

# Welcome to Palm Sunday

Welcome to our journey together to  
Easter and the Resurrection



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 are paramount.

# 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, 25 March

- ◆ Communal Rite of Reconciliation (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Spanish Group – Consecration to Jesus through Mary (6.30pm, Stella Maris)

## Tuesday, 26 March

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

## Wednesday, 27 March

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

## Thursday, 28 March

### *Holy Thursday*

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

## Friday, 29 March

### *Good Friday*

- ◆ Stations of the Cross (10.00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Stations of the Cross (10.00am, St Catherine's)
- ◆ Stations of the Cross (10.00am, St Peter's)
- ◆ Veneration of the Cross (3.00pm, Stella Maris)
- ◆ Veneration of the Cross (3.00pm, St Mary's)
- ◆ Veneration of the Cross (3.00pm, St Peter's)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

## Saturday, 30 March

### *Holy Saturday*

- ◆ **No Reconciliation**
- ◆ Polish Blessing of the Food (10.30am Stella Maris)
- ◆ El Shaddai group meets (11.00am, Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Easter Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Easter Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

## Sunday, 31 March *Easter Sunday*

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church  
Baptism of **Oskar Donehue** within Mass)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, 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.*

# So What is Going on?

Nothing brings out the crowds than to get something free and today we all get free palms! We remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which includes the procession of palms. But importantly, this is not intended to be a re-enactment of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

As Elizabeth Harrington from Liturgy Brisbane reminds us, our liturgy today does not re-enact past events, but is rather a living encounter with the whole mystery of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, death and resurrection to glory. The proclamation of the story of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving branches and processing together as a pilgrim people are ritual actions, which help us call to mind a key event in our salvation history.

That is why the readings and prayers set down for Palm Sunday clearly proclaim that just as there is no cross without the resurrection, there is no resurrection without the cross.

All this sets us up for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The term, "Triduum" refers to the period of three days starting on Holy Thursday evening, continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ending with Mass or evening prayer on Easter Sunday evening. In preparation, we have on this Monday our **Lenten Communal Rite of Reconciliation beginning at 5.00pm at Stella Maris**. Reconciliation is the perfect way of bringing to completion your preparation for Easter.

**Key liturgical celebrations of the Triduum are the Mass of the Lord's Supper (7.00pm Thursday), the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday (3.00pm) and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (6.00pm Saturday).**

Busy people may be tempted to attend just one of these, perhaps Good Friday because of the moving veneration of the cross, or the Easter Vigil because it's the main celebration of the period, although it starts later than the normal Saturday evening Mass and lasts much longer!

But to miss any of the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum is like missing one act of a three-act play. The Triduum is really one three-day-long liturgy. This is illustrated clearly when we consider how the liturgies of this period begin and end.

The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way, but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again, there is no final blessing or dismissal and people depart in silence.

At the Easter Vigil, we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The liturgy concludes with the joyful paschal dismissal "Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia", as we process out to the sounds of the triumphant Easter hymn.

The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days.

***So please join as we begin this Holy Week.***

Last Sunday evening, we hosted our first **Young Adults Group** meeting at Stella Maris. After sharing pizza, we took the opportunity to explore "A Journey Through Scripture", which is a series by the American Jesuit priest Fr Mark Link sj. The series offers a solid Catholic understanding of scripture and how we should interpret and understand it. The Young Adult Group gathers again after the 5.00pm Mass this Sunday and all Year 12 students and young adults are warmly invited.

**Communication Breakdown**—Apologies to all parishioners who were trying to contact the Parish Office last week—Telstra had a major outage that impacted many local businesses and organisations—and unfortunately, we were part of the outage. We had to wait for Telstra to fix the problem which we hope has now been rectified. Thankyou for your patience and understanding.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE SYNOD24

**“I am making all things new”** Rev 21:5.

This year, the Archdiocese will celebrate SYNOD24 to mark the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Together we'll discern the practical and Spirit-led actions that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake to be a more co-responsible church on mission. These actions will take into consideration what is already happening across the Archdiocese that should be affirmed, what learnings can be harnessed and shared, and where the gaps and needs are. SYNOD24 will take place over two sessions, 6 and 7 September as well as 11 and 12 October, with the Opening and Closing Masses open to the public. More information on the SYNOD24 journey will be released regularly, so head to [www.aobsynod2024.com](http://www.aobsynod2024.com) to refresh yourself on the Plenary Journey so far and to learn more about SYNOD24.



## Is This You ?

***Do you want to become a Catholic? Are you a Baptised Catholic who never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?***

The RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the normal process through which an unbaptised adult joins the church. It is the ordinary means of entering the Catholic Church for a person who has been baptised in another Christian denomination. **If you want to become a fully initiated Catholic this inquiry night is for you!**

It is a chance to explain the RCIA journey. It will be at Stella Maris at 6.00pm on Wednesday 27 March. For more information, please contact Fr Isaac to register or contact him via email [falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Invitation to Formation:

In response to the challenge to provide better adult formation and to provide ongoing formation for those considering ministry roles, the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation has launched a series of innovative and accessible modules. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection that is designed to engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. The next module starts on Monday, 15 April 2024 and is titled Being Sacramental.

