

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of 14/15 October 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Dear Friends,

In recent times, society has experienced an increase in youth crime. This surge in crime amongst young people calls for everyone's attention and reflection. It is important to note that I believe the solution to this issue is not in reprimanding youth but, rather, lies within the transformation and support of our families.

Pope Francis highlights that the family is the domestic church. In his Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia," he writes, "The family is a place where the divine and the human are intertwined." The family, therefore, plays a central role in the moral and spiritual formation of our youth.

There are many causes of youth crime, which include economic instability, educational challenges, peer pressure, and the breakdown of family structures. Again, it is important for us to realize that reprimanding young people alone will not address these underlying issues. Instead, our focus should be on strengthening and supporting our families.

So the question is how do we strengthen and support our families? Well, Pope Francis underlines the importance of education and moral formation in "Amoris Laetitia," where he says, "Families are the primary educators in the virtues." He emphasizes that parents have a crucial role in shaping the moral character of their children. Proper education and formation within the family can lead to a more stable and ethical society.

Therefore, the sacrament of marriage is a cornerstone of the family and society. Encouraging and supporting strong, loving marriages can create a stable foundation for children. Providing resources for couples' counselling and marriage enrichment programs can help.

Furthermore, young people may be facing challenges that we do not understand which is why collaborative mission is a necessity. Collaborating with local community organisations, schools, and government agencies can help create a network of support for families in need. By working together, we can provide a safety net for those struggling with various issues, such as poverty, substance abuse, or mental health concerns.

Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Peace 2014, stated, "Solid solidarity is a way of making history, and it is the only viable way of ensuring a future of peace for all." These words remind us of the importance of solidarity in addressing social issues, including youth crime.

There is no "one size fits all" solution to this issue. So it is important for us to remember that every family has its unique set of challenges, and the road to healing may be different for each one. We should approach this issue with compassion, understanding, and an open heart. Families facing difficulties need our support, not judgment.

In conclusion, the recent rise in youth crime is a concern for all of us, but it also presents an opportunity for our parish to live out the Gospel message of love and compassion. By focusing on the transformation and support of families, we can create a more nurturing environment for our youth, helping them make positive life choices and preventing them from falling into destructive paths. As a community, we have the power to make a difference, one family at a time, through our unwavering love, faith, and support.

As a Eucharistic people we are called to uplift and strengthen one another in this often challenging journey. Through our collective efforts, may we be a beacon of hope and transformation for the families in our community. With God's grace and our commitment to the well-being of our families, we can make a lasting impact in reducing youth crime and building a brighter future for our youth.

Fr Isaac Falzon

At Your Service

Fr Brian Connolly

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PARISH EXCURSION - CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

We still need to fill 15 more seats for our Parish Excursion to the Cathedral. This is our final call before we leave this Tuesday morning. The Cathedral community have prepared a Morning Tea for us as soon as we arrive and then we'll go into the proceedings of the day. Prices are \$25 per person and the bus will leave at 8:30am from St Peter's Coolum, and then from Stella Maris, Maroochydore at 9am.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month that we traditionally remember and pray for our deceased loved ones and those who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith. We start the month with the two great feasts – All Saints on 1 November, immediately followed by All Souls the following day. At the entrance to all our churches this weekend you will discover our **Parish Book of Remembrance**. In preparation for November you are invited to inscribe in the Book of Remembrance the names of your deceased family members and friends and during the month they will be the focus of our prayers.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

On Thursday 2 November, All Souls Day, there will be an additional Mass to remember the deceased of our parish, especially those who have died in the last 12 months. This will be held at 9.00am in Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore, and will be followed by a morning tea - you are invited to bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome.

2024 PUBLICATIONS

We now have some copies of next year's publications. If you're interested in getting a copy of one of these books please visit the Parish Office. We're limited to the amount of stock we have, so get in quickly before it goes.

