

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 10/11 August 2024

First Reading: 1 Kg 19:4-8 Second Reading: 2 Eph 4: 30-5:2: Gospel: Jn 6: 41-51

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.

We launch this Sunday, 11 August, our new, regular Junior Ministers youth programme. If you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are in Year 3 or above then this Youth group is for you! From this Sunday we embark on an exciting new format! Our Junior Ministers youth group will now gather every Sunday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Stella Maris during the school term. Tell your friends and come along!

In our sessions, we'll explore various ministries where our young people can get involved. After our activities, we'll enjoy a snack of pizza and a drink, followed by fun games. We'll wrap-up just in time to join the 5.00pm Mass celebration.

If you're interested and would like to learn more, please reach out to Bernie Baillie at bbaille811@gmail.com.au.

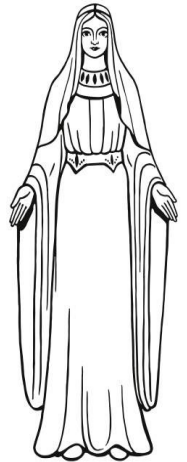


The **ASSUMPTION OF MARY** is the traditional belief held by the Church that the Virgin Mary, *"...having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."* This means Mary, as Jesus' mother, was given the divine gift of being taken body and soul to Heaven upon her death. This doctrine was dogmatically and infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

In his August 15, 2004, homily given at Lourdes, Pope John Paul II quoted John 14:3 from the Bible as a scriptural basis for understanding the dogma of the Assumption of Mary. In this verse, Jesus tells his disciples at the Last Supper, *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also."*

According to Catholic theology, Mary is the pledge of the fulfilment of Christ's promise. However, many theologians disagree with this interpretation of Scripture, and believe that Christ was speaking about his preparation for Calvary and the crucifixion for the remission of sins.

This Thursday, 15 August, is the Feast of the Assumption. Our Parish Masses for this feast day will be **8.30am at St Peter's**, Coolum and **5.00pm at Stella Maris**, Maroochydore.



Available at the entrance of all our four churches we have new information envelopes containing details about our **Parish Planned Giving** programme and the many ways you can support your Parish and our **Endowment Fund** which will provide your Parish Family with financial security into the future.

For new and returning members of our Parish there is a **Welcome Pack**. It contains valuable information about your new Parish Family. We have a new parishioner's welcome night coming up on Monday 19 August 6.00pm-7.30pm, we would like to personally invite you so please take a **Welcome Pack** home with you and contact us so that we can officially welcome you to our wonderful Catholic Community.

At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly
Fr Isaac Falzon
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, 12 August

- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Parish Finance Committee Meeting (Stella Maris Boardroom)

Tuesday, 13 August

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

Wednesday, 14 August *St Maximilian Mary Kolbe*

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Coolum Community Meeting (12.00pm Stella M Boardroom)
- ◆ Buderim Community Meeting (2.00pm Stella M Boardroom)
- ◆ First Holy Communion - Reconciliation (5.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Thursday, 15 August *The Assumption of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Rosary & Divine Mercy (2.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Maroochydore 10:10** (5:30pm St Catherine of Siena-Parish Youth Group)

Friday, 16 August

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

Saturday, 17 August

- ◆ Reconciliation (**8.30am -9.30am** Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Baptism of George Nisbett, Hugo Nisbett, Lillian Nisbett and Philippa Weir (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, 18 August

20th 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)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (3.00pm Stella Maris Bliss Room)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Young Adult Group (6.00pm Stella Maris)

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.

Halfway Mark

Sacramental preparation brings life and energy to our Parish Family. Currently we have over 90 of our younger parishioners and their families energetically preparing. We are now halfway through the program for this year with the celebration of the sacrament happening over the weekend of August 24/25. This week we are learning about Reconciliation with the candidates undertaking the sacrament next Wednesday. We would like to thank everyone and particularly the Catechists for making these young people feel so very welcome in our communities. All of us who are older can remember our own First Communion Day! Hopefully it will be an experience they remember for the rest of their lives. Thank you for your ongoing support, Carrolyn Watt, *Parish Sacramental Coordinator*.

