

# PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 8/9 June 2024

First Reading: Gen 3: 9-15 Second Reading: 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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.

# Book a Front Seat

## Next Sunday let's celebrate our Universal Faith

Next Sunday everyone is invited to be part of multicultural celebrations beginning with Mass at 11am. All the different communities will be helping us celebrate through their distinctive expressions of faith. It promises to be a truly unique and uplifting Mass full of colour, movement and faith. Then afterwards on the grounds of Stella Maris Church, the celebrations continue with food to be shared and culture to be celebrated. There has been a lot of planning behind the scenes to ensure it will truly be an exciting and colourful celebration of our Universal Faith!

There is an urgency to support the organisers who are coordinating the different stalls after Mass, so please accept this invitation and get in contact. Everyone's help and involvement is appreciated.

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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 Girle (olgagirle@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!!!

*See You next Sunday*



### ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,

*Isla Hansen* and *Koa Hansen* who will be baptised and *Sindy Lorena Lopez Castañeda* who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, this weekend in our parish.

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

Elaine Brown's Funeral Rites will be celebrated at Stella Maris Church on Wednesday, 12 June at 11.00am.

May her soul, 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, 10 June *St Barnabas*

Benediction 5.15pm, Stella Maris

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

## Tuesday, 11 June

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel). All Welcome.
- ◆ Craft Group (1.00pm St Peter's Church)

## Wednesday, 12 June

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Funeral of Elaine Brown (11.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.30pm Stella Maris)

## Thursday, 13 June *St Anthony of Padua*

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 2.00pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation (6.00pm Stella Maris)

## Friday, 14 June

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

## Saturday, 15 June

- ◆ Reconciliation **8.30 to 9.30am** (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptisms 10.00am Noah Banney, Cooper Armstrong & Cillian O'Connell (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Marcus La Madrid (10.00am St Catherine's)
- ◆ 11.00am El Shaddai group (Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

## Sunday, 16 June

### *11th 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)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Multicultural Mass** (11.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ 6.00pm Young Adult Group

*Sisterhood*



Tuesday 18 June  
6.00-8.00pm



Dr Rosie Howard panellist from our retreat day will share her faith journey. Bring a friend.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth

If you are in secondary school and wish to become a fully initiated member of the Church, we will be facilitating an RCIY program beginning in June. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Watt [cspy.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cspy.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au) or call the parish office 5443 3488. We keep in our prayers the adults currently on the RCIA journey.

## Desperate

We are desperately looking for volunteers to be trained as sacristans – it sounds an onerous and demanding ministry, but really it is not. Especially for funerals it is simply making sure that everything is open and set up and being a friendly and welcoming face in the midst of understandable loss and sorrow. If you would like to discover more about this important ministry please contact Fr Peter or Fr Isaac directly.

## Change of Date

Because we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism last Thursday our monthly Baptismal preparation meeting, which usually takes place on the first Thursday of the month, had to be postponed by a week. The June Baptismal Preparation meeting will now take place at Stella Maris this **Thursday, 13 June at 6.00pm**. All parents with infant children to be baptised are invited to view the parish baptismal policy our parish web page and make contact with the parish office to get a registration application before the meeting

## Speaking of Baptism!

Each weekend here in our Parish, we celebrate the baptisms of our young ones. We give thanks to God for the gift of life and welcome them into God's family, the church. At the Stella Maris Mass on Sunday, 7 July at 9.00am, we have sent an invitation to all the newly baptised babies and young children to come along to a special celebratory Mass – *they can also bring their parents and families!!!* It is our chance to acknowledge and celebrate the start of their faith journey



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

with them and to enjoy some light refreshments after Mass. Vinnies plays a vital role in our wider community and is the visible sign of the church in action. Each year, the Saint Gerard Majella Conference at Maroochydore and the Saint Peter's Conference at Coolool provide a combined emergency assistance to over 4,200 vulnerable and struggling people in our local community. Cumulatively, last year this equates to \$197,000 in assistance. The support and generosity from the Parish is crucial to our good works and highly appreciated. The Vinnies winter appeal will be held in our Parish on the weekend of 21/22 June. Thanks always for your support.

## Expertise?

Travelling between our four vibrant communities is becoming more and more of a challenge and with all the youth activities it is continuing to put more and more strain on our generous parishioners who provide transport. One of our communities has proposed applying for a grant to help purchase a 11 seater mini-mover and we are looking for help with the application – if you have any expertise or experience with grant applications please contact Lorraine Nolan. ([lmn48@bigpond.com.au](mailto:lmn48@bigpond.com.au))

## At Your Service

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



## Stella Maris Parish Office

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Last Thursday night's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was a moving and Spirit filled moment for our Parish Family. Congratulations to the over 100 young parishioners who were Confirmed and for their parents and sponsors who accompanied them along the way. Thank you also to Carolyn Watt, our Sacramental Coordinator and all who assisted her in the preparation journey.