Break Open The Word \$10 / *Columban Calendar* \$10 / *God's Word* \$17 / *Ordo* \$17 (and *Advent program booklets* coming soon \$6)

EVANGELISATION COORDINATOR (CALOUNDRA PARISH)

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish is looking to hire an Evangelisation Coordinator. The focus of the role is the creation of an evangelisation pathway and the sustainable and coordinated implementation of the Parish's Strategic Plan. This role offers flexible hours (part-time), and is a leadership position within the parish in collaboration with the parish clergy and senior leadership team. If you are interested, please copy this link into your browser - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=793504> – or call their parish office for more information 5430 9390.

JOHN CANAVAN - DIVINE MERCY TALK

Director of Divine Mercy Publications in Australia, Mr John Canavan, experienced a profound conversion back to the Catholic faith in 1989. He worked for many years as an R-rated comedian, and after having seen an image of the Merciful Jesus, was deeply moved to spread the message of Divine Mercy throughout Australia. He will come to our Parish on 26 October at 6pm. His talk will take place at Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore. Come along and listen to his experience.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

An exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles will be on display in the Function Room on the weekend of 21/22 October. Across the world, Catholics have seen a renewal in Eucharistic Adoration/Devotion. The story of Blessed Carlo Acutis will feature. For more information Google search 'Carlo Acutis.' The exhibition will be open on Saturday 21 October from 12noon to 6.30pm, and on Sunday 22 October from 7.30am to 5pm - in the Function Room at Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Calling on all women of the Parish to join in this new and exciting movement aimed at connecting women of faith. Women are invited to save the date of 25 November for a full day retreat at Stella Maris Primary School. More details will come soon.

MEN ALIVE WEEKEND

Thank you to all those who participated in the Men Alive weekend. Here's what some of the men said. "Enlightening; a new way of seeing Christ from a different perspective." "Great input for me when I needed it, particularly in regards to relationships with my wife." "Great leadership, felt very supported and challenged." Keep your eyes peeled for any follow-up events coming soon.

PRISON MINISTRY

Prison Ministry is a wonderful opportunity to live out the call to 'visit the imprisoned' as given to us in the scriptures. There are still opportunities available to sign up for Prison Ministry. Ministers would visit inmates at Woodford Correctional Centre on Fridays. If you're free and would like to be part of this ministry, contact Fr Will at the Parish Office.

SOUNDS OF CELEBRATION

Come along to the 'Sounds of Celebration' fundraiser at St Peter's Church Coolum on 12 November. This event is a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Society (Coolum) conference. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person. There will be music from the 'Waves of Harmony' choir and some of our student's choirs will be present. Come along and support this great initiative and raise funds for the good work that the St Vincent de Paul Society does in the area.

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

Fay Mason	15 October 2022
Christopher Chandler	27 October 2022
Phyllida Warwick	1 November 2022
Barry Oakenfull	25 November 2022
Stanley Plichta	30 November 2022
Pauline Coolican	4 December 2022
Barbara Currie	9 December 2022
Bevan Zeller	19 December 2022
William Ford	19 December 2022
Cecily Dillon	20 December 2022
Bernard Creevey	22 December 2022
Juanita Hartkopf	8 January 2023
Brian Burke	12 January 2023
Maria Jorge	12 January 2023
Desmond Sullivan	19 January 2023
Vaughan Johnson	22 January 2023
John Treby	23 January 2023
Constance Graham	1 February 2023
Kevin Ryan	3 February 2023
Dr Daniel Lane	3 February 2023
Colleen Brady	5 February 2023
Jack Wills	3 March 2023
Clorine Richards	7 March 2023
Bernard Stormonth	8 March 2023
Kellie Beale	9 March 2023
Magda Prout	11 March 2023
Ruth Reeves	16 March 2023
Sylvester O'Dempsey	17 March 2023
Francis Jayaraj	20 March 2023
Ted Dwyer	2 April 2023
Ivan Brady	3 April 2023
Brian Quigley	8 April 2023
Tony Palmero	10 April 2023
Slav Jordanovich	23 April 2023
Bernie Bennett	23 April 2023
George Taylor	3 May 2023
Elizabeth Allcock	10 May 2023
Luke Flanagan	11 May 2023
Cecile Santos	18 May 2023
James Husband	21 May 2023
Irene Jobbings	28 May 2023
Vilma Johnston	29 May 2023
Wayne Smith	6 June 2023
Malcolm D'Elboux	14 June 2023
Ype De Bruin	14 June 2023
Margaret Simpson	30 June 2023
Peter Berry	3 July 2023
Margaret Farrell	14 July 2023
Shirley Fitzpatrick	16 July 2023
Lenore Webberley	18 July 2023
Eileen Fortune	23 July 2023
Gavan O'Connor	28 July 2023
Elizabeth Anderson	11 August 2023
Mike Gillooly	19 August 2023
Raymond Slade	25 August 2023
Marion Pasieka	1 September 2023
William Voeten	16 September 2023
Paul Robson	15 September 2023
Margaret Adena	25 September 2023
John Roberts	5 October 2023



