

PENTECOST

Weekend of the 27/28 May 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23

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.

"The Church in her very **nature** is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them."
(*Ad Gentes* 2; 5-6)

When we speak of the **nature** of a thing, we're not speaking about the ecological design or environmental interior, but we're dealing more with a metaphysical reality that goes to the spirit or being of a thing. So to say that the "Church in her very **nature** is missionary" is to make a deep identical marker that would hopefully spur us into action.

If the Church is missionary in nature, then we too, as members of this Church, are to be missionary within our beings. We cannot give what we do not have.

We are at a unique stage in our history where our numbers are diminishing and previously understood statements of faith are now no longer part of the household norm. In the midst of a new and ever shifting context, we're left simply with the question, am I missionary?

We all answer this question in many ways. Some of us are so missionary that not even Ennio Morricone could produce a soundtrack that would match the fervour. Some of us don't even know what the word means. Others still, are indifferent.

The Church is missionary in her nature, yet she is not alone. Jesus said that you will be given assistance. There is another "whom the Father will send in my name who will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you (Jn 14:26)."

Today is Pentecost and like the apostles in the upper room, Jesus breathes on us and says "Receive the Holy Spirit." In the same breath we're told by Christ to forgive each other and to not retain any sins. These actions are intrinsically tied to our call as followers of Christ who belong to this missionary Church.

As we celebrate Pentecost today, may we acknowledge the Spirit given to us in Baptism, stirred within us at Confirmation, who encourages us even now to align our nature with the Church's. May we be bold in our proclamation and humble in our encounter with the Lord.

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Patrick Speekman, Daisy Gadsby, Baye Tinson* and *Tane Milson* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died, especially *Cecile Santos* whose funeral was celebrated last Thursday, and *James Husband* whose funeral will be celebrated on Monday.

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



Stella Maris Parish Office

Adjacent to the Stella Maris Church

Office Hours 8:30am - 4:30pm Weekdays

Telephone: 5443 3488

Email: suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: maroochyshoreparish.com.au

WE JOURNEY WITH THEM

Once again on Monday evening 100 of our young boys and girls and their families will descend on Stella Maris to continue with their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last Monday the focus was on the chrism and the anointing that takes place during the ceremony, while this Monday they will reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards their night of Confirmation on 8 June, and remember during this preparation programme there is no Monday 5:30pm Mass at Stella Maris.

MULTICULTURAL CONTACTS

Planning for our Multicultural Mass continues and we need you to be involved to make the day a celebration of the great diversity that underpins our Parish Family. Please make contact with our coordinators to lend a hand:

Philippines - Maricel Morris (erromaricel@yahoo.com.au)

Poland - Ursula Riggio (ursulariggio58@hotmail.com)

South Africa - Robert Baatjes (robbaatjes@gmail.com)

Brazil - Paula Rodrigues (paulapobr@hotmail.com)

UK & Ireland - Margaret Southon

(margaretsouthon56@gmail.com)

and Patricia Sweeney Fawcett

(patriciasweeneyfawcett@yahoo.co.uk)

Indonesia - Daniel & Eva O'Connor (docon26@outlook.com)

Latin American - Stella Passeggi (passeggi@iprimus.com.au)

and Maria Fry (mariacristina1412@hotmail.com)

Nigeria - Fr Ejikeme (ntamakae@bne.catholic.net.au)

Pacific - John Ioane (ajioane65@gmail.com)

Indian - Molly Jain (mollyjain3@gmail.com)

Malaysia - Jane Chung and Peter Thien

(janeyenyeechung@gmail.com)

Malta - Terry Schembri (0401 030 039)

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!!!*

HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, being the first weekend of the month, we have a special focus on hospitality across our Parish Family. Why not linger a little longer after Mass and enjoy the company of our fellow parishioners. A big thank you to all who are involved in providing and coordinating the hospitality that has become a hallmark of our Parish.

ADORATION

In honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi we will hold 24 hours of Adoration at Stella Maris on the 9th-10th of June. We are inviting prayer groups to host a particular hour block and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the way you know best. At 3pm-4pm Friday 9th and at 3am-4am Saturday 10th a Rosary and Divine Mercy will be prayed. Fr William will lead a Taize style of prayer from 7pm-8pm on Friday 9th. Next week we'll have an idea of which hour block we will set aside for Praise and Worship. The rest of the time slots will be in silent prayer. All are welcome. The sign-up form is located at the entrance to the church so we know the Blessed Sacrament will be accompanied during the whole 24 hours.

È AMORE

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. *It starts this Wednesday!*

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

Find out more and register now at tinyurl.com/tmcmay23

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The monthly baptismal preparation takes place at Stella Maris Church this Thursday beginning at 6pm. At this short meeting we give a overview of the ceremony and explain some of the symbols used in the sacrament. All parents with infants under 3 years of age are invited to contact Challis at the Parish Office to receive the registration paperwork before the meeting.

SALE! SALE! SALE!

Everyone loves a bargain! During all the weekend Masses at Stella Maris Church on the weekend of June 10/11th there will be tables of piety goods for you to grab a bargain! Great religious items and books at reduced prices!

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

This coming Wednesday night (31st) we have our Catechism in a Year class. This week we'll talk about the Holy Spirit in light of Pentecost. We'll cover paragraphs #721-747. See you at St Mary's Church, Buderim at 6:30pm.



