

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Weekend of the 1/2 June 2024

First Reading: Ex 24:3-8 Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15 Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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.

It all culminates next Thursday

This is the final week of preparation as over 100 of our young parishioners look forward to celebrating their Confirmation at Stella Maris this Thursday evening. The journey towards the celebration of the sacrament began way back on April 23rd when Jesuit theologian and author Fr Richard Leonard led a workshop for the parents, which looked at the Church in Australia. This inspiring talk titled "The Good We Rarely Tell Anyone" was aimed at giving the parents a new appreciation of the Church, so they understand the beauty their children are being confirmed into. On the subsequent Wednesday evenings, the children and their parents have gathered at Stella Maris Church to learn about the sacrament. This has allowed them to remember their Baptism and the Baptismal Promises made on their behalf, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the symbols of Confirmation and the potential of the Holy Spirit to dramatically change their lives and the choices they make.

This Wednesday evening will be their last session where they will review their journey and practice before Thursday evening's ceremonies. Thank you to Carolyn Watt, the teachers & NET team who helped guide us over these past 5 weeks, and to Bishop Brian Heenan who will confer the Sacrament. Please keep our young parishioners and their families in your prayers this week.

Mia Arnold
William Bain
Martin Bain
Oliver Bright
Ryan Bruderer
Patrick Buck
Eloise Buck
Sebastian Butler
Ronin Butler
Martina De Nardi Grau
Oskar Donehue
Keira Dwyer
Ulises Esmerian Quiroga
Giosué Feletto
Cruz Fennell
Xavier Fernando
Nivelle Kelly
Aaron McDonald
Nina McGimpsey
Lucy Mifsud
Vivian Musgrave
Elijah Nitschke
Kyla O'Rourke
Matilda Palmer
Darcy Palmer

Taleah Reed
Riley Marie Richardson
Lucille Roberts
James Rutledge
William Rutledge
Mason Ryan
Reine Ysabelle Salvilla
Antonio Schembri
William Stein
Millie Stephenson
Victoria Stirling
Summer Szabo
Henry Volp
Allyza Yamba
Mila Barbieri
Hart Blake
Isabella Bonetti
Lotte Bourke
Thomas Carter
Lila Casagrande Roese
Benjamin Castelli
Miloslav Cechal
Chloe Cechalova
Stella Collins
Emelia Dametto

Benjamin Eastcott
Sienna Faithfull-Swindells
Chelsea Faithfull-Swindells
Melissa Fonseca
Aiden Gabbott
Alana Gabbott
Daisy Gadsby
Kenzie Gibson
Brody Gibson
Theodore Gray
Mila Jack
Eva Jackson
Zoey King
Edie Lightfoot
Emet Martin
Aesha Mastroianni
Alyssa Mastroianni
Liam Matson
Frida McEwan
Hunter McKay
Alea Mealing
Mia Muggeridge
Emily Niccoli
Lucas Niccoli
Declan O'Neill

Maggie O'Connor
Poppy Partos
Mia Patrick
Joshua Patrick
Olivia Rafter
Sarina Recabarren
Harry Rilstone
Amalia Saporita
Jayme Sentance
Isla Spicer
Brylie Spicer
Henry Till
Lucy Tremlett
Matheus Veloso
Isabella Veloso
Harlan Weber
Oliver Young
Walter Zinkel



ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,

Indiana Peut, Lennox Williams and *Nina Williams* who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Elaine Brown* and *Carmel Healy*.

Carmel Healy's Funeral Rites will be celebrated at Stella Maris on Monday, 3 June at 12.00pm.

May their souls, and the souls of all our faithfully departed priests, religious, family and parishioners,
through the rich mercy of God.

Rest in Peace.

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, 3 June *St Charles Lwanga*

Benediction 5.15pm, Stella Maris

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

Tuesday, 4 June

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

Wednesday, 5 June *St Boniface*

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena Church).
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Sacramental programme (4.00pm & 6.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.30pm Stella Maris)

Thursday, 6 June

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 2.00pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Sacrament of Confirmation (4.00pm & 6.00pm Stella Maris)

Friday, 7 June *The Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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

Saturday, 8 June

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ◆ Reconciliation **8.30 to 9.30am** (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms 10.00am Isla Hansen & Koa Hansen (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Liturgy/Music Rehearsal for Multicultural Mass 11.00am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ 11.00am El Shaddai group meets (Sippy Downs)

- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass in Spanish** (6.00pm St Mary's Church)

Sunday, 9 June

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ 6.00pm Young Adult Group

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.

