

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend of the 27/28 April 2024

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31 Second Reading: 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Gospel: Jn 15: 1- 8

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.

Dear Parishioners,

As 'Mullets for Mental Health Month' draws to a close this Tuesday, I want to sincerely thank you all for supporting the Black Dog Institute and their endeavour to improve the lives of those suffering from mental illnesses. The Australian icon that is the mullet may have more theological significance and importance than you may think.

First, let's clarify what a mullet is. A mullet hairstyle is characterised by its unique combination of lengths: shorter hair on the sides and front, with longer hair at the back. Therefore, despite its length, my mullet does qualify as a mullet. This distinctive haircut has earned various labels over the years, from "business in the front, party in the back" to more playful descriptions like "the Kentucky Waterfall." While the mullet's popularity has recently surged to new heights since its emergence in the 1970s, its enduring legacy lies not just in its aesthetic appeal but also in the symbolism it carries.

Imagine this: God, up there, looking down at the pinnacle of His creation, thinking, "What on Earth is this hairstyle they have come up with now?" If Jesus were alive today on the Sunshine Coast, I reckon he would have visited 'Stallion Barbers' on First Avenue to get a mullet as well.

Now, the mullet is like the Swiss Army Knife of hairstyles. It's got the serious "business" look up front, like, "I mean business, folks," and then it's all "party" in the back, like, "Let's boogie!" It's like the Old Testament meets the New Testament in a hairdo. Up front, you've got that stern, no-nonsense vibe, like Moses laying down the law. But in the back, it's all Jesus turning water into wine and having a blast at the wedding.

And you know what else? The mullet's got that whole Trinity thing going on. Three parts, one whole. Just like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the mullet's got the short, the long, and the wild, all in one package.

But wait, there's more! The mullet's like a cultural ambassador, spreading its message of "party in the back" across the globe. From the suburbs to the sticks, it's a universal symbol of fun-loving freedom.

And let's talk humility. The mullet's like, "Hey, I'm not here to impress anyone with fancy frills. I'm just here to have a good time, and if you're not on board, well, that's your loss."

So, next time you see a mullet in the wild, take a moment to appreciate its simple yet profound message: life's too short to take too seriously. Just embrace the mullet and remember: eat, pray, sleep, repeat. So, even if you think that my growing a "mullet" was a "hair brained scheme", I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who supported me and so far we have raised \$2112 for mullets for mental health month. Take care,

*Fr Isaac*

### Special Welcome

While everyone is important this weekend we want to especially acknowledge the young candidates and their families who are preparing for to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In coming to Mass this weekend they are enrolled in the Parish preparation programme and will use the time between now and 6 June to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. Over the next four Wednesdays they will gather at Stella Maris and work through the preparation programme together. As a Parish we are conscious of their journey and we keep them and their families in our prayers.



### At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly  
Fr Isaac Falzon  
Fr Joe O'Keefe SJ  
Deacon Michael Khoury  
Bishop Brian Heenan  
*Bishop Emeritus*



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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, 29 April *St Catherine of Siena*

Adoration 5.15pm, Stella Maris

- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Catholic Formation Hub, 7.00-9.00pm

## Tuesday, 30 April

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel).
- ◆ Funeral Giuseppe Circelli—Stella Maris 11.00am

## Wednesday, 1 May

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom).
- ◆ Coolum Team Meeting 12 noon, Buderim 2.00pm, Sippy Downs 4:30pm, Maroochydore 6.00pm
- ◆ Spanish Prayer Meeting (6.00pm Stella Maris Sacristy)

## Thursday, 2 May *St Athanasius*

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 2.00pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)

## Friday, 3 May *Sts Philip and James*

- ◆ **Healing Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris)
- ◆ 10.00am Stations of the Cross (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

## Saturday, 4 May

- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am Stella Maris )
- ◆ Reconciliation **8.30 to 9.30am** (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms Nathan McCallum, Elliot Nietschke
- ◆ 11am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

## Sunday, 5 May

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am, St Catherine of Siena Church Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church, baptism of Georgia Hehir)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ 6pm Young Adult Group

## Hospitality next Weekend

On the first weekend of the month we always have a special emphasis on hospitality. If we want to be a friendly community, we need to also be a welcoming community and providing hospitality is an excellent way of meeting new and old parishioners alike. Please join us after Mass next weekend. Thank you to the different groups who organise our hospitality each month.

