

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 20/21 January 2024

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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.

Farewell my friends

I remember when I first got the call to come down to Maroochydore from Gympie. There were already so many things in motion, of which I was a part, but then I was being called to a different place. I felt like I was abandoning my responsibilities in Gympie for a new adventure, but there was a great lesson in that moment. I learnt not let my work define me and not to hold onto things with a 'white knuckle' mentality. I learnt that sometimes it was best to walk humbly and gently with God especially as life unfolded.

Perhaps it's the distinction between work and **personal value** that is often confused because I certainly felt as though my **personal value** came from my work. Our **personal value** really comes from God. Our work can add to the **value**, but being created in the image and likeness of God gives us a dignity that surpasses our work. It's a foundation that is unshakeable. I'm sure this will be a constant lesson to reiterate to the self.

In my time here in Maroochydore, I felt it important to hold two things in tension, that I was here and that I was not going to be here forever. Being here meant that I was as going to give ministry and mission a 'good go.' I was going to use my skills, my passions, my mistakes and my life to be a priest in this area. Not being here forever meant that I was also going to let things go knowing that some things had a natural life span and that I wouldn't be blaming myself for a failed initiative. It was all going to be held gently.

Now that I prepare to leave, I acknowledge that although I tried to hold this place gently, I will certainly miss it. I'll miss the four communities that make up our unique Parish. I'll miss our schools that are filled with amazing staff and students. I'll miss those relationships that I've built with people along the way. I'll miss our Sacramental times together, even our Saturday morning Confession lines. Basically, I'll miss it all.

Although it's been a short time together, it's been a rewarding time. I go to a new Parish with a clearer vision of what Church can be like through participation and passion, both of which, I've seen here in this Parish.

I want to take the time to thank everyone for their kind words and encouragement of me over the past couple of weeks. I do hope and pray that our paths cross again eventually. I would also like to honour and thank the clergy of this area who have supported me along the way, Fr Peter, Fr Brian, Fr Geoff, Bishop Brian, Fr Isaac and Deacon Michael. The clerical team in this place are men dedicated to God who will continue to offer their lives to those whom they serve. This place is in good hands.

Friends, this is goodbye, but may we all be united in the celebration of the Mass where in the Body of Christ, we're all made one.

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

Parish Clergy

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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, 22 January

- ◆ Adoration 4.30pm, Stella Maris
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 23 January

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

Wednesday, 24 January

St Francis de Sales

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).

Thursday, 25 January

Conversion of St Paul

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

Friday, 26 January

Australia Day

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 2pm Stations of the Cross (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 27 January

- ◆ Reconciliation **8.30 to 9.30am** (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 28 January

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass in Polish** (4.00pm, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

Gluten-free hosts are available. To arrange, simply contact the sacristan or Mass coordinator before Mass. The priest will always distribute the gluten free host at communion.

Thank You

A big *thank you* to all the new volunteers who signed up to be part of the ministerial life of our Parish Family and to all those returning ministers – your service is valued and appreciated. Yesterday morning a short workshop was organised for our ministers to remind ourselves of what is best practice in our ministries and to ensure that across our Parish there is a uniformity in how we celebrate the Eucharist. If you have not completed the ministry form and would like to be part of the group of generous parishioners who ensure the smooth running of our parish it's not too late – there are sign up forms at the entrance to the church. Simply complete and return them to either a Mass coordinator or the Parish Office.

Another Year

We welcome back to our schools this week all students, teachers, auxiliary staff and administrators as the great ministry of education begins for another year. For families who are just beginning this journey, welcome aboard! For families reaching the end of formal education, the journey continues! Where ever you are on the educational journey, may this year be full of learning, friendship and achievement.

Australia Day

Australia Day this year falls on this Friday and everyone is invited to our 9am morning Mass at Stella Maris. It is our chance to give thanks and pray for all who call *The Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit* home. Following Mass why not stay for a cup of tea and good, old fashioned Aussie lamingtons? All Welcome.

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.

New Parking Arrangements

You might have noticed that there are new speed bumps and a boom gate under St Vincent's. Care. These additions were made necessary for the safety of everyone because there was an increase in cars speeding through the covered carpark in the wrong direction. You can enter the carpark via Baden Powell Street but you cannot exit the carpark to Baden Powell Street – everyone must exit via Church Street. The boom gate will automatically open when you approach it from the Baden Powell entrance - but will not operate if you are trying to enter under St Vincent's via Church Street. Please, always drive with care in our church parking areas.

Następna polska Msza św

The next Mass in Polish will be celebrated at St Mary's Buderim next Sunday, January 28th at 4pm. Tell your Polish friends—all

Thank you for remembering your Parish when making your will.

Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,
Felicity and *Sophia Moeara*
who will be Baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *John Sobey*, a member of the Buderim Community whose funeral Rites were celebrated last week, may John's soul and the souls of all our departed family members & friends through the mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.