

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of 21/22 October 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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

Render unto Caesar

We often hear the litany of 'Protecting the taxpayer money' from the politicians and leaders of our time. They know that we're all invested in the use of that money that we've earned because deep down, we don't really like paying taxes but we bear with it because we see the benefits of supporting education, infrastructure and everything else. Money has a unique effect on us because it can give us a sense of security and happiness, if it's spent correctly, and in a world where we're confronted regularly by violence and depression, money can feel like an escape.

Today in our Gospel, the Pharisees and the Herodians banded together to catch Jesus out in a trap. Now, trying to catch Jesus out in the first place is always a bad idea, but the trap itself was a good attempt. The trap was pretty simple, but the ramifications would have misplaced Jesus. The Pharisees and Herodians were trying to get Jesus to answer with a 'Yes or No' because they reasoned that either answer would get Jesus in trouble. If Jesus answered with a 'Yes', he could have been accused by fellow Jews as being a Roman sympathiser. If Jesus answered with a 'No', he could have then been accused by the Romans for sedition or rebellion by the Herodians. But true to his wisdom and brilliance, the Son of God does something profound when given the coin. Jesus asks, 'Whose head is on this? Whose name?' Our translation slightly falls short because the Greek word used for **head** here is "eikon" which means, likeness or image. So Jesus asks, whose image/likeness is on this? The answer being Caesar. But the intentional use of 'eikon' here calls to mind the Creation account in Genesis, when the same word is used to say that man and woman were created in the 'eikon' of God. So with one stroke of brilliance, Jesus responds with "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." Jesus affirms that they do have to pay taxes and be contributing members of society but what he's really saying to the Pharisees here is that, you can give your money to Caesar but you need to *give your life to God.*

Money comes and it goes, it can also alleviate some of the tensions we feel in our day, and help us when we're in need, but our true security and happiness lies in God. In the coming week, especially as we might struggle through financial and societal issues, may we remember that we belong to God, and that God protects us. When we feel the tensions of our time, let us give ourselves more readily to God and rely on the providence of our Lord who gives us good gifts.

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

At Your Service

Fr Brian Connolly

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be a part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being. Each year their appeal focuses on a different country in need, and this year they are especially assisting projects in Timor-Leste. Please give generously this weekend to help continue these life-giving programs by using the appeal envelope provided in the church, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor or scanning this QR code. Your gift will also help many Church-run mission programs around the world.



THANK YOU / FAREWELL

Fr Brian Connolly's time with us will end with the month of October. He has been a valuable member of our community over the past three months and he will be sorely missed. As a way of showing appreciation to him, we will host a Morning Tea after our Stella Maris, Maroochydore Friday Mass on 27 October. All parishioners are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share as we farewell Fr Brian.

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 students' choirs will be present. Also raffles for: a Smart TV, a toaster/kettle, wine and more to win!. 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.

JOHN CANAVAN—CONVERSION STORY

He used to be a comedian, but John Canavan now serves the Lord through his work with Divine Mercy Publications, Australia. He still has his comedic talents but his focus is different now. Come along this coming Thursday the 26th at 6pm, Stella Maris Maroochydore, to hear his story of conversion and be inspired by what he has to say. Bring a plate of food to share afterwards.

PARISH EXCURSION TO THE CATHEDRAL

The bus came early in the morning last Tuesday to take a group of our Parishioners to the Cathedral. Fr Joe Duffy met with the group as they explored the precinct and enjoyed the Tuesday markets with good food and company.



YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

This coming Friday our Young Adults Group will meet at Alex Bluff Foreshore Park, for our social event. Come at 5:30pm for 6pm start. BYO drinks and snacks, BBQ food will be provided. Bring your togs, ball sports and games. Our Young Adults group meet fortnightly so come and be a part of what's happening.

PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our Parish Women's event is well under way with preparations. Save the date for this exciting new initiative. The women's retreat day will be on 25 November at Stella Maris Primary School.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Over the weekend 21/22 October, Stella Maris Maroochydore will have a Eucharistic Miracles display in the Function room. All are welcome to Maroochydore to witness these miraculous events in the life of the Church. Many devotions to the Eucharist have sparked from these events, especially with the cause for canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis who himself was a proponent of the Eucharist. Come along and be part of the movement.