## Monthly Meetings

All local groups are reminded that the monthly meetings scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month take place this coming week. Coolum members, your meeting is at 12.00pm, Buderim's meeting is 2.00pm, Sippy Downs, 4.30pm and Maroochydore's meeting is at 6.00pm. On behalf of the entire Parish, thank you to the parishioners who generously volunteer to serve on these coordinating and leadership committees.

## Baptismal Preparation

The next baptismal preparation session will be held this Thursday 2 May 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 email the Parish office ([suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)) The baptismal preparation sessions are held on the first Thursday of every month.

## Anointing & Healing Mass

Every First Friday, there is an Anointing & Healing Mass at Stella Maris. This coming Friday, 3 May is the First Friday and a warm invitation to all parishioners and friends to join us at 9am at Stella Maris for Mass followed by morning tea. Check on your neighbours and see if they would like to join you?

## Następna polska Msza św

The next Mass in Polish will be celebrated at St Mary's Buderim this Sunday, 28 April at 4pm. Tell your Polish friends—all welcome. Our Polish brothers and sisters celebrate the Eucharist on the fourth Sunday of every month at St Mary's, Buderim.

## Stella Maris Parish Facebook

Visit our Facebook page! There is just too much happening in our Parish to fit into our weekly newsletter! You will receive updates on what's happening within the parish, religious articles and content of interest. It is also a way we contact you with urgent news. "Like" our Facebook page, and you will be kept notified of new posts and help to promote the Parish page to more viewers. Just go to [www.facebook.com/mission.stella/](http://www.facebook.com/mission.stella/) and click on the 'thumbs up' under any of our posts.



## You Can't be too careful!

All of us have no doubt come across scams looking for money or banking details. We have to continually be vigilant because many of the scams are very clever and often hard to initially identify. At the moment there are emails doing the rounds purportedly coming from your priests looking for money – **they are scams** – your priests will never send you an email asking for money or your banking details. If you do come across an email that is a scam what you should do is: **never open the email, and immediately delete it from both your inbox and your recycle bin/deleted items folders.**

## ON THE JOURNEY – WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,  
*William Stone, Miles Grant, Poppy Wallace, Hugo Wallace* and *Amber Eichman Gould*  
who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We celebrate the marriage of *Imogen Doyle* and *Bill Mason* who were married this week at Stella Maris Church.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Giuseppe Circelli, Agnes Murphy, Gwenda Wyles* and *Suzanne McGarry*  
May the souls of all our departed through the rich mercy of God, **Rest in Peace.**



# A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



June 2024 Confirmation ceremony 6 June 2024 and the Liturgy Committee planning our Masses for Pentecost and the resumption of Ordinary Time.

Last Monday evening, while the Evangelisation Brisbane adult education HUB was being conducted in the function room, on the Stella Maris presbytery balcony it was a chance for the Parish to say **thank you** to the many people who helped with our Holy Week ceremonies. The different ceremonies require the dedication of many people to ensure they are prayerful and meaningful – as a Catholic Family we are blessed with so many generous and considerate fellow parishioners. The task of celebrating our Catholic Faith continues with teams busy working on our Multicultural Mass 16



The **women** of our Parish Family came together on Tuesday night for prayer, something to eat and to explore spirituality. Fr Joe O’Keefe provided some insight into Catholic symbols and their deeper meaning. We then found out who the artists in our group were with a beautiful and very social iconography session. There was a wonderful surprise of a donated door prize from Lime Health and Beauty at Cotton Tree. All ladies in our parish are very welcome to join our next gathering on 21 May Tuesday 6.00-8.00pm. If you need transport give us a call.

