

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 27/28 July 2024

First Reading: 2 Kg 4:42-44 Second Reading: 2 Eph 4: 1-6 Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Within the Catholic Church, grandparents hold a unique and essential role. Their wisdom, faith, and life experience form the foundation upon which younger generations can build their spiritual lives. According to the Australian Catholic Mass Attendance Report of 2021, **over 50% of regular Mass attendees are aged 50 and above**. This demographic's commitment to regular participation in the Mass highlights their importance in sustaining parish life and activities. The involvement of grandparents in the Church's mission is not just beneficial but essential. Here's how they can engage deeply and meaningfully in this calling.

One of the most important ways grandparents can contribute is by passing on the faith to their grandchildren. In a world where much of the secular influences have become rubbish relativism, the dedicated and faithful dispositions that grandparents possess serve as a much needed light for our world today. Sharing personal stories of faith, teaching prayers, and reading Bible stories together can instil a deep, lasting faith in young hearts. Grandparents can also encourage their grandchildren to participate in Mass, receive the sacraments, and engage in parish activities.

Grandparents can demonstrate a life of prayer and devotion. By maintaining a visible and active prayer life, they set a positive example of a good Catholic way of life. Praying the Rosary, attending daily Mass, and participating in Eucharistic Adoration are ways grandparents can demonstrate the importance of a close relationship with God. Inviting (or making) grandchildren to join in these practices can also be an effective way to nurture their spiritual growth.

Grandparents often have more time to volunteer than parents who might be busy with work and raising children. Their involvement in parish activities can be invaluable. Whether it's volunteering to go on roster or assisting with church events and initiatives or assisting some other way, grandparents can bring their skills, time, and dedication to help the parish flourish. Their presence and participation can also inspire younger parishioners to get involved.

In the mission of the Catholic Church, building a sense of community is crucial. Grandparents can play a significant role in bridging generational gaps within the parish. By engaging with youth, they can help create a more cohesive and inclusive church community. Their experiences and stories can provide valuable perspectives to younger members.

The power of prayer should never be underestimated. Grandparents can become prayer warriors for their families, the Church, and our parish initiatives. Praying for the needs of the parish, the intentions of parishioners, and the global mission of the Church is an invaluable way grandparents can contribute. Joining or forming prayer groups can amplify this effort and grandparents can play a crucial role in nurturing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. By encouraging their grandchildren and younger parishioners in discerning their vocation, they can help ensure the future of the Church and Maroochydore parish. Sharing stories of saints, discussing the beauty of a life dedicated to God, and fostering an environment where children feel free to explore their calling can make a significant difference.

Grandparents are indispensable pillars in the mission of the Catholic Church. Their faith, wisdom, and dedication can light the way for the younger generations to be the saints they are called to be. By actively involving themselves in parish life, prayer, and the transmission of faith, they not only deepen their own spiritual journey but also enrich the lives of their families and the broader church community.

Fr Isaac Falzon

At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly

Fr Isaac Falzon

Deacon Michael Khoury

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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 July *St Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

- ◆ Funeral of Elaine Carmody (2.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 30 July

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel, all welcome)
- ◆ Funeral of Colleen Meigan (10.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Funeral of Patricia Buzolic (11.00am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Funeral of Daphne McClurg (1.30pm St Peter's Church)

Wednesday, 31 July *St Ignatius of Loyola*

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Funeral of Daniel 'Brendan' Heaslip (11.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Thursday, 1 August *St Alphonsus*

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Rosary & Divine Mercy (2.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation (6.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Maroochydhore 10:10 (5:30pm St Catherine of Siena-Parish Youth Group)

Friday, 2 August

- ◆ **Anointing & Healing Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris) followed by morning tea.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross (9.30am Stella Maris)
- ◆ Funeral of Patrick Bonus (11.30am St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Marriage of Michelle Comerford & Ben Mann (12.30pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 3 August *St Dominic*

- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Reconciliation (8.30am -9.30am** Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism of Chelsea Nicholson & Harvey Nicholson (10.00am St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ El Shaddai group (11.00am, Sippy Downs)
- ◆ Marriage of Mila Sims & Greg Sims (12.00pm St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

Sunday, 4 August

18th 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 Baptism of Gianna George)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris Church Baptism of Noelle Lim)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Young Adult Group (6.00pm Stella Maris)

WHAT'S ON...

SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars! Join us on **October 26** from **8.30am to 6.00pm** at the Sunshine Coast Hockey Club, 176 Ballinger Rd, Buderim.

Highlights: **Guest Speaker - Deacon Pelli-can**, Inspiring Sessions and Activities, Connect and Rejuvenate.

Don't miss this chance to recharge and connect with like-minded men. More details to follow. Save the date and get ready for an unforgettable experience!



Our guest speaker in August is Kym Keady, Director of Ignite Youth and a senior leader of the Emmanuel Community in Brisbane. Kym has 30 years ministry experience working in a variety of settings in the Catholic Church. Kym is passionate about communicating the gospel in authentic and relevant ways, especially to young people.