## NET Team Report Term 2 has certainly been keeping us busy!

At Siena College, we've begun running lunchtime sessions every Friday using "Life Essentials" videos created by Alpha Youth Australia. (You may remember the Parish running the Alpha series a few years back.) Each video explores a relevant topic and brings Jesus into the discussion in an accessible way to the students. Our Life Essentials launch event a few Fridays back (with ping pong and free sausage rolls), attracted a huge crowd and we've been able to regularly draw about 25 students each week since (free food each week certainly is a draw-card)! We hope that these sessions give students an opportunity to think about how Jesus can be part of their lives and is relevant to them.

We've also been part of Year 9 Camp and Year 11 Camp, which both occurred in the past few weeks, as ways to build relationships and trust with the students. On Year 9 Camp, the students had the chance to grow in maturity and learn more about being young men and women. As part of this, we ran a session based around prayer and gratitude, which the students got a lot out of. The Year 11 students went to a campsite based around the ANZAC story and the courage and bravery of Australian World War soldiers. In keeping with the theme, we were waist-deep in mud with the students in several of the activities! We also ran a prayer session based around peace and the students' learnings from camp, which they received and participated in really well!

We've also loved supporting the students' netball and rugby games and cheering them on, as well as attending the Year 12 Benefit Ball (Formal). The students are always keen to see and chat to us at these events!

Parish life has kept us busy too: helping with the Confirmation workshops, running Children's Church at St Catherine's each Sunday morning (and we had a whopping 20 kids last Sunday!), getting involved with music at Mass (and other Mass roles), and running a Young Adults Group each Sunday night (all YAs welcome!) has been amazing and fruitful.



*Our NRT Team flipping pancakes after last Sunday's Stella Maris Mass.*





# Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

## Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



This term, Year 3 students respectfully wrote their own acknowledgement of country for a special place on the Sunshine Coast that they like to visit with their families. Students outlined key features of this special place and recognised the Kabi Kabi people as the original custodians of the land. We shared how we can care for this land by looking after God's creation.

Students have made connections to land and also expressed their individual gratitude towards the valued resources that our land provides for us - AIR, WATER, LAND and FIRE. We have shared how when we spend time in nature, it helps us to feel present in the moment and this encourages students to be mindful of the beauty that surrounds us.

Year 3 students will now begin writing their own prayers of praise to express their gratitude for nature and the environment that we are fortunate to enjoy on the Sunshine Coast.



## Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,  
Maroochydore  
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Principal: Mark Ballam



Our fabulous Performing Arts teachers and students have been extra busy of late, preparing for their Soirées. Over the last few weeks of this school term, Soirées provide an opportunity for students to showcase the skills they have developed over a semester of lessons and practice sessions. Families and visitors have been a highly appreciative audience, treated to performances by little star musicians, singers and drama students. Watching the beaming faces of proud students, teachers and families, I've been reminded what a great investment the Performing Arts are, with benefits that can last a lifetime



## Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



Week Eight has flown by and it's again time for students to complete assignments and sit much-anticipated exams.

Book-ending the week were the rescheduled AFL Gala Days. Those attending enjoyed the competition and achieved very creditable results. Monday night saw four of our Netball teams take the court for their Grand Final matches. Congratulations to the Junior A and two Senior C teams who finished with well-deserved wins. Also on the sporting field were our boys' Rugby teams, who competed in semi-finals on Wednesday night.

On Wednesday morning, our Community Convenors launched their Reduce, Reuse and Recycle campaign. This campaign aims to minimise the College's environmental footprint and ensure all are aware of Pope Francis' call to "promote new ways of thinking about human beings, life, society, and our relationship with nature."

Throughout the week, our instrumental music students and choir members performed in a series of evening recitals – what an amazing array of musical talent we have in our community!



With the start of a new Financial Year your Parish Finance Committee will meet this week to look at the road ahead and contemplate the challenges we face as a Catholic Parish. These challenges include not only covering our normal utilities and maintenance costs but also reducing our parish debt (currently at \$1,527,176.51), building a cottage for a retired priest at Buderim, funding next year's NET Team, purchasing land for a new Catholic school and continuing with our Church refurbishment programme. Your continued and generous financial support through our planned giving programme allows us to budget with confidence – **thank you**. If you would like to find out more information about our parish planned giving programme there are brochure envelopes available at the entrance to the Church. **Together with trust we build our future.**