Last Wednesday the announcement was made that Ken Howell, currently Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane has been appointed as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Toowoomba. Bishop Ken succeeds Bishop Robert McGuckin and becomes the Seventh Bishop of the Toowoomba Diocese. We keep Bishop Ken in our prayers during this time leading up to his installation on the 11th of July.

Also during the week Deacon Isaac Falzon received correspondence from His Grace, The Archbishop, confirming the date of his ordination on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29th. Naturally, for Isaac these weeks leading up to his ordination will be busy and exciting as plans are finalised. We are organising a bus to go to the ordination which will leave Stella Maris Church 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 Church on Friday, June 30th at 5pm followed by supper.



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.

Priority Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance

“We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.” **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

THE SUMMIT 23

Last week a few parishioners attended the Summit 23 gathering. With a keen focus on the future direction of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Mark led the participants through his Apostolic Priorities with a sense of hope. There’s still more work to do in realising these priorities, but we strain forward as a Church embodying as much as we can through our lives. We pray for the wisdom to enact upon some, if not all, of these priorities into the future.



FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

St Vincent’s Care Services are looking for people just like you, to help their residents live their life to the fullest. Are you interested in woodwork, singing, reading, music, shopping, painting, memory support... the list goes on! If you have any skills/interests you would like to share why not contact Catherine on 5459 6600 or email her on catherine.mcnamara@svha.org.au and offer little bit of your time.

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, 29 May

- ◆ Funeral of James Husband (1.00pm, St Peter’s Church, Coolum)
- ◆ Confirmation preparation at Stella Maris church - **reminder - no 5:30pm Mass today.**
- ◆ Librum Et Legere Club meeting (Stella Maris)

Tuesday, 30 May

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

Wednesday, 31 May

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary’s Church).
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Maroochydore)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ CIAY meeting (6.30pm, St Mary’s Church)
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)

Thursday, 1 June

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter’s Church)
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Coolum)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation for infants and young children (6pm, Stella Maris Church)

Friday, 2 June

- ◆ **Anointing & Healing Mass** (9am, Maroochydore)
Followed by morning tea
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 3 June

- ◆ **First Saturday Mass** (8am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Planning Meeting for Multi-Cultural Mass (8.30am, Parish Office)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Harlow Lambert, Archer Minett and Lorenzo Giraldo (Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter’s Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 4 June

The Most Holy TRINITY- 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)
including Children’s Church

FIRST FRIDAY

On the first Friday of every month we celebrate a Anointing Mass at Stella Maris and everyone is welcome. The Anointing of the sick is a Sacrament of the Church for those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. The Sacrament enables the person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by the praying community.

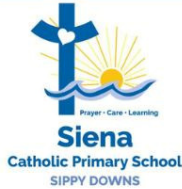
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

58 Sippy Downs Drive,
Sippy Downs

psippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Glen Bucklar



Siena Primary is always a hive of learning, activities and fun.

Last week, in the Year 1 Library lesson, Mrs Tonkes, read the students a book by Jez Alborough called, 'Fix It Duck' The children love the characters in his books, and they are always full of rhyming words. After the lesson the children enjoyed their own construction activity with tap tap boards.

Continuing the plethora of activities and opportunities offered at Siena, some of our students in Year 5 and 6 represented the school in the QC Netball Cup.

All three teams demonstrated sportsmanship, skills and joy at playing against other Catholic schools at the carnival.

The Year 6 team were undefeated. Whilst the Year 5 team and a mixed Year 6 team improved throughout the day.

Many thanks to the staff who gave up countless hours of their own time coaching, organising, managing, travelling and looking after the teams. Well Done Team Siena!!



Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore

pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mark Ballam



There's no doubt that the energy, joy and inquisitive nature of our **Under 8s** can be both contagious and awe-inspiring. Last Friday, to close off Under 8's Week, we had a special day to celebrate and inspire these special little learners. A large number of super-volunteers supported our dedicated and passionate early years staff to put on a wide range of activities to cater for all sorts of interests and abilities, under this year's theme: **Play – You, Me & Our Communities!** Activities included dress-ups, all sorts of construction, fence-painting, bowling, nature craft, skipping, drawing, nail-painting, face-painting, bean-bag challenges, playground fun, bubbles, dancing, story-time, playdough, an obstacle course, sandpit play, mindfulness, music corner, small world play and home-corner. Who wouldn't want to be Under 8?



Siena Catholic College

60 Sippy Downs Drive,
Sippy Downs

ssippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au

Acting Principal: Pat Toohey



With two year levels out of school it's been a fairly quiet week on campus. Our Year 10s were on Work Experience for the week, while our Year 11s were on camp for three days.

Work Experience has long been an opportunity for students to *dip their toes* into the world of work. With a wide variety of options to choose from, students were able to explore careers including engineering and construction, real estate, teaching, childcare, tourism, aviation, allied health, veterinary studies, retail, and information technologies. The students were appreciative of the opportunity to explore what was really involved in working in their area of interest.

Our Year 11s braved the cold, cold mornings in Helidon for their ANZAC-themed camp experience. All present were taken well out of their comfort zones, where they were both challenged and empowered to explore the themes of courage, mateship, perseverance, and sacrifice. Congratulations to all who attended – you have certainly honed your teamwork and leadership skills.

The Year 9s were present at the Community Mass on Wednesday morning, where they commemorated the solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians. In his homily, Fr Will encouraged the students to pray - wherever they are - in order to direct their lives towards God.

