

# HOLY TRINITY

Weekend of the 3/4 June 2023 Year A

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel: John 3:16-18

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.

Preaching and writing about the Trinity is an extremely difficult task. This is due to the fact that the Trinity is a mystery and is beyond our human understanding, yet it is foundational to our Christian faith. So what is the Trinity and why is the Trinity important?

Let's start with what the Trinity is. Within the Trinity there are different roles and relationships. The Father is the source of all things. The son is eternally begotten of the Father (eternally begotten means that Jesus is equal with the Father in substance, essence and nature). And the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. That's easy enough right? Well, here comes the tricky part. While each person of the Trinity is distinct, they share the same divine essence and are equal in their deity. Pretty confusing I know. If you think of the relationship within the Trinity as something similar to a ceiling fan. Where each blade is unique yet all three blades operate together, or as Michael Fitzpatrick informed me on Monday, a tub of Neapolitan ice-cream; three flavours – one tub. So to use modern terminology each person of the Trinity is the **“same same but different.”**

Saint Augustine explored this relationship between the three persons as one of mutual love and unity. He saw the Trinity as the perfect example of love, describing the Father as the lover, the Son as the beloved, and the Holy Spirit as the bond of love between them. Augustine goes on to note that this divine love is not static but eternally active, perpetually flowing among the three persons of the Trinity.

Now why is this important? It's important for many reasons. One of those reasons being for our salvation. The work of salvation is a cooperative effort of the Trinity. The Father sends the Son into the world to become incarnate, to die on the cross, and to rise again for the redemption of humanity. The Son accomplishes salvation through His sacrificial death, and the Holy Spirit applies the benefits of salvation to believers, transforming them and empowering them for a life of faith and holiness.

The Trinity is a mystery and is an extremely important doctrine for Catholicism. The Trinity is three in one and one in three. And each person of the Trinity plays a unique role in our Salvation. When you sit down to pray this week be conscious of which person of the Trinity you are praying to. If you normally pray to God the Son maybe try praying to God the Holy Spirit.

*Deacon Isaac Falzon*

### Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Harlow Lambert, Archer Minett* and *Lorenza Giraldo* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We especially remember in our prayers the young boys and girls from our Parish Family who will celebrate their Confirmation this Thursday.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died, especially *Vilma Johnston* whose funeral rites will be celebrated on Monday 12 June. May Vilma's soul, and 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  
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## HOSPITALITY

The first weekend of the month always means a special emphasis on hospitality across our Parish Family. Please accept this invitation to spend a little time after Mass today and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. Thank you to all who help provide the hospitality each month – it is very much appreciated.

### IT ALL CULMINATES ON THURSDAY

This is the final week of preparation as 100 of our young boys and girls look forward to celebrating their Confirmation at Stella Maris this Thursday evening. The journey towards the celebration of the sacrament began way back on 8 May when Jesuit theologian and author Fr Richard Leonard led a workshop for the parents which looked at the Church in Australia and a new appreciation of the Church that their children are being confirmed into. On the subsequent Monday evenings, the children and their parents have met at Stella Maris Church and reviewed their workbooks. This has allowed them to remember their Baptism and the Baptismal Promises made on their behalf as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the symbols of Confirmation and the potential of the Holy Spirit has to dramatically change their lives and the choices they make.

This Monday evening will be their last session and it will allow a review of their journey and a practice before Thursday evening's ceremony. Thank you to Carolyn Watt and the teachers who helped guide us over these past 5 weeks, and to Bishop Brian Heenan who will confer the Sacrament. Please keep our young parishioners and their families in your prayers this week, and remember that there is no evening mass at Stella Maris Church this Monday.

### IT'S GETTING CLOSER

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June is now just two weeks away and the plans for our Multicultural Mass are all falling into place. The liturgy committee held their meeting last weekend to run through the Mass and to coordinate the many groups who are actively involved in the liturgy – it will truly be an exciting and colourful celebration of our Universal Faith! Next Saturday morning at Stella Maris Church at 9.30am all the different coordinators of the post Mass food extravaganza are reminded of your meeting to finalise arrangements for the event. With the Multicultural Mass getting closer, there is an urgency to support the organisers who are coordinating the different stalls after Mass. Please accept this invitation to be involved.

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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](mailto: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!!!

## ADORATION

Next weekend is Corpus Christi and in honour of the feast we are coordinating 24 hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament beginning this Friday following the 9am Mass and concluding 24 hours later with Benediction at 9am. There are plenty of parishioners who have already signed up to be part of the 24 hours of prayer but there is always room for more!

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 and on Saturday morning from 7 to 8am the El Shaddai group will lead a hour of **prayer and worship**. The other hours will be devoted to silence and meditation. It is not too late to be part of our preparation for Corpus Christi! 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.