Change of Date

Normally on the first Thursday of the month we have baptismal preparation for parents with young infants. However, we will have to postpone the preparation night to the following Thursday (13 June), because on next Thursday we are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for over 100 of our younger parishioners at Stella Maris. For the past 5 weeks, they have been preparing and anticipating receiving the Sacrament and on this Thursday 6 June Bishop Brian Heenan will confer the Sacrament. We keep our young parishioners and their families in our prayers during these final days of preparation.

Young Adults

Calling all young adults! Join us for some exciting events at the parish! Every Sunday night after the 5.00pm Mass, we gather for pizza, fun, and faith formation—it's a great way to connect with friends and grow in your faith. Plus, every second Wednesday (next one is 5 June) we meet at a couple's house in Marcus Beach for a cosy dinner and a deeper discussion on faith. Don't miss out on these awesome opportunities to build community and explore your beliefs. For more details, contact Fr Isaac (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au)

Local Meetings

Next Wednesday being the first of the month, all local groups are reminded of your respective meetings – **Coolum** 12 noon, **Buderim** 2:30pm, **Sippy Downs**, 4:30pm, **Maroochydore** 6.00pm. A grateful parish thanks all members of our local groups for helping to coordinate the many activities within our Parish Family and for always being willing to oversee new pastoral initiatives in our community.

Anointing Mass

The First Friday of June falls on this Friday and everyone is invited to our monthly 9.00am Anointing & Healing Mass at Stella Maris. Perhaps you might know a neighbour or friend who needs transport to the Mass? At the conclusion of the Anointing Mass everyone is warmly invited to morning tea in the function room.

Misa en Español

On the second Saturday of every month, our Spanish chaplain, Fr Luis, celebrates Mass in Spanish at St Mary's, Buderim. It is a great celebration with hospitality and a warm welcome to new faces. The next Mass in Spanish will be on Saturday, 8 June 6.00pm at St Mary's. Our Facebook page is Comunidad Catolica Latina de Sunshine Coast (CCLSC)

Family Prayer

Individual and family prayer is so important and is something in our increasingly busy lives that can get left in the slipstream! **We are just too busy!** We all remember the importance of consciously gathering as a family and friends for prayer. One of the traditional ways of focusing our family prayer is by our pilgrim state of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Travelling throughout our Sunshine Coast Parish will be the pilgrim statue. Families are invited to welcome the pilgrim statue into their homes for a week and allow the presence of the statue to be the focus of family prayer. Perhaps you can invite your Catholic neighbours and friends to join you one night and together pray the rosary? Veronica Baatjes is the contact and if you would like to host the pilgrim statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (veronica.baatjes@gmail.com)

At Your Service

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



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The start of another Financial Year

There is an old Greek saying that goes something like “**Society grows great when we plant trees in whose shade we know we shall never sit**”. In the same way, your continued generosity to your Parish is very much like planting trees in whose shade we know we will probably never sit! It is always the next generation of believers who benefit from our generosity and sacrifices.

As a Parish Family, we are enormously grateful for the generosity of everyone in our community who help fund our ongoing expenses. We rely on your help to run our liturgical life, administration, to maintain our facilities to look to the future and purchase land to meet the needs of a growing Catholic Community. Through your commitment, under the guidance of the Parish Finance Committee, we are slowly but surely reducing our Parish debt of \$1,527,176.51

There are many ways to support the Parish. *If you use the weekly envelopes for your planned giving, then they are available on the tables after Mass in two weeks time. If you can't see them, let us know at the office because they may have gone to one of the other churches, and they'll re-direct them for you.*

DIRECT DEBIT & CREDIT CARD: Since Covid many people have taken advantage of utilising Direct Debit to fulfil their pledge - it's simple, easy and if you would like Direct Debit forms they are available at the entrance to the Church.
DIRECT DEPOSIT: Parishioners have also found Direct Deposit into the Parish Account a convenient way to financially support the mission and ministry of the Parish. Our Parish banking details are—

Account Name: Stella Maris Parish

BSB: 064-786

Account Number: 100000037

SMART TERMINALS: These are now in operation at all four of our churches. They are positioned on stands near the entrance to the Church. Its just a matter of “**Tap N Go**”

TO JOIN PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to join our planned giving program, please go to our website for all the information or contact Bev at the Parish office to get things organised for you.

However you choose to support your Parish, on behalf of the Finance Committee, a grateful Parish says *thank you.*

In Two Weeks Time

Sunday 16 June is now just two weeks away and the plans for our Multicultural Mass are all falling into place. The liturgy committee have their final meeting and practice **next Saturday, 8 June at 11.00am** – it will truly be an exciting and colourful celebration of our Universal Faith! So next Saturday morning at Stella Maris Church we need all musicians, and all who are involved in the liturgy such as the flag bearers, readers, people involved in the offertory procession, etc – to come along for a final rehearsal.