This year’s Confirmation programme began last Wednesday with Jesuit theologian and author, Fr Richard Leonard sj, leading a Parent information and preparation session. **“If you are going to have your child confirmed in the Catholic faith”** Fr Richard told the parents of the confirmation candidates, **“then you should know what the Church believes and the good the**



**Church in Australia does”**. Over the next couple of weeks the candidates and their families will be preparing to celebrate the sacrament and as a parish we keep them in our prayers. Bishop Brian Heenan will celebrate the Sacrament here at Stella Maris on 6 June 2024. After the ANZAC Day public holiday the **Craft Group** gathered on Friday to share their skills and explore new ways of creating and making! The craft group meets on the 4th Friday of every month. And new members are always welcome. On Easter Sunday they had a sale of some of their crafts and the **\$1854** raised was sent to the only Catholic parish in the Gaza to help them meet their humanitarian needs.



Hearing is a sense we all rely on in some way, but we cannot assume that everyone hears the same way, or equally as well. For people with hearing loss the ability to hear speech and important sounds is diminished. At Stella Maris church we have a Assistive Listening System that transmits audio directly from the source to the listener's ear without amplifying ambient noise. If you would like to access the system or find out more information contact a Mass coordinator or the sacristan.

| Day                          | Church                     | Time                                     |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Monday                       | Stella Maris               | 3.30pm (prior to Adoration & Mass)       |
| Tuesday                      | Stella Maris School Chapel | 8.30am (prior to 9am Mass)               |
| Tuesday                      | Stella Maris               | 10 .00am (Blue Army Rosary)              |
| Wednesday                    | St Mary’s Buderim          | 6.30am (prior to 7 am Mass)              |
| Wednesday                    | St Mary’s Buderim          | After 7.00am Mass                        |
| Wednesday                    | Stella Maris               | 6.00 pm (Spanish Lectio Divina & Rosary) |
| Wednesday                    | St Catherine’s Sippy Downs | 5.15 pm                                  |
| Thursday                     | St Peter’s Coolum          | 8.00 am (prior to 8.30am Mass)           |
| Thursday                     | Stella Maris Maroochydore  | 2.00pm Rosary Cenacle                    |
| Friday                       | Stella Maris               | 8.30am (prior to 9am Mass)               |
| Saturday (1st Saturday only) | Stella Maris               | 7.30 am (prior to 8.00 am Mass)          |
| Saturday (1st Saturday only) | Stella Maris               | After 8.00 am Mass (Fatima Rosary)       |
| Saturday                     | Stella Maris               | 12.00 pm                                 |

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

During the month of May, you are invited to join in praying the Rosary to honour Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church at one of the many opportunities in our parish. Please join us. Go to our facebook page for more information.

# CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR PARISH

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Laps for Life and Laundry – What a Great Morning!

Congratulations children, staff and family members who walked, danced, and smiled their way through our hour-long Laps for Life and Laundry venture on the last day of term 1.

What a terrific atmosphere of joy, community spirit and commitment to assist our poorest of poor in the world. I am so truly humbled by the response from our Siena Primary family raising over \$8,000 for the most vulnerable. Channel 7 even visited, and we had a segment on the news that night...

I would like to also thank the parishioners of St Catherine's who again assisted us in raising money for the underprivileged. Special mention to Joanna and Matteo Kay who braved the microphone at Mass and spoke about the event and asked for donations. I am very proud of you both.

Our call, as Christians, is to assist the marginalised and the charity shown by our Siena and St Catherine's community reflects God's love in action.



## Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



This week, our Year 12s attended their three-day Retreat at Camp Somerset. The aim of their time together was to explore their own story and to make connections with the stories of other members of their cohort. Thanks to Fr Isaac who joined us so that we could participate in both Eucharist and Reconciliation.

On Thursday, staff and students gathered in Buderim for the annual ANZAC Day Honour March. Thanks to our Captains, Mia and Jagger, for representing the College at both the dawn and main services.

Our Netball, Rugby and Touch Football teams have all continued their seasons and their commitment to both training and games is to be commended.



**The sacrifices and financial commitment of every member of our Parish is valued and not taken for granted—*thank you.***