

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 29/30 June 2024

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15 Second Reading: 2 Cor 8:7,9, 13-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

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.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable school holidays

As I get closer and closer to that inevitable time when I will one day have to leave this magnificent parish and venture out on my own, I have been thinking a lot about what exactly a parish is, and what role it should play in your lives, the faithful. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of outlining the mission and responsibilities of the faithful within the parish community. Let's take a closer look at what the key Church documents have to say:

Proclaiming the Gospel: The principal objective of the parish is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The faithful (you the parishioners) are not just passive recipients of the faith but are actively called to witness to the Gospel through your lives and words. The parish is meant to be a centre of the new evangelisation, which equips and empowers the faithful to bring the message of the Gospel to the world. Such evangelisation initiatives in the parish include formation opportunities for men, women, young adults, and youth group (starting soon), as well as the Net Team.

Participating in the Sacramental Life: The parish is also where the faithful regularly celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which is the vital and community-forming activity. Through active participation in the sacramental life, the faithful receive the grace to live out their baptismal call. The parish's responsibility is to provide catechesis and sacramental preparation to help the faithful grow in their understanding and living of the faith. These initiatives include a wide range of devotions, daily Eucharist, and Saturday confession.

Engaging in Works of Charity and Service: The mission of the faithful also includes engaging in works of Christian love and service. The parish community is meant to be a place where the diverse gifts and talents of the faithful are contributed for the common good. Through acts of charity and service, the faithful imitate the example of Christ by bringing the power of the Gospel to the world. This initiative is our Friday night homeless BBQ.

Cooperating with Church Leadership: Finally, the faithful are called to cooperate with the parish clergy and Church leadership, working in unity for the Church's mission. While the laity have their own proper role, they are to do so in communion with the pastoral guidance of the clergy. This spirit of cooperation and unity is vital, as the parish is organically connected to the universal Church and the particular diocese.

In summary, the Church documents paint a clear vision of the faithful's mission in the parish - from proclaiming the Gospel to celebrating the sacraments, from engaging in works of charity to cooperating with Church leadership. By living out this mission, the faithful not only deepen their own relationship with Christ, but also contribute to the renewal and vitality of the parish and the wider Church.

Fr Isaac Falzon



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Next weekend being the first of the month our focus across our Parish Family is on hospitality—why not plan on spending a little time after Mass catching up with friends, meeting new parishioners and welcoming visitors to our Parish?

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 July

- ◆ Funeral Judy McLaren (10.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 2 July

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel—all welcome)

Wednesday, 3 July St Thomas

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Coolum Team Meeting 12 noon, Buderim 2.30pm, Sippy Downs 4:30pm, Maroochydore 6.00pm (Stella Maris Boardroom)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Thursday, 4 July

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Funeral Robert Allan McCormack (1.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Rosary & Divine Mercy (2.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation (6.00pm Stella Maris)

Friday, 5 July

- ◆ **Anointing & Healing Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris) followed by morning tea.
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 6 July

- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Reconciliation (**8.30am -9.30am** Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism Theodore Eastcott & Angus Lane (10.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ El Shaddai group (11.00am, Sippy Downs)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 7 July

14th 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)

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.

Half way through the school vacation we welcome especially this weekend all visitors and those on holidays – thanks for joining with us as we celebrate the 13th weekend of the church's year.



Last weekend Vincentians from Saint Gerard Majella at Maroochydore and Saint Peter's at Coolum handed out **Winter Appeal** Donation Envelopes with the invitation for you to return your donation this weekend. You can place your donation envelope on the collection plate this weekend. On behalf of our two St Vincent de Paul conferences, thank you for your ongoing generous financial support. Especially here on our Sunshine Coast, the members of Vinnies are the face of the church, and every dollar you donate goes to assist those who are in the most need – *thank you for your generosity.*

Together on the Journey

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 9.00am Stella Maris Mass next Sunday, 7 July, 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 with them and to enjoy some light refreshments after Mass.

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 July 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.

Children's Church

Every Sunday at St Catherine's (8.00am Mass) and Stella Maris (9.00am Mass) we have Children's Church. All our younger children at the start of Mass are invited to the front of the altar, blessed and sent forth with their catechist to celebrate a more age appropriate reflection on the Gospel before returning to the church towards the end of the Eucharistic prayer. We are always looking for more adults to join the team and the easy-to-use resources make this a very rewarding ministry – contact Carrolyn Watt, our Sacramental Coordinator for more information : cspy.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

Job Opening!

While on the subject of ministry, one of the important and traditionally a younger parishioner's ministry has been to serve at the altar. We are in need of altar servers to assist with our weekend Masses and if you would like to be involved, please see any Mass coordinator, Fr Isaac or Fr Peter. *There is no age limit to this ministry!!!*

Your New Planned Giving Envelopes are Available today.

ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We pray for all those who have died, especially "Judy" McLaren & Robert McCormack.

Judy McLaren's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Stella Maris this Monday 1 July at 10.00am.

Robert McCormack's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Stella Maris on Thursday 4 July at 1.00pm.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There are plenty of things happening within our Parish Family over the next couple of weeks. For your diary, please note that after months of renovations taking place quietly behind the scenes, we have at last finished the renovations at Stella Maris. **On Sunday, 21 July we will invite our former Parish Priest, Fr Joe Duffy, to bless the completed project after the 9.00am Stella Maris Mass.** As part of the ceremony, we will name the two meeting rooms: The Duffy Room and The Bliss Room. It will be a great chance to catch up with Fr Joe.