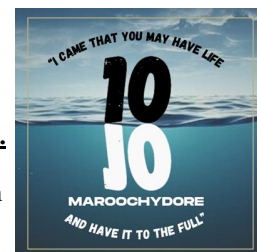


RECLAIM SUNSHINE COAST

Join us for **Reclaim Sunshine Coast**, an exciting event for all young adults across the region! This collaborative gathering brings together communities from Caloundra, Maroochydhore, Nambour, Noosa, Gympie, Caboolture, and North Lakes. **Date:** Saturday 24 August. **Time:** From 6.00pm. Connect with peers, enjoy inspiring speeches and music, and make lasting memories. Don't miss this chance to be part of a vibrant, supportive, and dynamic event. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

10:10 MAROOCHYDORE

Calling all Year 7-12 students! You are invited to be a part of the brand new **Parish Youth Group** called **10:10 Maroochydhore**, held at Siena Catholic College. **When:** Every Thursday night during school term. **Where:** Siena College. **Time: 5.30pm-8.00pm.** This youth group offers a welcoming space for high-schoolers to find community with peers who are keen on exploring their faith. Centred around Jesus, 10:10 Maroochydhore is all about connection, growth, and fun. Come and be part of something special. Discover friendships, faith, and a place where you belong. See you there!



NOTICE: 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.

ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,
Harry Harman, Louis Harman, Oscar Mealey & Everley Waincott
who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Myra 'Myzie' Williams, Giles Mamet, Elaine Carmody, Colleen Meigan, Patricia Buzolic, Daphne McClurg, Daniel 'Brendan' Heaslip** and **Patrick Bonus**.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS LIVE FOR MORE NIGHT

Are you living for more? Young Adults of Stella Maris Parish you are invited to our NET Live for More Night. It's an opportunity for young adults (18-30 yrs) from Gympie to Caboolture to embrace community, purpose, and the gift that you are to the world and our church. The free event will feature time to connect with local young adults, dinner, input, a panel, live worship and adoration. When: Sunday August 19 6.00-9.00pm. Where: Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore. [2 - 10 Church Street, Maroochydore Queensland 4558](https://www.stellamarisparish.com.au). So excited to see you there!



THE WEEK THAT'S BEEN ...

BLESSING OF THE NEW MEETING ROOM

Last Sunday, we welcomed back Fr Joe Duffy, our former parish priest who returned to bless the newly renovated 'Bliss' and 'Duffy' meeting rooms. Thanks Fr Joe for celebrating this wonderful event with us.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS

95 young people from our four parish communities have commenced their preparation for their First Holy Communion. Last weekend the kids, their families, and the parish celebrated their enrolment mass. Over the next three weeks at Stella Maris and St Catherine's Sunday Masses, these children will be continuing their preparation. Let's keep them all in our prayers during this time.

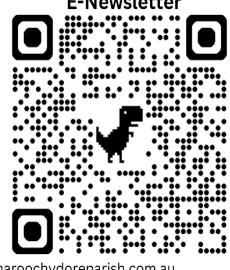


YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH NIGHT



OUR PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Visit our social media pages! 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" and "follow" us, and you will be kept notified of new posts and help to promote the Parish page to more viewers.



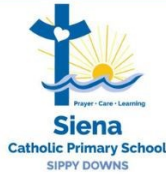
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Catholic Education Week

This week, we celebrated Catholic Education Week. It was an opportunity for all 313 Catholic Schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos.

Catholic Education makes a difference in the lives of our students, staff, and community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. The theme this year was, 'Communities of Faith Hope and Love'.

Today, the college and school combined to celebrate Catholic Education Week with a liturgy. Mr Bucklar told the gathering that we are Catholic Education. We live our Catholic belief through our words and actions. Ms Collins, the college principal, also spoke of how we live faith, hope and love daily inspired by the Gifts of the Spirit.

The primary senior choir sang beautifully and was led by Mrs Khoury and Mrs Summit.

During the liturgy, we presented 'Spirit of Catholic Education' awards to a student from each year level. These students are role models for our school. They show gratitude, empathy and mindfulness daily and are inclusive of all. They are the face of Jesus to those around them.

Our Staff award winner was Gabby Khoury.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.



Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



This week, we have been celebrating Catholic Education Week and the fact that Catholic kindies, schools and universities are diverse communities, nurturing Faith, inspiring Hope, and spreading Love.

Faith is the foundation of our journey; Hope illuminates the path ahead; and Love is the heartbeat of the community. Our school is not just a place of learning; it's a sanctuary where faith, hope, and love intertwine to shape the hearts and minds of our precious students, who rise to meet high expectations.

Classes have shared stories of the great things that have happened and are continuing to happen at Stella Maris School, capturing the blessings of our school in paper chains. We especially acknowledged the work of our two recipients of the 2024 Spirit of Catholic Education Awards. We honour the tireless dedication of all teachers, the unwavering support of parents, and the boundless potential of our students. Altogether, we create a legacy—a legacy of faith-filled learners, hopeful dreamers, and loving souls.

May God's grace continue to guide us as we journey forward, hand in hand, as pilgrims of faith, hope, and love.



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Principal: Sharon Collins



It's been a great week at Siena, with a particular focus on the third of our Pillars - the Pillar of Community.

We started the week with a photo shoot for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This year is the 20th Anniversary of the Day of Daniel Walk and we were honoured to be asked to create a number 20 for them to use in the lead up to the day. We went 'all out' in response, taking all of our staff and students to the oval in order to create a giant number two and zero to fulfil their request.

On Wednesday morning, we gathered with the Primary School for our annual Catholic Education Week liturgy. This was a wonderful celebration of both schools, as we reflected on what it means to belong to not just our school, but the wider system of Catholic schools in Qld.

Wednesday afternoon saw us competing in the rescheduled Athletics Carnival. Under beautiful blue skies, students completed the track and field and tug-of-war events. Congratulations to the students from Ozanam who were awarded the Champion House trophy.

