

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of 18/19 November 2023

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-10, 30-31 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

I'm struck by the words, 'each in proportion to their ability.'

Now the broken part of our humanity would protest that such a giving (like the one of our Gospel by the Master) was unfair. One might experience feelings of envy and jealousy. Both envy and jealousy are as old as Cain and Abel. Even when we watch children play, one sibling might get angry and jealous that another has received a *cola* flavoured lollipop, even though they both received lollipops, just different flavours.

Although jealousy and envy are not the main points of our Gospel today, without them in our lives, we begin to take on the mission of the servant with five talents and grow what's been given to us. For jealousy and envy make the situation about the self, whereas the call of the servant is to take what we've been given and use it for others.

The Master's splendour in giving such generous gifts to the servants was so that there could be a return on the payment. Yet, although we might use language of a capitalist theme, this parable is not really about interest on a monetary investment but it's about interest on a relational investment.

The Lord has given mercy, grace and love generously to those who in turn will hand that on to others. With those who have been entrusted with much of God's very self, much too is expected of them. The servant who then hides and buries the potential of God's Life in the world or keeps it to himself, does not understand the nature of God's gift. God gives us God's self, so that we might give of that life to another.

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams once said, 'At the Day of Judgement, as we are often reminded, the question will not be about why we failed to be someone else: I shall not be asked why I wasn't Martin Luther King or Mother Teresa, but why I wasn't Rowan Williams.'

We've all been given something, by God's design. Whatever that may be, let us use it well and according to our own ability, for the Lord has chosen you for this task, no one else.

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

At Your Service

Fr Geoff Baron

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PARISH WELCOME NIGHT - THIS MONDAY!

Welcome to those parishioners who are new to the area. We want to take the time to get to know your story and welcome you into the broader narrative of our parish, of which you are now a part. Come along on Monday to our Parish Welcome night at Stella Maris, Maroochydore, and meet some of the local Parishioners. This is a fabulous opportunity to make friends and network with others. Our Parish is a vibrant and welcoming community and we endeavour to meet new people and help them adapt to this new climate and region. Just ring the Parish Office (5443 3488) for more details.

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU NIGHT

This parish operates on the generosity and kindness of its many volunteers. Without our volunteers, our weekly Masses would be chaotic. For the good work that our volunteers do, and to show our appreciation, we are hosting our Parish 'Thank You Night.' All our volunteers who are involved in any ministry (behind the scenes or 'out in the frontlines') are invited to join us on 22 November, this coming *Wednesday*, from 5pm -7pm to join in fellowship and thanksgiving. If you're coming along, would you kindly inform the Parish Office (5443 3488) of your numbers for catering purposes. Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers, the good work of our parish would not flow without you.

COMMUNION CUP TRAINING

As you will have read last week, we will be returning to the Communion Cup on the Feast of Christ the King, 26 November. Since it's been a while, we would like to call upon all our Eucharistic ministers who are currently rostered for a training session this coming Friday (24 November). There will be two training sessions happening at the one time. Both sessions will begin at 5pm and one will be held at Stella Maris, Maroochydore, whilst the other will be held at St Peter's, Coolumb. Please come to one of these sessions, no matter which of our four churches you attend.

'SOUNDS OF CELEBRATION'

It was a wonderfully musical time last Sunday at the Sounds of Celebration Fundraiser for St Vincent De Paul. Thank you to the **Waves of Harmony** choir who sang beautifully on the day. The children from schools Stella Maris Primary and Siena Primary impressed the crowd with their vocals and song choices conveying a message of peace and hope in a world shaken by war. Congratulations on the SVDP Society on fundraising to the many good works of their Conference.



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

With the departure of Pauline as our Parish Admin, who will be sorely missed, a new position has opened up in the Parish Office. We invite applications to be submitted via the Archdiocesan website under the tab 'Careers.' The job description is also linked to the website which will give you an indication of the outline of the role. For more information follow our quick link and scroll down until you see the Maroochydore Parish Admin. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

SAFEGUARDING TEAM MEMBERS

Everyone is responsible for Safeguarding! There's still many hurdles we need to clear before we can confidently say that we're an 'above average' community when it comes to Safeguarding. We need your help to get there. We're still looking for on the ground Safeguarding Officers to be a part of a team within the Parish that helps to secure our communities in good practice. If you feel like you can contribute to this cause please contact the Parish Office to speak to Fr Will or send an email to stellam.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au with your details.

ADVENT GROUP - ST CATHERINE'S

Advent is around the corner and an invitation is being extended to the parish for anyone wanting to participate in the St Catherine's Advent Group. The Advent group will use the same resource from Evangelisation Brisbane, called 'With Expectant Hearts.' The cost of each booklet is \$6. Meetings will take place on the Wednesday evenings during Advent on 29 November, 6, 13 and 20 December from 6:30pm-7:30pm. If you're interested in joining the group contact Helen Matchett on 0403 617 512 or email helenmatchett@optusnet.com.au

SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join Caritas Australia on Monday 27 November 3.30pm to 4.00pm (EST). Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar: https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg6lZg After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

THANK YOU FROM THE PASSEGGI FAMILY

Some of you Stella Maris parishioners may remember the challenges we, the Passeggi family, faced during our immigration process. Next weekend marks 20 years since we returned to Australia as permanent residents. This outcome happened thanks to the power of Faith and Community. We'd like you to join us in a thanksgiving Mass Sunday 26 November at 5.00pm at Stella Maris, Maroochydore. Horacio, Stella, Tomas, Rosina and Mariana.

