

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6 **Second Reading:** Romans 5:6-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 9:36-10:8

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.

Discipleship

This Sunday everyone is invited to be part of multicultural celebrations beginning with Mass at 11.00am and all our diverse communities will come together to celebrate through their distinctive expressions of faith. Many people come to Australia from different countries, some through immigration for work or seeking a better life, and others as refugees who may have endured some kind of hardships. Even though these communities embrace the Australian way of life, they usually hold on, in some ways, to their cultural heritage and traditions.

As a community, we are not all called to speak the same language, we are not called to eat the same food or to wear the same dress. Diversity is what keeps us colourful and interesting. What each one of us does have in common is that we have been called to be disciples of the same Christ, Jesus, and this is what unifies us.

The gospel reading this Sunday speaks of discipleship. Jesus called and sent out the first twelve apostles, men who were from different backgrounds or walks of life, to a life of faith and mission. Jesus also calls and sends out, each one of us. Like the apostles, we are called to be workers in the vineyard, where *"the harvest is ready, but the labourers are few"*.

During the time of Jesus, there were many people who were in need of help. The same is true today, if not more so. We just need to look around us. People are hungry for the Good News, some for physical food or a place to call home, and many are in need of healing and comfort. Who will proclaim the Kingdom of God and tend to their physical, emotional or spiritual needs?

The task of spreading the Word of God and serving the needy is not only for priests or pastors. Every baptised Christian is called to share in the unfinished work of creation and redemption as priest, prophet and king (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus was moved with compassion, may the Holy Spirit help each one of us to move out of our comfort zones and reach out to the last, least and lost people in society.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit have been given to us freely so let us serve the people of God freely, without expecting reward or recognition. For it is Jesus whom we actually serve, and it is Jesus who will bless us and give what is due to us whether at the present time or in the life beyond.

Let us as a multicultural community, united in Christ, respond to His call to discipleship. Let us celebrate our diversity but stand unified as disciples of Jesus as we reach out to each other and those in our wider community.

"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to His harvest"

Deacon Michael Khoury

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Tori Knight** and **Ocea Anderson** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We prayerfully remember **Wayne Smith, Vilma Johnston & Irene Jobbings** whose funeral rites were celebrated 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 Multicultural Mass is on this Sunday, June 18th at 11am at Stella Maris Church and everyone is invited. Stay afterwards for a cultural and food extravaganza.

COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS

Immediately after this 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. 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.

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!

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL NEWS!!!

Confirmation 2023 was a fabulous event with 95 candidates celebrating the Sacrament. Many people from our parish came together to make this event a huge success. Bishop Brian Heenan was an inspiring and wonderfully, warm presider, we thank him for leading this great celebration. The Stella Maris Primary and Siena Primary School Choirs did an outstanding job of worshipping with their voices, we thank Inez Durrer and Gabby Khoury for their efforts in directing their respective choirs. The parish would like to acknowledge the efforts of Bernie Baillie, Kim Barret-Coade, Jennifer Davissen and Angela Woodruff for providing the candidates with the necessary catechesis. Thank you to the Knights of the Southern Cross who did the heavy lifting in setting up for our Monday evening sessions and the Stella Maris Community Team for helping out on the night. We are looking forward to the Sacrament of First Eucharist with registrations now open on our website.

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.

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

In the North Pole Santa and all his helpers are busy preparing for Christmas. In the northern part of our Parish Family so are we!!! 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.

BEST PRACTICE

The protocol for all our Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to our sisters and brothers who are sick, housebound or in hospital or nursing homes is before you place your pyx on the offertory table, please record your name and the names of those whom you are going to see (the folder is at the entrance of each church). This important ministry always takes place on the day, ideally following when commissioned at the end of Mass, and only commissioned Eucharistic Ministers are allowed to take the Blessed Sacrament from the church.

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.

The annual Vinnies 2023 Winter Appeal will be held next weekend 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@svidpqlld.org.au **or** sp4573@svidpqlld.org.au

Next weekend, donation envelopes will also be available at all Masses. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you for your continuing generosity through these times that are difficult for so many.

A NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Thank you to all parishioners who support the mission of the parish by utilising the envelopes as part of fulfilling your planned giving pledge. If you didn't get a chance to pick up your envelopes yet, they are available at the entrance to the church. One of the outcomes of Covid has been our familiarity and confidence in using electronic means to pay bills and transfer money. Waiting in line at the local bank branch to get cash seems such a distant memory! Certainly in our Parish we have seen a move away from the use of weekly envelopes and the embracing of other forms of technology.