WE REMEMBER

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 Pasiaka	1 September 2023
William Voeten	16 September 2023
Paul Robson	15 September 2023
Margaret Adena	25 September 2023
John Roberts	5 October 2023



A reminder that we have an additional All Souls Day Mass at Stella Maris, Maroochydore at 9am on Thursday 2 Nov. We will still have a Mass at St Peter's, Coolum at 8:30am.

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, 23 October

- ♦ Adoration 4.30pm, Stella Maris
- ♦ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ♦ Prep Excursion to Church (11.45am Stella Maris)
- ♦ Consecration to Jesus through Mary, in Spanish (6.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ♦ Catholic Formation course (6.30pm, Function Room, Stella Maris)

Tuesday, 24 October

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

Wednesday, 25 October

- ♦ **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, 26 October

- ♦ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ♦ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ♦ 6pm John Cananvan Talk (Stella Maris)

Friday, 27 October

- ♦ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris Church)
- ♦ 9.30am Craft Group (Stella Maris)
- ♦ Young Adults Group (6.00pm, St Mary's Church)
- ♦ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 28 October

- ♦ Rconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ♦ Baptism of Liam Gandia, Loisa Gandia, Arizona Bellingham (10am, Stella Maris)
- ♦ Baptism of Charlie Cordwell, Aela Trotman, Mia Gobert (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, 29 October

30th 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)
- ♦ **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.

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, *Ivy Speer* and *Maisie Morrison* who will be baptised this weekend in our Parish.

We prayerfully remember all those who have died. 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



There's been lots of fun in the Primary school this term, particularly on Fridays. Our Year 6 students have begun dancing lessons in preparation for their end of year Dance evening. Students were a bit nervous about having to dance with each other but once they got over the hand holding and arm linking, they started to enjoy themselves and are now looking forward to dance sessions, eagerly applying deodorant after lunch play in preparation.

Our Preppies began swimming lessons which is always 'fun' for our Prep teachers when it comes time to change in to and out of their swimmers, find their socks and shoes and get everything back into their bags. Students in Years 1, 2 and 3 also have swimming lessons, and our Year 4 and 5 students are going to Mooloolaba beach for Surf Skills. How blessed we are to have a school on the Sunshine Coast where we can spend time at the beach as part of the school day.



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Principal: Mark Ballam



As our Year 6 students focus on their transition to high school, our Year 5 students are pondering what type of school leaders they would like to be in 2024. Here at Stella Maris, we are looking for students who are ready to rise to the challenge of servant leadership, striving to live as Jesus did and following in the footsteps of Mary and Nano Nagle. We want student leaders who are able to recognise needs, are prepared to consider different perspectives and are willing to take action, even when it may be uncomfortable. We know though, that great student leaders don't just appear. Parents, families and schools work to develop leadership skills from the time children are very little, by building such skills as trust, resilience, organisation, persistence, empathy, reflection, cooperation, communication and collaboration. We look forward to watching our Year 5 students light the way for others.



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What a week we have had! As we move more deeply into the final term of the year, we begin our ceremonial season.

The first of these ceremonies occurred on Thursday night, when we gathered for our annual Awards Night. During the evening, students who have received Awards of Commendation, Distinction and Excellence in the Academic, Service, Cultural and Sporting dimensions of College life were presented with their certificates. The presentation of Awards, combined with a prayerful reflection and entertainment from our Symphonic Band and Choir, provided us with a great night of celebration of all things Siena.

On Friday, our Year 8 and 11 students hosted an awareness raising Sock Carnival for Catholic Mission. This organisation responds to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples who share their faith in action. Our carnival motto was to 'have heaps of sockin' fun... and change the lives of more than one!', and those who participated enjoyed the opportunity to engage in dodgeball, sock potato, sock limbo, tug-of-war, and sock golf - we'll share some photos of the day in next week's newsletter!