ONE LAST WORD ON COMMUNION

Before we introduce Communion from the Cup, I would like to reiterate some of what was written last week in the Parish Newsletter. Within the experience of the Mass, we're even more blessed that the Lord has given us numerous ways in which we are to encounter Jesus, through the Word and, of course, through the Eucharistic sacrifice. We've spent several months without the Communion Cup because within the Eucharistic bread alone is the fullness of Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity. You do not have to take of the cup to receive the fullness of Christ. We are still encouraged to look out for each other. If you are feeling unwell we ask that you refrain from taking of the Cup. Intinction (dipping of the Eucharistic host into the chalice) is also not permitted. We will have training for our Eucharistic Ministers so that we're all on board with right practice and safe handling. Above all, we are people who are encouraged to 'do this in memory of me' so if you feel as if you are ready, we welcome you as we move forward to this moment of enrichment through the species of wine. *Fr Will*

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

Young Adults will be meeting this coming Friday for a time of prayer and Adoration. Join the group at St Mary's, Buderim at 6pm. After prayer, those that want to will head somewhere local for a meal. See you there!

SISTERHOOD WEEKEND!

It's finally arrived! The Sisterhood weekend will begin next Saturday at 8:30am and finish around 4pm. The weekend will be hosted at Stella Maris Primary School. Women 18+ are invited to attend this time of friendship, faith and formation as participants hear from Karen Doyle, founder of the Genius Project. There is still time to register before Saturday. If you're interested follow the links for the Sisterhood page via our parish website.

CRAFT GROUP SALE!

The Stella Maris Craft group have been working on a few items that they would like to sell over the weekend of 2-3 December. Sales will be made from Stella Maris, Maroochydore. All proceeds will go to the purchasing of a new ciborium for Stella Maris Maroochydore in preparation for major events like Christmas and Easter. Come along prepared to grab yourself an item made by our lovely Craft Group Team.

YR 12 SIENA STUDENTS

On Thursday Fr Isaac and Fr Will attended a final Mass at St Catherine's Siena where the Yr 12s gathered with parents and teachers to thank God for the year. The Church was filled, with people sitting on the veranda to make room for everyone else. We wish the Yr 12s every blessing as they leave our community and begin a new life out in the 'real world.'



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, 20 November

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

- ◆ Parish Welcome Night

Tuesday, 21 November

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

Wednesday, 22 November

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Parish Volunteer Thank You Party (5.00, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Latin American Prayer Group (6pm, Function Room, Maroochydore)

Thursday, 23 November

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

Friday, 24 November

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

Saturday, 25 November

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism of Sally Fitzpatrick, Harvey Fitzpatrick, Louis Matthews, Kiralee Semgreen, Xavier Gash (10am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Sisterhood Women's Retreat.
- ◆ Wedding of Matthew Buck and Caterina Gagliardi
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 26 November

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

- ◆ **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, *Ivy Dellaway, Hudson Tranent* and *Sutton Tranent* 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.

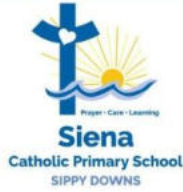
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

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Remembrance Day

Last Friday the school community came together in prayer, scripture, song and silence to remember the many men and women who served or sacrificed their life during the wars so we may live in freedom and prosperity.

Year 5 led the solemn ceremony with reverence and each class brought forth a poppy or wreath they made. These flowers, made in class along with learning of the significance of Remembrance Day, symbolise the unity the children have with remembering and honouring those who had fallen for our freedom.

Mr Wynard played the Last Post on the bugle after the Ode was read whilst the community stood in silence for a minute. This was truly a beautiful respectful way to conclude our service. The classes departed then in silence.

Lest we Forget.



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Principal: Mark Ballam



Welcome to Stella Maris Primary School!

The last few weeks of school are always among the busiest of the year. This week was no exception, end of year reports are being written, awards night celebrated and the students are participating in swimming lessons. At the same time planning and preparation for 2024 is also in full swing. However, one of the most important days took place on Wednesday. We welcomed the new Preps for 2024 along with their families, celebrating our Prep Orientation Day. It was a beautiful morning when the students spent a couple of hours in the classroom meeting new friends and teachers, getting used to saying goodbye to mums and dads, and finding all the fun that was to be had in the playground. It was an exciting day where the whole school pitched in to make our newcomers feel welcome



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What a fantastic week it has been! On Monday night, we gathered for our annual Art Show. This is a fabulous celebration that showcases all things Visual and Performing Arts. Those present enjoyed seeing the works of artists from Year 7 to 12, watching the movies produced by our Media classes, and listening to the entertainment provided by our musicians ... thank you to all involved in creating what was a fantastic night.

From Tuesday onwards, our focus turned to prayer and thanksgiving for the gift that is our Year 12s. We have thanked them for their contribution to the College, enjoyed a day of celebration, shared Eucharist and farewelled them for a final time with a very emotional liturgy. Congratulations Year 12 – and may the blessing of Christ be with you as you move forward into the next stage of your life's journey.

