

CORPUS CHRISTI

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 **Gospel:** John 6:51-58

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

As we gather in our church communities this weekend it might be appropriate to ask ourselves – what unites us? Look around you - we are such a diverse crowd! Next weekend we will celebrate our Multicultural Mass followed by a food and cultural extravaganza. The movement and colour and vibrancy of the liturgy will only be matched by the food and flavours and customs of the many groups that make up our diverse and exciting Parish Family.

And while diversity is good, something must also unite us. Something must keep us together! What brings us the cohesion and sustains our common faith? Our source of unity is not where we come from, it is not whether we are conservative or liberal, it is not the colour of our skin or whether we are male or female. **Our source of unity is Christ.**

Corpus Christi – the body and blood of Christ - is the marriage of God and us. This union took place not only in the incarnation but it is celebrated at every Eucharist whereby Christ is made one with our very flesh. The Eucharist is the living sign that God is with us now and always. *I am the living bread come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread shall live forever; and the bread I give is my flesh for the life of the world.*

Whether we celebrate the Eucharist at Stella Maris or St Peter's, St Mary's or St Catherine's, for us there can be no life if our life is not in Christ. We may be beset by sin or ignorance. We may fall short of what Christ has called us to be. At times we may be confused by teachings or confounded by canon law, *but we remain part of his body.*

So in this Eucharist-centred Church of ours, we are both guests and waiters. Jesus invites us to his table to be nourished by his body and blood in the bread and wine of the sacrament. Our presence at this table makes us more than diners but a family.

We come here with our struggles and our doubts and pains and sorrows and, if the Eucharist is what Jesus intended, we find support and compassion from all those who come to the table with us.

At the same time, the Eucharist should impel us to become Eucharist for others – to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all in our own acts of charity and compassion. We are both guest and waiter – participant and host at the banquet of God.

So, it is good to remember this weekend that every time we gather around the Altar of the Lord we ratify our relationship with God and re-commit ourselves to being sacraments of communion and community, signs and instruments of new life, heralds of God's reign of love, justice and mercy. It is nothing less than this that we profess every time we hear the words **THE BODY OF CHRIST** and we humbly respond **AMEN.**

Fr Peter Brannelly

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Samuel Otago, Hannah Otago, Luiza De Silva* and *Dominik Hira* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died, especially *Vilma Johnston* and *Irene Jobbings* whose funeral rites will be celebrated this Monday. We also pray for Coolum parishioner and journalist *Wayne Smith* who died last week.

May their souls, 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
Deacon Isaac Falzon
Deacon Michael Khoury



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THE START OF ANOTHER FINANCIAL YEAR

There is an old Greek saying that goes something like **Society grows great when we plant trees in whose shade we know we shall never sit.** In the same way your continued generosity to your Parish is very much like planting trees in whose shade we know we will probably never sit! It is always the next generation of believers who benefit from our generosity and sacrifices.

As a Parish Family, we are enormously grateful for the generosity of everyone in our community who help fund our ongoing expenses. We rely on your help to run our liturgical life, administration, to maintain our facilities to save for the eventual purchase of land at Palmview. Through your commitment, under the guidance of the Parish Finance Committee, we are slowly but surely reducing our Parish debt of \$1,679,637.79.

There are many ways to support the Parish. *If you use the weekly envelopes for your planned giving, then they are available on the tables after Mass this weekend. If you can't see them let us know at the office because they may have gone to one of the other churches, and they'll re-direct them for you.*

DIRECT DEBIT: Since Covid many people have taken advantage of utilising Direct Debit to fulfil their pledge - it's simple, easy and if you would like Direct Debit forms they are available at the entrance to the Church.

SMART TERMINALS: These are now in operation at all four of our churches. They are positioned on stands near the entrance to the Church. Its just a matter of **"Tap N Go"**

TO JOIN PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join our planned giving program, please go to our website for all the information or contact Bev at the Parish office to get things organised for you.

However you choose to support your Parish, on behalf of the Finance Committee, a grateful Parish says *thank you.*

SOCIABLE SENIORS

With the Covid restrictions now behind us it is good to get back to enjoying life and each other's company. On Wednesday, July 5th, we are organising a bus trip to the Eumundi Markets. The bus departs at 8:30am from Stella Maris Church and it is a chance to get together and enjoy the day. The cost is only \$20 each and there are only a limited number of seats. To reserve your seat please contact the Parish Office. Why not invite a friend – it promises to be a great day out!

BOOK A FRONT SEAT

Next Sunday everyone is invited to be part of multicultural celebrations beginning with Mass at 11am. All the different communities will be helping us celebrate through their distinctive expressions of faith. It promises to be a truly unique and uplifting Mass full of colour, movement and faith. Then afterwards on the grounds of Stella Maris Church the celebrations continue with food to be shared and culture to be celebrated. There has been a lot of planning behind the scenes to ensure it will truly be an exciting and colourful celebration of our Universal Faith!

There is an urgency to support the organisers who are coordinating the different stalls after Mass so please accept this invitation and get in contact. Everyone's help and involvement is appreciated.

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

Latin American - **Stella Passeggi** (passeggi@iprimus.com.au) and **Maria Fry** (mariacristina1412@hotmail.com)

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

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Malta - **Terry Schembri** (0401 030 039)

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India - **Molly Jain** (mollyjain3@gmail.com)

Malaysia - **Jane Chung and Peter Thien** (janeyenyeechung@gmail.com)

UK & Ireland - **Margaret Southon** (margaretsouthon56@gmail.com)

and **Patricia Sweeney Fawcett** (patriciasweeneyfawcett@yahoo.co.uk)

No one is excluded! Anyone who does not fit into one of the groups is invited to contribute by bringing along something Australian. It could be as simple as baking some ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons, coconut ice or jam drops – *use your imagination!!!* You can drop them off at Tierney's Café, next to the function room, where Deacon Isaac (Hipster Barista) along with the young adults will be coordinating the Australian table and freshly ground barista coffee. *Don't miss out!!!*

GETTING CLOSER

Immediately after next Sunday's Multicultural Mass Deacon Isaac begins his pre-ordination retreat as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood 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 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 this week. Deacon Isaac's first Mass will be at Stella Maris Church on Friday, June 30th at 5pm followed by supper.