On Friday, 26 July, after the 9.00am Stella Maris Mass, we will welcome Leah Keating who will make a presentation on dementia. Some of the questions that Leah will be addressing include the difference between dementia and normal aging, the modifiable risk factors for dementia, being a carer for someone with dementia and communication and support strategies. More information to follow.

Baptismal Preparation

On the first Thursday of every month, we host a baptismal preparation meeting for all parents with infant children. At this short meeting that begins at 6pm at Stella Maris, we simply look at some of the symbols used in celebrating the sacrament, answer any questions and confirm dates and times. Please go to our Parish web page and download the registration form.

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, 14 July, 6.00pm at St Mary's. Our FaceBook page is Comunidad Catolica Latina de Sunshine Coast (CCLSC).

First Communion

Registrations are now open for First Communion. If your child is in Year 4 or older, please enrol online via our website

maroochydoireparish.com.au.

Parent information night will be on Tuesday 15 July at 5.00pm; candidates are not

required to attend the parent session. Please see our website for further information and all scheduled First Communion dates. Enquiries: Please contact Carrolyn Watt, our Sacramental Coordinator at the parish office.

Don't complicate life

Missing somebody?	CALL
Wanna meet up?	INVITE
Wanna be understood?	EXPLAIN
Have questions?	ASK
Don't like something?	SAY IT
Like something?	STATE IT
Want something?	ASK FOR IT
Love someone?	TELL THEM

Keep your life SIMPLE.

Best practice

The protocol for all our Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to our sisters and brothers who are sick, housebound in hospital or nursing homes is before you place your pyx on the offertory table, please record your name and the names of those whom you are going to see (the folder is at the entrance of each church). This important ministry always takes place on the day, ideally following when commissioned at the end of Mass, and only commissioned Eucharistic Ministers are allowed to take the Blessed Sacrament from the church.

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 programme beginning in June. If you are interested, please contact Carrolyn Watt 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.

New To The Neighbourhood?

We live in an extremely mobile society, and especially here on the Sunshine Coast there are always people coming and going. If you are new to our Parish, or if you are reconnecting with the Church, we would love to welcome you more formally to our Parish Family. You will find "welcome packs" at the entrance of our churches, and if you complete and return the forms we will be in contact with you. Once again, *welcome*.

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 to refresh yourself on the Plenary Journey so far and to learn more about SYNOD24.

MAROOCHYDORE STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts to secure the future of our faith

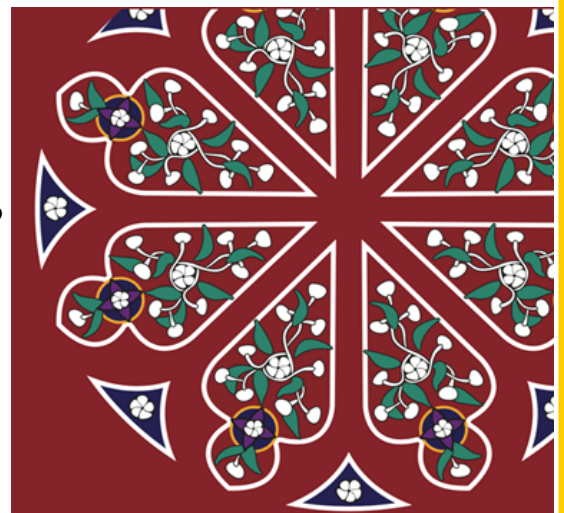
The churches, schools, parish infrastructure of our Stella Maris Parish is a living legacy of the vision, sacrifice and determination of those who *handed on the faith* to us. They created the foundation for our Catholic Community through their generous sharing of their talent, time and treasure. Without their vision and determination, our parish would look completely different!

One of the challenges we face today is how we honour and build upon the sacrifices and vision of those who *handed on the faith* to us and gifted us the resources and ability to be who we are today as a Parish Family. If we are honest, most of us have a deep fear that if we make any substantial gift to the parish it will not be appreciated or valued and in the end be squandered! *It is a legitimate fear!*

In other parts of the world, especially in the United States, endowment funds have been established to precisely address this concern. An endowment fund accepts and invests any contribution and only uses the interest as income. In practical terms for a parish endowment fund, the parish uses the annual interest and income for the mission of the church, while the initial contribution remains in place. So, a person or family has the confidence that their financial contribution will still be working for the mission of the Church and Parish ten, fifty, a hundred years from now!

With the support of the Parish Finance Council, the Stella Maris Endowment Fund has been established. This fund, independently and professionally managed, will support the work and mission of the parish in perpetuity. It is a option for anyone, or any family wishing to make a contribution to the long term mission and maintenance of Stella Maris. **There are information envelopes at the entrance to the church.**

By inviting you to consider supporting the Stella Maris Endowment Fund by remembering the fund in your will or making a pledge today our hope is that the fund will continue to grow. In this way we all have the opportunity to *hand on the faith* and provide a lasting legacy.



Last Wednesday, at Stella Maris over 50 of our younger parishioners gathered for our school holiday programme *Fun Days with God – Alive in the Spirit*. Activities included painting, creative craft challenges and plenty of team building games. Thank you to Bernie Baillie and her wonderful team of volunteers who coordinated the programme.



At Your Service

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



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