Not much ☺. Here at Siena if you need a top-up from breakfast or the morning at home was too busy for breakfast then the children can receive a piece of toast or cereal or fruit every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school.

Breakfast is always prepared and served with a smile by our friendly Year 6 Outreach group.

Every week Banyo's Cafe donates 4 loaves of bread and funds raised from second hand uniform sales goes towards paying for other breakfast consumables.

The tradition of Breakfast club continues after many years, and it is also a great opportunity for a friendly chat between staff and children.

I must remember to have breaky before I help, as the smell of fresh bread toasted is very hard to resist. ☺

Blessings Kim



Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Members of our school concert band had the privilege of joining in the Band Bonanza workshop this week at Siena Primary School. Students from Siena, Stella Maris and St Thomas More (Sunshine Beach) spent the day together, sharing music, learning, connecting, rehearsing, performing, working hard and having fun, with guidance and conducting from some of the schools' fabulously passionate and dedicated music teachers. The finale of the day was a concert for the students' families, who were delighted to see their young musicians perform so well together. It was an outstanding team effort. We can't wait to see what future collaborations can achieve.



Siena Catholic College

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Acting Principal: Pat Toohey



This week we have focused on well-being. On Wednesday morning, our House Groups participated in a session designed to encourage students to deepen their relationships through fun, fast-paced and enjoyable activities. These activities ranged from sporting challenges to quizzes; party games to pizza cook-offs - with each designed to ensure that students from different year levels had the chance to get to know one another a little better.

Thursday and Friday saw our Year 9 cohort participating in their two-day retreat/camp experience. During their time away, students were involved in a series of physical activities that challenged them not only to step out of their own comfort zone but also to support their peers in their participation. Our night-time activity included a liturgy for each group, with the boys reflecting on the theme of *gratitude*, while the girls considered the words of Mother Teresa that tell us 'you can't always do great things, but you can do small things with great love'.

The announcement of our new College Principal has been made and we are all looking forward to welcoming Ms Sharon Collins to Siena for the start of the 2024 school year.

