

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of 24/25 June 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

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.

Life is a journey filled with a tapestry of experiences. Some moments carry a profound significance as they mark the end of a chapter. This last year of my life has been just that – marking the end of one chapter and starting the beginning of another. With that, I write my last newsletter article as a Deacon. We all experience periods such as this. Periods of 'lasts' in our life and it can be tough, uncomfortable and very rewarding. So how do we deal with all of this in union with Christ? Our Gospel passage leaves with some remarkable advice:-

1. Fearlessness in the Face of Uncertainty:

Jesus begins by encouraging his disciples to cast aside fear: "Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed." Embracing 'lasts' often means stepping into the unknown, leaving behind familiar surroundings or venturing into new territories. This requires a fearless attitude, trusting that what is hidden will eventually come to light. By releasing our fear, we open ourselves up to the lessons and growth that these moments offer.

2. Perspective and Spiritual Resilience:

Jesus reminds his disciples to maintain perspective: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." Periods of lasts may bring challenges or opposition, but we should not allow fear to paralyse us. Instead, we should focus on the bigger picture, recognising that our souls and true essence cannot be extinguished by earthly circumstances. It is through these trials that our spiritual resilience is tested and strengthened.

3. Trusting in God's Providence:

Jesus reassures his disciples of God's care and providence: "But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows". Periods of lasts, when we may feel vulnerable and uncertain, we can trust that God is watching over us. Just as He cares for even the smallest creatures, He knows and values us deeply.

4. Courageous Confession and Eternal Recognition:

Jesus emphasises the importance of courageous confession: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven". Periods of lasts provide an opportunity to boldly profess our faith and convictions, even in the face of opposition or discomfort. By embracing courage and openly acknowledging our relationship with God, we strengthen our bond with Him and inspire others to do the same.

We all go through periods in our life where we experience things for the last time and it can be very tough. However, they can all be a way to boldly profess our love of Christ our Lord by releasing fear, maintaining perspective, trusting in God's care, and demonstrating courage. We can navigate these transitional periods with grace and purpose, knowing that God is with us every step of the way.

Deacon Isaac Falzon

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Cooper Cameron* and *Isla Cameron* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died, especially *Ype De Bruin* and *Malcolm D'Elboux* whose funeral rites will be celebrated over the next two weeks. 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
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Deacon Michael Khoury



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ORDINATION

This Thursday evening at the Cathedral of St Stephen Isaac Falzon, along with Minje Kim and Gerard Lai, will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Coleridge. We keep Isaac in our prayers in these days leading up to his ordination. At 5pm on the following day, Friday June 30th, Fr Isaac will celebrate his first Mass at Stella Maris Church – everyone is invited. If you are joining us for Isaac's First Mass on the Friday would you please consider bringing along a plate of savoury food, or a fruit or cheese platter, to share after Mass.

THE SOUNDS OF ANGELS

We welcome to our Parish Family the music department and choir of St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe, who will be joining with us to celebrate the 9am Stella Maris Mass. They will have been on a music camp this past week which has included running workshops for our local students at Siena College, Siena Primary and Stella Maris Primary.

WINTER APPEAL

In the first five months of 2023, Maroochydore and Coolum Conferences of Saint Vincent de Paul have given over \$81,000 of assistance to 1,300 local people seeking support to cope with rising cost of living, household bills, health impacts and domestic and family violence, and other stresses in their lives. Every day, individuals and families are helped by Vincentians with food and grocery items, essential furniture and white goods, travel and transport costs and payment of pharmacy prescriptions. Vincentians also offer their time, advice, advocacy and friendship which is not included in this dollar figure.

This weekend the annual Vinnies 2023 Winter Appeal will be held across our Parish. Historically, contributions from parishioners to our two annual appeals provide approximately 20% of the two Conferences' combined income. This enables the Society to continue to assist the most vulnerable in our community.

All proceeds to the appeal remain in our parish when donations are made directly to
MAROOCHYDORE - BSB: 064-786 ACCOUNT: 100027046 REFERENCE: winter appeal **or**
COOLUM - BSB 064786 ACCOUNT 100027007 REFERENCE winter appeal
Email your name for a receipt sgm4558@sudpqld.org.au **or** sp4573@sudpqld.org.au

Please place your donations in the envelopes provided – if you haven't come prepared for the appeal you can return the envelopes next weekend. On behalf of our local Vinnies conferences, thanks once again for your generous support.

SOCIABLE SENIORS

Our first bus trip for the year promises to be a great day out as we journey to Eumundi on Wednesday, July 5th. 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?

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

In the North Pole Santa and all his helpers are busy preparing for Christmas. Here in the northern part of our Parish Family the little elves of St Peter's are also busy!!! Tuesday, July 25th will mark exactly six months till Christmas and the St Peter's Community are organising "Christmas in July". More information to follow, but an invitation is extended to the entire Parish to mark 25th July in your diary and join us at Coolum for a Christmas celebration without all the hassle!!!

INSTAGRACE - SUNSHINE COAST

Instagrace is a 3-day teens retreat conducted by Jesus Youth for those in Years 10-12 and is aimed at helping youngsters to know and enrich their life in Christ. It supports our parish's effort to create a community of young adults where our teens can forge friendships with their peers from similar faith backgrounds. If you are interested, please register using the QR code provided or contact Carrolyn Watt at the Parish Office (5443 3488)

Date: 21 Jul 2023 (5.00 PM) to 23 Jul 2023 (3.00 PM) at **Apex Camps**, 171 Nojoor Rd, Twin Waters, The Parish will subsidise participants, reducing the cost to \$100.