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, 16 October

- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Stella Maris
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Consecration to Jesus through Mary, in Spanish (6.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Catholic Formation course (6.30pm, Function Room, Stella Maris)

Tuesday, 17 October

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)
- ◆ **Mass** (10.30am, St Vincent's Care Services, Maroochydore)

Wednesday, 18 October

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

Thursday, 19 October

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

Friday, 20 October

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Grief Support team meeting
- ◆ Funeral of John Roberts (11am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 21 October

- ◆ Rconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism of Ivy Speer (10am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism of Maisie Morrison (10am, St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 22 October

29th 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) with Children's Church
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Polish Mass** (4.00pm, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Mason Kearns, Stella Harvey, Ari Harvey, Benjamin Phasawat** and **Jamie Phasawat** who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We also welcome **Alek Whiteley, Georgia Whiteley,** and **Lauren Reilly** who have been journeying through the RCIA program, and are being fully initiated into the Catholic Church this weekend.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died, especially **John Roberts** whose funeral will be on Friday 20 October. May the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, through the rich mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.

Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



This week is a good news story about one of our students looking out for the safety of our community. Each morning on her way to school, Amber, a Year 5 student, noticed that many people, including students were crossing Sippy Downs Drive and using the median strip, full of vegetation, to stop halfway before completing the cross. She was concerned about this and looked up the names of local council members whom she could write to. With the help of her Dad, Amber wrote to Christian Dixon, who responded promptly, thanking Amber for her concerns. Since then, work has taken place along the median strip to provide a safe crossing place by removing vegetation, thus improving vision for pedestrians and motorists. Christian Dixon thanked Amber and her family for being proactive and seeking help for a local problem in order to keep people safe. Amber enacted the words of St Mary Mackillop by seeing a need and doing something about it.



Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Every term at a school is a busy one, but we do what we can to ensure a great balance of high-quality learning and teaching with wellbeing practices in place and a Catholic faith perspective overlaid. We know that it takes a whole village to raise a child, so we appreciate the contributions of all members of our school community – students, parents, families, volunteers and staff. On our final day of last term, we celebrated some very important people who provide great support to our students... their grandparents! With a special prayer assembly, musical performances, guided tours of our outstanding Art Show, activities to enjoy with their grandchildren and tasty treats generously provided by our parent body, grandparents (and grand-friends!) were reminded just how treasured they are. May they be eternally rewarded for the blessings they bring to our world.



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Acting Principal: Pat Toohey



So, we've hit the ground running this term – can it really only be Week 2! Throughout this Mental Health Awareness Week, students have been learning about the positive lifestyle factors of good nutrition, sleep, exercise, social connectedness and mindfulness.

On Monday night, our Year 12 Music students gathered for their final school performance. Congratulations to all involved on what was a truly wonderful night.

On Tuesday afternoon, six of our Year 10s travelled to Lourdes Hill College for the BCE *Kaleidoscope* Student Formation experience. The evening was a really positive one and our students were challenged to consider what has shaped them and what new perspectives they find each day – helping them to recognise how the values of empathy, solidarity and justice can empower them to be of service.

Wednesday was also busy, with our Year 11s at the Community Mass and our Year 10s completing a Reflection Day with Michael Fitzpatrick. Fr Isaac's excellent homily encouraged the Year 11s to live in the present and to make positive choices. Michael's work with the Year 10s was fabulous, and he challenged them to look at the dynamics of their group and to have big dreams and high expectations for 2024 and beyond.