## ORDINATION

The Ordination ceremony is the Church celebrating at its best – a liturgy full of hope, joy and overflowing with the assurance of God's abiding presence. Deacon Isaac's Ordination to the priesthood will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**DON'T FORGET  
OUR PIETY STALL  
SALE NEXT  
WEEKEND AT  
STELLA MARIS—  
EVERYTHING ON  
SALE**



Last Sunday's **Pentecost** celebrations brought the Easter season, which began on Easter Sunday, to a close. For the 50 days of Easter our Parish community has been blessed with generous parishioners who have given their time and energy to prepare our sanctuaries and focus our liturgies with the appropriate symbols of the season. On behalf of the entire Parish, thank you for your ministry.



**In support of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout on the Sunshine Coast,** Marshall Morison of the St Peter's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society at Coolumb, and Nick Saunders from the St Gerard Majella Conference at Maroochydore will be taking part in the sleeping out at Maroochydore Beach on 22nd June. The aims of the Sleepout are to highlight the growing numbers of homelessness and those on the brink of homelessness; and to raise funds to assist. "Because of escalating house prices and all-time low rental vacancies, across our Parish and the entire Sunshine Coast, we at Vinnies try to assist individuals and families in our community who can no longer afford to live in the region they called home. More and more are finding themselves struggling to find a place to live and some are forced to live in parks, on the beach or in cars." While they're not CEOs, Nick and Marshall have registered for the Sunshine Coast Sleepout because they think this is an important issue. If you would like to support this initiative, sponsor donations can be made at **CEO SLEEPOUT - Marshall Morison or CEO SLEEPOUT - Nick Saunders**



SUNDAY 11 JUNE | 2PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi and once again there will be a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community. The Corpus Christi Procession will start at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 2pm (and conclude there), and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Find out more at [www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com)

## 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, 5 June

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

### Tuesday, 6 June

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

### Wednesday, 7 June

- ◆ **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, 8 June

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 4pm Confirmation Ceremony
- ◆ 6pm Confirmation Ceremony

### Friday, 9 June

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Maroochydore ) followed by the start of the 24 hours of Adoration.
- ◆ 9:30am Technology for the Third Age
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

### Saturday, 10 June

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ The 24 hours of Adoration concludes with Benediction at 9am.
- ◆ 9:30am Multicultural Mass final meeting.
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Samuel Otago, Hannah Otago, Luiza De Silva (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Dominik Hira (Buderim)
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Sunday, 11 June

## Body and Blood of Christ

- ◆ **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.*

## WIZKIDS

Following the 9am Friday Mass this week our Technology for the Third Age group gathers in the function room to explore how to get the most out of modern technology. **This Friday it is for android users.** The following Friday (June 16) is for Apple users. The knowledge and answers are in the collective wisdom of the group, so if you are interested please come along.

All welcome - **tell your friends!**



# Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

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### National Sorry Day

Last Friday the school came together to recognise and reflect on National Sorry Day. A day held annually in Australia on 26 May commemorating the Stolen Generations. It is part of the ongoing efforts towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

We prayed, paused, and acknowledged the immense contribution of our indigenous peoples to our nation and how we need to apologise for the wrongs and make things better.

Each class had a letter that said We Are Sorry Reconciliation.

This week we centred on Reconciliation – to Be Voices for Future Generations. The children wrote words of Reconciliation in a heart and, as a school, we created a 'Sea of Hearts' echoing the need to reconcile and work together with our First Nations people for a better future for all. We concluded with a liturgy asking God for hearts that listen, have courage, healing and hearts that reconcile.



Mr Mark Ballam, our school principal and member of Stella Maris Parish, will be participating in this year's **Vinnies CEO Sleepout** at Maroochydore Surf Club on 22nd June. It's an annual event to raise vital funds for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of finding themselves without a safe place to call home. Every dollar raised goes to support St Vinnies' services, which include food, accommodation, education, counselling, employment and health programs.

Mark will be joining other Catholic School Principals, business, government and community leaders (including Fr Josh from OLR at Caloundra) across Australia in sleeping out 'rough'. The goal is to ensure that Vinnies' vital services can stay up and running – meeting the increasing demand due to COVID-19, job losses, sky-rocketing costs of living, along with other social and economic pressures that keep homelessness on the rise. The Vinnies CEO Sleepout happens for just one night, but it raises vital funds to support people all year round.

The children at Stella Maris School are very excited, because the children of any families that make a donation, have their names go into the draw to become *Principal-for-a-Day* in Term 3. Imagine the fun they will have!

If you wish to donate, please use the QR code below. All donations are tax deductible. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Last Saturday night, our Year 12s gathered at the Maroochy RSL for the College's annual Benefit Ball. This night is not just about glamorous dresses, snappy suits, stretch limos and dancing – although it does contain all of these elements! It's also a night to think of others and to support an organisation on the Coast that is doing great things. This year, the students chose the *Balin Stewart Foundation* as their charity. This Foundation, set up by Balin's parents, initiated the *#BinTheBladeForBalin* campaign - in the hope that the devastation caused by knife crime can be avoided. Through ticket sales and a monster raffle, the students raised more than \$10,500.

On Thursday, a group of our Year 10s travelled to St Teresa's for the annual *PoTENTial* gathering. The event, which is facilitated by Brisbane Catholic Education, challenged our students to explore what it means to *Soar to Great Heights*.