SALE OF THE CENTURY!

We have plenty of religious items, CD's and books on sale this weekend at Stella Maris Church. All items have been marked down so why not visit the table and grab yourself a bargain.

SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Congratulations to the 100 young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening. The ceremony was a culmination of a journey of preparation guided by parents and supported by the Parish. A special thank you to Bishop Brian Heenan, Carolyn Watt, and the choirs of Stella Maris and St Catherin's and our dedicated and generous teachers.

CAUTION

Over the next 3 weeks we will be carrying out some renovations to the Parish Office and sacristy. The end goal is to provide our Parish Community with a larger meeting area and interview room. Please exercise caution and if you are visiting the Parish Office, please use the boardroom door for entry.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

If you have a desire to deepen your relationship with God and find God's presence in your everyday life, why not consider joining this retreat? The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola are a means of opening oneself to the work of God in one's life. Ignatius, underwent a powerful spiritual conversion in his late twenties. The experience of his own conversion led Ignatius to share what he learned with others and, eventually, refine his personal prayer journal into what we now call the Spiritual Exercises. There are no special requirements to attend - come as you are!

Monday 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 July from 9.30am to 11.00am at "The Avenue" Conference Room, 32 Baden Powell Street.

Just go to <https://tinyurl.com/4pjjv5u4> to register.

This retreat is free of charge, but you can make a donation.

PROBLEM SOLVING

This Friday, June 16th, after the 9am Mass, we continue with our Technology of the Third Age gatherings at Stella Maris Church. It is a chance to gather and explore some of the tricks in dealing with our modern devices and together find solutions to those annoying problems that prevent us from getting the most out of them. Everyone is welcome – this week we will deal with Apple devices.

WINTER APPEAL

Our two Parish St Vincent de Paul conferences will launch their annual Winter Appeal on the weekend of 24th and 25th June. On this weekend across our Parish Community there will be envelopes available for you to make a financial donation to support the work of our local Vinnies conferences. The money raised through the Winter appeal remains within our community helping directly those who are in need and who have come off second best in life.

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, 12 June

- ◆ Funeral of Vilma Johnston (10.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Funeral of Irene Jobbings (10.30am, Chapel, Gregson & Weight Funerals, Buderim)
- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Stella Maris
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Librum Et Legere Club meeting (Stella Maris)

Tuesday, 13 June

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel).
- ◆ Mass (10.30am, St Vincent's Care Services, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Craft Group (1.00pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Parish Finance Council meeting

Wednesday, 14 June

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church).
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Maroochydore meeting.
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ St Peter's Community Team meeting.
- ◆ St Mary's Community Team meeting.
- ◆ Stella Maris Community team meeting.
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)

Thursday, 15 June

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Coolum meeting.
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)

Friday, 16 June (Public Holiday)

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Maroochydore) followed by Grief Support morning tea.
- ◆ 9:30am Technology for the Third Age (Apple)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 17 June

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Tori Knight and Ocea Anderson (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, 18 June

11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church) including Children's Church
- ◆ **Mass** (8am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Parish Multi-Cultural Mass** (11am, Stella Maris Church followed by lunch)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Plans are afoot to celebrate Christmas in July at the northern end of the Parish. Put the date in your diary now - Tuesday July 25th at St Peter's Church, Coolum.

More news next week!

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



St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Commencing Monday, Siena Primary will begin collecting for the Vinnies Winter Appeal for our local conference - St Gerard Majella.

We have been asked to donate toiletry items and are very happy to do so to assist the vulnerable and disadvantaged. St Vincent de Paul said, 'We should reach out and help the poor, the needy, and those in jeopardy'. So strong was his compassion for the poor that he saw Christ in each of their faces.

Each year level has been given specific items to donate ie. Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap body wash, shampoo, deodorant etc

If any parishioner would like to assist our donations, a plastic container will be left at the back of the St Catherine's church.

Our principal, Glen, is also participating in the CEO sleepout on 22nd June. We proudly support this venture and together as a community we are empowered by the work that St Vincent de Paula Society continues to provide for our most susceptible and vulnerable in our world.



Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Our students are so lucky to have the opportunity to learn a wide range of instruments and skills by participating in our Performing Arts Program. Audience members, though, have been the lucky ones recently as the students have been showcasing their talents, progress and achievements through a series of Soirees. We are so grateful to our team of wonderful music and drama teachers for their dedication to helping their students shine.



Siena Catholic College

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Acting Principal: Pat Toohey



If you had the opportunity to join us last Friday night, you would have enjoyed the wonderful Top End Restaurant experience provided by our Year 11 Hospitality students. 50 staff, parents and parishioners were treated to a three-course culinary gala in support of the Mother Teresa Sisters in the Northern Territory.

As the term begins to wind down, sporting seasons are concluding, and we congratulate those who have participated in teams throughout the term - good luck in your Grand Final games.

This Friday, our fundraising efforts turned to the Leukemia Foundation. Students and staff from across the school chose to colour, cut, or shave their hair (or wax their legs) in order to raise money for this worthy cause. In addition, our talented musicians put their skills on show and provided us with entertainment throughout the event. Thanks to the efforts of all involved we donated more than \$7000 to fund treatment and, ultimately, to help find a cure for blood cancers.

