

ALLELUIA



Love's redeeming work is done !

Easter 2024

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, 1 April

- ◆ **No Mass**

Tuesday, 2 April

- ◆ **No Mass**

Wednesday, 3 April

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ 12.00pm Coolum Local Group
- ◆ 2.00pm Buderim Local Group
- ◆ 4:30pm Sippy Downs Local Group
- ◆ 6.00pm Maroochydore Local Group
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Thursday, 4 April

- ◆ **Mass** (8:30am St Peter's)
- ◆ Baptismal Preparation—6.00pm Stella Maris

Friday, 5 April

- ◆ **First Friday Healing Mass** and Morning Tea—9.00am Stella Maris
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 6 April

- ◆ Mass (8.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Reconciliation (8:30am—9:30am)
- ◆ 9:30am Multicultural Mass preparation meeting
- ◆ El Shaddai group meets (11.00am, Sippy Downs)
- ◆ Baptism of Jack Griffith, Vander Griffith, Aurora Hohn, Frederick Marker, Mila Marker & Freddy Muller (10.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism of Huxley Bell, Preston Ferri, Bambi-Lou Griffiths (10.00am St Catherine's)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4:30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Sunday, 7 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Hospitality Weekend

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (2.30pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Young Adults Meeting (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Gluten-free hosts are available. To arrange, simply contact the sacristan or Mass coordinator before Mass.

Sunday Night

Our Sunday night Young Adults group resumes next Sunday evening 7 April after the 5.00pm Mass. It is just a chance to gather for a hour, enjoy each other's company, have some pizza and spend a little time on adult faith development. All Year 12 students, university students and young adults are welcome to join us.

At the start of the school holidays, we extend a warm welcome to all families who are visiting the Sunshine Coast – thank you for joining us today – you are most welcome.

Icebergs

In many ways our parish family resembles an iceberg – most of what goes on is unseen, hidden beneath the surface. Our celebrations over the past couple of weeks culminating with Holy Week and Easter are the result of the dedicated hard work and commitment of so many. So on this Easter weekend, thank you to all our sacristans, church cleaners, AV operators, proclaimers of the Word and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you to our musicians and singers, liturgy committee members and all who helped organise our liturgies in the lead up to Holy Week. From audio visual slides to our liturgical art group who ensured that our senses were attuned to the changing seasons of the church, Lent, Holy Week and Easter is a complicated task in logistics and coordination. Backing them all are countless unnamed parishioners who, without making a fuss, clean and prepare the church and altar, giving their time to ensure that all flows smoothly. A grateful Parish today says thank you.

A Busy Week Ahead

Being the first week of the month all local groups are reminded of your meetings this Wednesday (**Coolum** 12.00pm, **Buderim** 2:30pm, **Sippy Downs** 4:30pm, **Maroochydore** 6.00pm). Also, the next preparation meeting for the **Multicultural Mass** is next Saturday at 9:30am at the Stella Maris function room – all welcome. Finally, since next weekend is the first of the month all of our Sunshine Coast parish communities have a special focus on hospitality.

Feeling Crafty

Since Christmas, our very busy Stella Maris Craft Group has been a whirlwind of activity getting ready for Easter Sunday. After the morning Masses at Stella Maris on Easter Sunday, the craft group will be holding a sale of the many items they have created – there is only one Catholic Parish in Gaza City and the entire proceeds of the money raised will be donated to our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Gaza Strip.

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 an invitation to the dinner, contact Fr Isaac or Fr Peter.

April Meeting

Sisterhood is our Parish ministry for women. 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.

New Kids on the Block?

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 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 16 April in the evening. If you are new to our Sunshine Coast Catholic Family, could you 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.*

The Mullet is making a Comeback!

As soon as most of us hear the word “Mullet”, we think of fish and chips and what’s for dinner on Friday! But some of us with longer memories and photos capturing more regrettable fashion styles will also recall “the mullet” as a hairstyle best consigned to the 1970s and 1980’s – *it is amazing what we once thought was cool and fashionable!!!* Well, the terrifying news is that “the mullet” is making a comeback! Fr Isaac is going to grow a mullet this month to raise awareness of the work of the Black Dog Institute in support of their important work.

One in five of us will experience symptoms of mental illness in any given year. In Australia, that’s around 5 million people. And roughly 60% of these people won’t seek help. More alarmingly, 9 people in Australia die by suicide every day. Over 75% of mental health problems occur before the age of 25. Suicide is the leading cause of death for people aged 15-44 in Australia. And over 50% of people don’t seek professional help when they’re struggling with their mental health.



So, this April Fr Isaac will be rocking a mullet to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention and mental health research.



“My mullet and funds raised will help Black Dog Institute drive real change and fund ground-breaking mental health research. This will put digital services and education into the hands of people who need it the most.” Fr Isaac said. “It would mean a lot to me if you donated to support my mullet. Together, we can create better mental health for all Australians.” If you would like to financially support my Mullet, simply follow the link to donate via the QR Code. *Thanks for your support.*

This School Holidays—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 on **8 April from 9.00am-3.00pm** at the 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 bbaillie811@gmail.com or phone the Parish Office 5443 3488.*

Worth Considering?

If you have a desire to deepen your relationship with God and find God's presence in your everyday life, this could be a retreat for you! *Inner Peace in Darkness and Light* is the title of the retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises by St Ignatius of Loyola and will be held on 22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May and 20 May at St Peter’s, Coolumb. Everyone is invited and there are no special requirements to attend!