NEXT WEEKEND

Hospitality was certainly on show after last Sunday's Multicultural Mass – hopefully hospitality and welcome are the solid foundation that helps sustain our diverse community. Next weekend, being the first weekend of the month, hospitality will be the focus of our parish life and you are invited to join with your fellow parishioners after Mass and enjoy each other's company. Why not bring a friend? Thanks to all our fellow parishioners who take responsibility for this important ministry.

YES23 SUNSHINE COAST SOCCER CUP

The Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane is a member of the Queensland Community Alliance, which is organising a 7-a-side social soccer tournament / family fun day to help educate our community about the Uluru Statement From the Heart, including constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians through a Voice to Parliament. The Sunshine Coast Yes23 Cup will be held on Sunday 2 July between 12 noon and 5.30pm at Kawana Football Club. Our parish community and their family members aged 16+ are invited to play. Our parish community is also warmly invited to bring along family and friends to enjoy the live music, dancing, kids' activities and BBQ. For more information, please email Walters Nkemfack via walters@qldcommunityalliance.org.

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

Our neighbours at St Vincent's Care Services have recently had a growing number of residents wishing to attend Mass at Stella Maris Church on Friday mornings. We are hoping that there may be a couple of parishioners who would be willing to assist them in walking some of their residents to and from church. Some residents will be in wheelchairs while others will just need someone to walk beside them. These 'helpers' would simply need to escort residents from and back to their Reception area (no need to do a Rapid Antigen Test or wear a mask as they would not need to enter the facility past Reception). Please contact Elani on 5459 6637 if you are interested in helping.



Every so often you find yourself part of something remarkable – *a true grace moment*. For many of us, last Sunday's Multicultural Mass and the food and entertainment that followed was one of those grace moments. *They don't just happen* – it takes energy, commitment and a lot of generosity from a lot of people. To everyone who was involved in any way and who helped us celebrate the richness and diversity of our faith a grateful Parish says *thank you*. Our Parish Facebook page has more photos.



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, 26 June

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

Tuesday, 27 June

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

Wednesday, 28 June

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church).
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Maroochydore)
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)
- ◆ Catechism in a Year group (6.00pm, Buderim)

Thursday, 29 June

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Deacon Isaac's Ordination (Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane)**

Friday, 30 June

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Fr Isaac's Thanksgiving Mass (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)**
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 1 July

- ◆ **First Saturday Mass** (8am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Viola Brown (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10am Baptism of Leni Mayfield, Bruce and Savannah Plaza Bausson (Coolum)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 2 July

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- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church) including Children's 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 COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

The Catechism in a Year group meets this Wednesday, June 28th, 6pm at St Mary's Church, Buderim. Our topic will be the Liturgy.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola retreat begins on Monday, July 3rd at "The Avenue", Maroochydore. It is a 5 week retreat running all of July and everyone is welcome. – for more information go to tinyurl.com/4pjjv5u4

Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



There has been plenty of learning and a hive of activity at Siena Primary this term.

We started Term 2 by celebrating the Feast of St Catherine of Siena and the plethora of events both curricular and extra-curricular continued both in the classroom and in the Religious Life of the school.

This term included Year 5 Camp – Currimundi, ANZAC Day Liturgy at the College and the march at Buderim, P&F Soul Food – Cook up, Mother’s Day Breaky and Liturgy, QC Netball Cup, Athletics Carnival, 7s Rugby, Excursions – Prep – Wild Life HQ, Yr 2 – Local Indigenous Sights, Yr 6 – Parliament House, Under 8’s Activity morning, Siena Primary led Parish Mass, the Sacrament of Confirmation, Siena run Community BBQ, Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week, Choir performances and Guitar ensemble.

Finally, the term culminated with the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. We were so very happy by the response of our Siena Primary community to assist the poor and vulnerable.

We look forward to a two-week break to review, recharge and refresh ready for a busy Term 3.

God bless you all and, as we pray for our parishioners, may you continue to keep us in your prayers as well.



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Principal: Mark Ballam



It’s been a busy, productive and engaging time at Stella Maris, since the school year began for students on January 24th this year.

In those five months, our community have joined together to support each other, to plan for the future and to achieve our vision and mission. We’ve seen our Prep and new students become confident in their new setting, delighting in the opportunities they have to play, learn and grow. Our Year 6 students have been stepping up as leaders, mentoring younger students, supporting them on the playground and identifying ways they can contribute to the community.

All students have been kicking learning goals and setting new ones for the semester ahead. We can’t wait for them to showcase their progress, achievements and new goals when they lead 3-way conferences with their parents and teachers at the beginning of next term. Until then, all our students and staff are off on holidays, to rest, renew and rejuvenate.

You can look forward to new updates in mid-July.



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During our Assembly on Wednesday, we recalled that this week has been named as *Refugee Week*. We explored it’s 2023 theme, *Finding Freedom*, in the prayer that began our gathering... because *‘freedom should not be an ask, it should be a way of life’*.

On Thursday morning, staff and students participated in the annual *Push-Up Challenge*. We added our push-ups to those already completed by Mr Perugini, ensuring we completed the 3144-push-up target set for the month. In addition, our efforts encouraged conversations which raised awareness of the mental health issues affecting everyday Australians.

Also on Thursday, our Music students participated in a full-day workshop with students from St Patrick’s College, Shorncliffe. In what was another fabulous *Lunch on the Lawn*, students and teachers were entertained with high quality performances from combined ensembles, big bands, and choirs. What a great way to celebrate the final day of term!

We are all now heading in different directions for a well-deserved two-week break. Congratulations to all on what has been a full and productive term!