DIRECT DEBIT: Fulfilling your pledge to support the mission of the Parish via direct debit is simple and easy, and if you would like a Direct Debit form 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*.**

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 Carolyn 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN MILESTONE

150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months. This month we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend 10am Mass on Wednesday 28 June at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Stay tuned for news about more commemorations over the course of this year-long celebration.

A CRAFTY CROWD

On the fourth Friday of every month the Parish Craft Group meets at the function room at Stella Maris after the 9am Mass – a warm invitation is extended to any new members would like to join the group. For more information please contact Olga Girle 0417792616

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, 19 June

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

Tuesday, 20 June

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

Wednesday, 21 June

- ♦ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church).
- ♦ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ♦ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ♦ St Catherine's Community Team meeting.
- ♦ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)
- ♦ State of Origin—Lang park

Thursday, 22 June

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

Friday, 23 June (Public Holiday)

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

Saturday, 24 June

- ♦ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ♦ 10am Baptism of Cooper and Isla Cameron (Stella Maris)
- ♦ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ♦ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 25 June

12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

- ♦ **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)
- ♦ **Polish Mass** (4.00pm, St Mary's Church)
- ♦ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

An invitation to serve at the Altar. Any child who has received their Confirmation and First Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server at our parish's weekend Masses is invited to contact your local Mass coordinator or talk to one of the priests.

Known by Name

One of the distinguishing traditions of our Parish Family is the wearing of name badges. We see each other each week and being known by name makes a big difference! Just imagine if we all had a name badge! With the Christmas rush and crowds quickly descending upon us, being known by name is so important for our Parish Family. This week I have an offer you can't refuse! If you want a name badge simply complete the form below and place it in an envelope and put it on the collection plate or return it to the Parish Office and we will get you a name badge – ***it is that simple!!!***

NAME _____ (Please Print)

CHURCH COMMUNITY _____

EMAIL _____ MOBILE _____

Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Last Thursday and Friday evening some of our Siena students received their Sacrament of Confirmation in a beautiful liturgy celebration at Stella Maris Church and at Our Lady of the Rosary Church (Caloundra). Bishop Heenan led the liturgies and confirmed over 100 candidates from both parishes.

We continue to pray for all children who received their Confirmation. They spent many weeks learning about the Sacrament and showed commitment to understanding the gift that Confirmation brings to building their faith. During the ceremony we witnessed these children being blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Oil of Chrism and also renewing their Baptismal vows declaring to be people of faith spreading the Gospel through their words and actions assisted by the Holy Spirit.

Our Year 5 students prepared beautiful Confirmation gift bags to give to the children who were Confirmed. These gift bags included prayers, drawings of the signs and symbols of the Holy Spirit and mementoes of the steps involved in making the Sacrament. Many thanks to the Year 5 teachers and the effort and dedication that our year 5 students gave to this endeavour. They are priceless keepsakes for our children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



We have been continuing to promote our Vinnies fundraising efforts, highlighting the Winter Appeal and Mr Ballam's involvement in the Vinnies Sunshine Coast CEO Sleepout. The donations are coming in, with students looking forward to the opportunity to be "Principal for a Day" and to being able to wear their team colours to school on the next two "State of Origin" days. Sometimes we wonder, though, do the students really understand why we need to support such a cause as Vinnies?

Hence, we were so grateful to have had a visit from the Queensland St Vincent de Paul Society's School Engagement Officer, Kate Everlyn, this week. Using a simple balloon game, Kate managed to capture the energy, enthusiasm and hearts of the students in the Year 4C class, while simultaneously assisting them to come to a deep understanding of why the work of St Vinnies is so essential for those who are sleeping rough. Now, the students of 4C are inspired to share their learning with all classes across the school and have offered to visit all classrooms next week to do so. What a great way to put their learning into action!



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Acting Principal: Pat Toohey



What a great week for sporting success. Congratulations to our Netballers who won four from four Grand Finals on Monday night. It was a fantastic night filled with wonderful school spirit. Well done to all of the girls and coaches who made the season such a success.

Our Year 12s joined Fr Peter, Deacon Isaac and the parishioners at the Community Mass on Wednesday. In his homily, Deacon Isaac shared some of his own story and challenged our Year 12s to *be very purposeful in discovering their life's vocation*.

A small group of teachers travelled to Sydney on Thursday on a Pilgrimage. The aim of the two-day event was for us to walk in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – in order to deepen our understanding of who she was and why her story remains relevant, particularly to educators. We were reminded that we should *"do all we can with the means at our disposal, and calmly leave the rest to God"*.