What's involved:

Participants make a commitment to pray at home for 30 minutes each day, and meet together with retreat guides within a group setting once-a-week for 90 minutes. There are in total five 90 minute group meetings. These sessions are guided by trained givers of the First Spiritual Exercises.

Your Commitment:

Spend 30 minutes daily in personal prayer. Keep a journal. Willingness to commit to four weeks of the retreat and attend the five weekly group meetings. More information will be provided closer to the date or go to info@jisa.org.au

The Countdown is On! Confirmation 2024

Registrations are now open for Confirmation. If you have a child in Year 3, or older, please enrol online via our parish website. Parent Information night will be held at the Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore on 24 April 5.00pm. Please take this opportunity to register your child by visiting our parish:

maroochydoreparish.com.au

Divine Mercy

Next weekend is the Second Sunday of Easter and is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Nambour Parish has organised devotions beginning at 1:30pm and Mass at 3.00pm.

*All Welcome
177 Currie Street Nambour*

Baptismal Preparation

The next baptismal preparation session will be held on this 4 April at 6.00pm in Stella Maris Church. At this short meeting the symbols of baptism will be explained, questions answered, and baptismal dates finalised. To book and receive the paperwork before the meeting, please call or email the Parish office .

Misa Mensual en Espanol

To all our Spanish speaking parishioners and friends – Once a month at St Mary’s church, Buderim we have Mass celebrated in Spanish. The next Mass will be at 13 April 6.00pm, please join us and tell your friends! *A todos nuestros feligreses y amigos de habla hispana: una vez al mes en la iglesia de St Mary, King Street Buderim, celebramos misa en español. La próxima misa será a las 6 p. m. el sábado 13 de abril. ¡Únase a nosotros y cuénteles a sus amigos!* We will be celebrating a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month. *Gracias*

Junior Ministers

On next Sunday, 7 April, Junior Ministers “**Fun and Formation**” afternoon takes place at Stella Maris. Junior Ministers are young people who would like to be involved in a ministry within our parish, as an altar server, musician, welcomer, or computer operator. They are usually people who have made their First Holy Communion, but those who will be preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist this year are also welcome if they would like to serve in our parish in the future. *All Welcome*

So next Sunday at Stella Maris Church, beginning at 2:30pm in the Church there will be training for **all** the Junior Ministers (new and experienced). This is then followed by our fun, social get-together where we will be playing games so we can all get to know each other. We finish at 4:30pm, that way you can join us for Sunday night Mass at 5:00pm. Your parents can either pick you up at 4:30pm and join us for Mass or pick you up after Mass at 6:00pm.

During the afternoon, we will be having a snack of pizza and a soft drink We need to know numbers in advance for catering purposes so could you please email me at bbailie811@gmail.com or ring the Parish Office on 5443 3488 by 3 April.

News from our Parish Catholic Schools

Stella Maris Primary School Last Thursday the whole school celebrated National Harmony Day with a special assembly. Did you know we have families from twenty different countries attending our school? Harmony Day encourages everyone to appreciate and celebrate differences, promoting a sense of community and belonging. The school driveway was bedecked with palms this week as we entered into the most important week of the Church’s year—Holy Week. We conclude this term with a whole school liturgy retelling the story of this special week. Each year level has a special part in the storytelling. From all of us here at Stella Maris Primary School, to our beautiful parish community, we wish you a happy and holy Easter!

Siena Primary School On Monday, we started our Holy Week journey. Our Year 1 students reverently and enthusiastically re-enacted the Palm Sunday story where Jesus triumphantly entered into Jerusalem amidst the cheering crowds waving their palm branches. This was followed by a beautiful, solemn portrayal of The Last Supper and The Washing of the feet by the Year 5 cohort. The message of service, remembrance and peace was represented so very well by our students and teachers. Today, our Year 4 students retold the story of Jesus’ arrest, trial and crucifixion. It was a solemn reverent reflection in which the children depicted various scenes from Jesus’ journey to the cross.

On Thursday morning, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. The Year 6C children will lead the assembly, firstly to reflect on the events of Holy Week and then celebrate the joy of life again through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Siena Catholic College The Term has passed so quickly, and here we are in Holy Week, ready to commemorate the Easter story before we begin a two-week break that will help us to recuperate and recharge in readiness for Term Two. During the week, we completed our Caritas fundraisers with the always successful Bernardino Easter Raffle. Thanks to those who donated eggs and bunnies and those who purchased raffle tickets in the hope of attaining a basket of ‘chocolatey’ goodness. Wednesday morning saw us pause to follow Jesus on the journey to the Cross. During a whole school liturgy, our NET team helped us to recall the key events of Holy Week. Following this, Ms Collins challenged us to remember that in spite of any obstacles thrown our way, and most importantly, we have a God who loves us so much that they would sacrifice their only Son that we may enjoy eternal life.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith

We welcome into God’s Family, the Church, **Oskar Donehue** and **Tony Jimmeson** who will be baptised at Easter.

We welcome **Emily Jimmeson, Buntie Sutherland Pettifer, Fiona Mary Henshaw, Nathan Harris, Quang Thien Le, Scott Richardson and Kenneth Grant** into full communion with the Church this Easter

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Aida Manuela Hulse** whose funeral rites will be celebrated on April 16. May Aida’s soul and the souls of all our departed priests, religious, family and friends, through the rich mercy of God,

Parish Clergy

Fr Peter Brannelly
Fr Isaac Falzon
Deacon Michael Khoury
Bishop Brian Heenan
Bishop Emeritus



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