With the Multicultural Mass getting closer, there is an urgency to support the organisers who are coordinating the different stalls after Mass. Please make contact and accept this invitation to be involved.

Australia – Ken Perren (kenperren3@gmail.com)

Colombia – Patricia Zuluya (patriciazg_1@hotmail.com)

France – Michael Pons (michaelpons51@yahoo.com)

Hungary - Peter Kaszas (0412 000 012)

India – Michael Joseph pjmichae12@hotmail.com

Iran – Alireza Pakdaman (ar.pakdaman@gmail.com)

Mauritus/USA – Christine and David McDougall (vanillacar@aol.com)

Mexico – Lorena Alcaez (alcaezlorena@hotmail.com)

Pacific - John Ioane (ajioane65@gmail.com)

Philippines – Percy Deleverio (percy.deleverio@gmail.com)

South Africa - Robert Baatjes (robbaatjes@gmail.com)

Sri Lanka - Camelia Gaylor (cameliagaynor@gmail.com)

Celtic - Margaret Southon (margaretsouthon56@gmail.com)

and Patricia Sweeney Fawcett (patriciasweeneyfawcett@yahoo.co.uk)



Peru – Mila Sims (milasims15@gmail.com)

Italy - Rita Magnami (0492 869 490)

Can't see your group? Would you like to help coordinate a table? Would you like more information? If so, please get in contact with Olga Gidle (olgagidle@hotmail.com) or Fr Peter (suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au). Our Multicultural Mass is inclusive of all in our Parish Family. If you can't see a group or association that you fit into, then perhaps you might join in the celebrations by bringing something Australian – ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons, jam drops – use your imagination and drop off your contribution at Fr Isaac's coffee shop!!!



One thing I discovered the hard way, while working in the West Indies, is that it is easy to turn a million dollar property into a half a million dollar property by simply not doing any maintenance! Living so close to the sea, we face the same extreme climatic conditions that require constant maintenance on our buildings, otherwise they quickly deteriorate and the signs of inattention and neglect are so easily seen! As a parish family, we are so lucky to have a body of parishioners who are willing to help with some of the maintenance that is needed on our buildings – a grateful parish says *thank you* for your dedication, generosity and commitment to completing the many different jobs that you have undertaken. If you would like to be involved or if you can see a task that needs to be done and you can assist, please see the coordinator Bill Rimmelzwaan

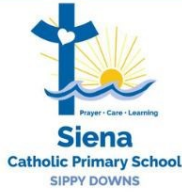
We never say no to willing workers!!!



Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

58 Sippy Downs Drive,
Sippy Downs
psippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Glen Bucklar



Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore
pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mark Ballam



Siena Catholic College

60 Sippy Downs Drive,
Sippy Downs
ssippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Sharon Collins



National Sorry Day

On Monday, the school came together to recognise and reflect on National Sorry Day. A day that as a nation we acknowledge the inhumane treatment of our First Nations people by Australian governments, churches and institutions and ask for forgiveness.

National Sorry Day or the National Day of Healing is an event held annually in Australia on 26th May commemorating the Stolen Generations. It is part of the ongoing efforts towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It signifies the beginning of Reconciliation Week.

We prayed, paused, and acknowledged the immense contribution of our indigenous peoples and how we need as a nation to apologise for the wrongs and make things better.

Thank you to all staff and students for their participation, reverence, and contribution to that display. Each class either made a Sorry wreath or a purple hibiscus flower as a mark of respect and acknowledgement of the day.



What a fabulous time we had celebrating our Under 8s last week, culminating in a special day on Friday. With a theme of 'Connecting Culture through Play,' our youngest learners, from Prep to Year Two, delighted in a free-dress day filled with the pure joy of childhood. Kicking off with a visit from Queensland Surf Life Saving, our students were reminded of essential beach safety tips. They then revelled in a range of engaging activities within our Early Years play space.

Wrapping up the day, a heartfelt liturgy emphasised the unique gifts each child brings to our community.



Congratulations to our Year 12 students for their wonderful 'Benefit Ball' last Saturday night. This glamour-filled night was their opportunity to celebrate together all that their final year of schooling has been. As is tradition at the College, however, the night was more than fancy cars, beautiful dresses and snappy suits, with the cohort choosing a charity to benefit from their efforts. This year's beneficiary was Sleepbus - a safe, temporary overnight accommodation service designed to get people off the street by offering an immediate, first-stop solution to those in need. Through their efforts and the generosity of prize donors, the group will donate in excess of \$14,000 to this organisation.



May you go to bed on this Wednesday night and sleep the sleep of the contented and the satisfied!