### Being Sacramental:

This Module will engage participants in the concepts of sacramentality, the sacraments and their context in liturgy in the Catholic tradition. The module will explore the nature of God's presence in the sacraments, the nature of grace, how grace is received and experienced in and beyond the sacraments of the Church. The sessions will cover topics including what is sacramentality, signs and symbols and will also explore all seven sacraments. Each module of our Catholic Foundations course is **open to all**, and **you do not need to have completed previous modules** in order to register for Module 3, 'Being Sacramental'.

### How it works:

The Stella Maris Catholic Parish is teaming up with Evangelisation Brisbane to subsidise the cost of this course for any parishioner who wants to reach out and understand what they have truly been graced with. Over 10 Monday evenings (15 April, 22 April, 29 April, 13 May, 20 May, 27 May, 3 June, 17 June, 24 June) from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, we will create a hub at Stella Maris and will participate in the live stream coming from Holy Spirit Seminary.

### What you need to do next:

To find out more about Being Sacramental to download a copy of the Module 3 prospectus, or to learn more about the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation, please visit [catholicformation.au](http://catholicformation.au). If you would like to find out more, you can also talk to either Fr Peter or Fr Isaac or Caroyln. If you would like to be part of the Parish Hub that participates on the 10 Monday evenings, please register your interest by calling the Parish Office on (07) 5443 3488.



## Archdiocesan Youth Rally 2024

Join us and youth groups and ministries from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for a night of live music, games, inspirational speakers, power prayer and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a free event.

**Friday 22 March, 6.00-8.30pm. La Cordelle Auditorium, Padua College.**

We will be joining with our neighbouring Caloundra Parish and taking a bus to this event, and if you would like to join us or want more information please contact Fr Isaac at the Parish Office (07) 5443 3488.

## Don't Procrastinate – Confirmation 2024

Registrations are now open for Confirmation. If you have a child in Year 3 or older, please enrol online via our website. Parent information night will be held at the Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore on Wednesday 24 April at 5.00pm. Please visit our web page for further information and to register your child: [maroochydoreparish.com.au](http://maroochydoreparish.com.au)

## Fun Days with God

All primary school aged children are invited to participate in new parish school holiday activities called "Fun Days with God". These days occur once each school holidays. Our first day for 2024, "Easter Capers" will be held **9.00am-3.00pm 8 April** at Stella Maris Church.

It will be an exciting day of fun activities. Craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games all based on some of the stories from the Easter Season.

Children need to bring their own morning tea, lunch and hat. The cost of the day is \$10.00 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family.

**We have limited spaces so you will need to contact the parish office to register before 2 April.**

High school students are also welcome to come and assist us on the day.

**For more information or to register please email Bernie Baillie at [bbaille811@gmail.com](mailto:bbaille811@gmail.com) or phone the Parish Office 5443 3488.**



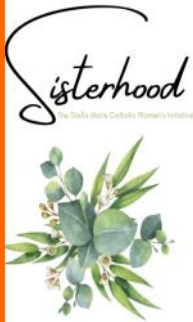
We live in an incredibly mobile society and there are always plenty of new faces popping up on the Sunshine Coast. In such a large and busy Parish places like ours, it is very easy for new faces to get lost in all the activity and the rush of modern living! The ministry of our Welcome Committee is to extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and provide information about the local Catholic Community. Several times a year, we host a "Welcome Party" and the next one is scheduled for **Tuesday evening, 16 April**. If you are new to our Sunshine Coast Catholic Family could you please take a welcome pack, which is available at the entrance to the church and complete and return the details so that we can send you an invitation. On behalf of the entire parish, *thanks for joining our local Catholic Family.*

## Polskie Świąconka

"Is that Polish for food? No, actually it is Polish for Easter basket! "The blessing of the Easter baskets" is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions dating back to the 7th century. On Holy Saturday morning, people bring decorative and tasteful baskets that contain a sampling of Easter foods that will be shared over the holy season to the church to be blessed.

Our Polish Community warmly invites you to join them next Saturday morning, Holy Saturday, 10:30am at Stella Maris Church where Fr Isaac will bless the Easter baskets. Why not bring your own basket of food that you will be sharing over Easter to be blessed? Traditionally the baskets contain Jajka (Eggs), Kielbasa (Sausage), Szynk (Ham) but also contain many other goodies. It is good to be grateful for the blessings that are part of our lives at this time of the year.

## For Your Diary



Our March meeting was another wonderful night. We were fortunate to have the beautiful NET girls lead us in some worship songs, followed by an outstanding supper of a cuppa and croissants. The evening then took a contemplative tone, where we reflected on the role of Veronica in the Passion.. We look forward to hosting another evening on 23 April. *Come join us.*

## Bon Appetit

Each year, Archbishop Coleridge hosts a dinner at *Wynberg*, his official residence in Brisbane for all young men and women who are discerning a vocation to priesthood or religious life. It is a chance for the Archbishop to meet and share some of his story and talk about some of the current exciting challenges and his vision for our local church. If you would like more information or would like to receive a invitation to the dinner, please contact Fr Isaac or Fr Peter.

## Our Pilgrimage of Faith

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Pedro De Oliveira Giroldo, Winston Johnson, Amilie O'Mahony and Liam O'Mahony, Harlan and Judd Weber** who will be baptised this weekend.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Rob Morrison**, whose funeral rites were celebrated last Tuesday. May Robert's soul and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, family and friends, through the rich mercy of God,

**Rest in Peace.**

## Parish Clergy

Fr Peter Brannelly

Fr Isaac Falzon

Deacon Michael Khoury

Bishop Brian Heenan

*Bishop Emeritus*



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