Good Stewardship

The old saying *that you cannot run the church on Hail Marys* is very true! That is why our Parish has a Finance Committee that meets regularly to ensure that we are good stewards of the resources that you, our parishioners, generously give us. Your contribution helps us to cover our running costs, pay down our parish debt of \$1,509,248.00, to plan for the future while ensuring all the current ministries and outreach are funded is the responsibility of the Finance Committee. Thank you for your generous financial support and your trust in the work of the Committee, it is appreciated. The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be this Monday evening in the Parish Office.

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 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 – see Fr Peter, Fr Isaac or Carrolyn Watt, our Sacramental Coordinator for more information.

Następna polska Msza św

Mass in Polish is celebrated at St Mary's Buderim on the fourth Sunday of every month. The next Mass in Polish will be on Sunday August 24 at 4.00pm - tell your Polish friends—all welcome.

Looking Ahead

The next gathering of Sisterhood:
Tuesday 20 August
Annual Catholic Campaign:
7/8 September weekend
St Catherine's 20th Anniversary
celebrations: Sunday 13 October
Parish Men's Retreat: Saturday 26 October



ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,
Angus Lane, Oscar Lane, Paige Larkin, Theodore Rastas and *Peach Scott-Griffiths*
who will be baptised, this weekend in our parish.

Your continued generous financial support sustains our Parish Family and makes our ministry and outreach possible – Thank you.

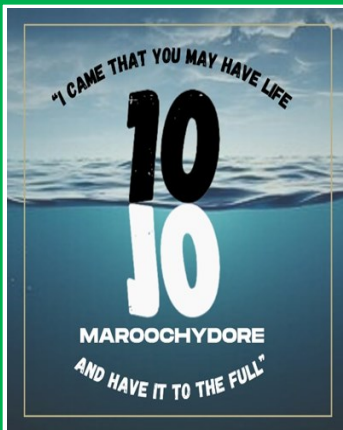
Each year, one of the biggest Catholic youth gatherings takes place in Brisbane with the **Ignite Conference** this year taking place at St Laurence's College September 19-22. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. At the heart of these four days is the potential of large-scale gatherings of Catholics to worship, receive powerful preaching and participate in the sacraments.

This year our Stella Maris Parish is planning on sending 50 of our younger members to the conference. To help cover some of the registration costs after the 9.00am Mass this Sunday the youth will be organising a sausage sizzle – at \$3 a sausage your support is appreciated. If you would like to find out more about the conference or would like to join us at the conference please contact Fr Isaac (falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au) **Bon appetit!**



It is hard to miss the new addition to our Parish Family – after much anticipation our coffee van has finally arrived! Made possible through the generosity of a Parish family, the coffee van is not just a place for great coffee, it is an important part of our Parish ministry – **the ministry of hospitality**. We would like to develop teams of four people to help bring this ministry to life. Why not gather a couple of friends and form a team or perhaps accept this invitation and we will organise you into a team. Training will be provided remember it is not just about great coffee but more importantly, *it's about hospitality*.

If you have formed a team, would like to join a team or simply would like more information please contact the parish office or email Fr Peter Brannelly (brannellyp@bne.catholic.net.au) or Fr Isaac (falzoni@bne.catholic.net.au).



Youth Group is back! Facilitated by the Parish, led by the NET Team and held at Siena Catholic College, **10:10 Maroochydore** is for everyone in Years 7-12. Each night will be full of games, fun, food, new friends, formation in faith and prayer experiences. you don't want to miss it!

If you're in high school, we would love for YOU to come along!!! If you're a parent/caregiver/grandparent, send your high-schooler along!

WHO: All Year 7-12 students **WHEN:** Every Thursday during school term, 5.30pm-7.30pm

WHERE: Siena Catholic College.

THE FIRST TO APOLOGISE IS THE BRAVEST
THE FIRST TO FORGIVE IS THE STRONGEST
THE FIRST TO FORGET AND LET GO IS THE HAPPIEST!

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE SYNOD24

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.

FAQs: What is SYNOD24?

SYNOD24 is about discerning action plans that will help the Archdiocese implement the areas of focus (Decrees) that came out of the Plenary Council. A brief explanation of each area of focus (Decree) can be found here:

<https://aobsynod2024.com/plenary-council-resources/>

SYNOD24 will be held on two days in September and two days in October, where approximately 150 people representing the diversity of the Archdiocese will discuss, debate and vote on the proposed practical and measurable actions plans. Synod Members must attend **all four** days. More information on SYNOD24 can be found here:

<https://aobsynod2024.com/what-is-synod24/>

Plenary Council Decree 7 requires **all dioceses and eparchies** to have a synod by the end of 2025. SYNOD24 is our response to this requirement. You can download all Plenary Council Decrees here:

<https://aobsynod2024.com/plenary-council-resources/>

SYNOD24 honours the significant level of broad consultation, listening and discerning that has taken place over the course of the Plenary Council journey (since 2018) and is the next step of this process. Consultations over March, April and May have been focused on voices that had not been heard previously, voices of those on the margins, experts and experienced practitioners. This is to ensure the action plans are practical and measurable, that they reflect the needs of our Archdiocese, and that they truly reflect the responses submitted throughout the Plenary Council process. To remind yourself of the Plenary Council journey since 2018 head here: <https://aobsynod2024.com/what-is-synod24/>

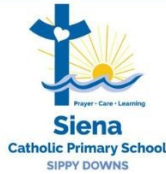
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



Last Friday evening, 30 of our Year 5 & 6 students shone in their performance at Wakakirri. Wakakirri is a nationwide Festival for schools that provides a platform for students to express their thoughts, ideas, and aspirations through the art of storytelling and dance.

Our students spent almost every lunch break in Term 2, learning the amazing choreography of Ms Norcott, supported by Mrs Wells. Mr Campbell and a Year 6 student created an iMovie that was the visual backdrop to the performance. This work culminated in an incredible performance at the Event Centre, Caloundra.

The theme was Belonging. Our message encouraged people get out of the pixel world, and back into humanity. We need to build an awareness that online friends and followers are not representative of your self-worth and your capacity to belong. You wouldn't allow 900,000 people to literally follow you, why allow this online? You really don't need 953,000 friends. It would be better if we could go back to the time when you knew that if your whole world crashed, you had someone that you could really lean on, maybe not a handful but certainly one!



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Principal: Mark Ballam



From little things, big things grow.

Our adorable little friends from Kindy at Smartland Boutique Early Learning, Maroochydore, have been coming to visit Year 5 recently. These visits are all about building bonds with their buddies before they step into Prep and Year 6 next year. The Kindy children absolutely cherish their walks down to Stella Maris, where they get to explore and learn new things with the 'big kids'. And the Year 5s are just as thrilled to have their young friends around! It's a heartwarming experience for everyone involved!

We've also had visits from children and families who are looking forward to coming to 'big school' at Stella Maris in 2025. By attending 'Principal's Tours', they get to learn so much more about the story of our school and to see for themselves, our fabulous facilities. They find it much easier to find Prep now, with our fabulous new signage and our current Preps think it looks great too.



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Principal: Sharon Collins



Our Year 8s were on Camp at Emu Gully this week. Their three-day experience was an opportunity for them to build team cohesion and to have fun - all while being challenged to move out of their comfort zones during the ANZAC themed activities. On Wednesday, our Year 11 Business class travelled to Australia Zoo to explore how they work on branding and marketing and their ongoing plans for building tourism on the Sunshine Coast.

Thursday was a very busy day - with our Vicki Wilson Netball squad going to Brisbane for the three-day State finals competition; our Year 9s attending a sport Gala Day, taking on other schools in sports including Rugby League, Basketball, AFL, Netball and Touch Football; and our Year 11 Dance students travelling to QPAC to watch the Bangarra dance troupe. Our week of excursions finished on Friday when our Year 10 Geography students had the opportunity to visit Sea Life at Mooloolaba.

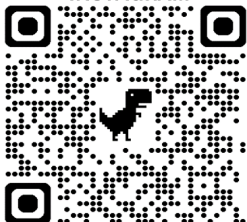
Plans are also well in hand for next week's Siena Day celebrations!



Don't be Shy—Let's be Friends!

It has never been so easy to get in touch and keep up to date with the many ministries and activities of our Sunshine Coast Parish. Why not start by visiting our Parish Facebook page? 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. Our Parish Instagram page also offers a wealth of information while our E-Newsletter delivers our weekly Parish newsletter straight to your inbox!

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