

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

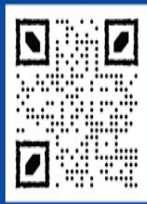
Weekend of the 31 Aug/1 Sep 2024

First Reading: Is 35:4-7 Second Reading: James 2:1-5 Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

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.



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2024 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

This year has brought its own set of challenges and rewards, reminding us of the strength and resilience found through our faith. Despite the obstacles, we have much to be thankful for. The continued support from our community makes a significant impact on the good works of the Church. There are many who need our care, and this campaign reaches out to those who need our support most. **This weekend across our Parish we will hold the annual Catholic Campaign and I encourage you to once again support it this year.**

The Annual Catholic Campaign reminds us that we are part of the larger Church. Our parishes work together to support vital ministries and services. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact our parish, such as:

- *Training future priests.*
- *Caring for elderly priests when they become frail and unwell.*
- *Helping struggling families access a Catholic education.*
- *Caring for those suffering both physically and emotionally in our local community.*
- *There is also the option to make a non-tax-deductible gift to help fund grassroots ministry, and a place for prayer in our Archdiocese.*

When making your gift, please put your donation inside the envelope provided so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail. Over the years, our parish has given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community. Thank you for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help in times of need.

If you have not come prepared for the appeal you are invited to take home an envelope and return it next week. God Bless.

TO ALL OUR FATHER'S, GRANDFATHERS' AND FATHER FIGURES IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

Happy Father's Day



Don't forget we need your dirty cars for next weekend's car wash at St Catherine's, Sippy Downs. For \$20 we will give your car a real good clean. All the proceeds go towards reducing the costs of our youth attending the annual Ignite Youth Conference in Brisbane at the end of September. Sunday 8 September, Sippy Downs car park from 7.30am – *thanks for your support!*

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, 2 September

- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

Tuesday, 3 September *St Gregory the Great*

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, S M Primary School Chapel, all welcome)
- ◆ R.C.I.A Information Night (6.00pm Bliss Room Stella Maris)

Wednesday, 4 September

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Community Meetings **Coolum** 12noon, **Buderim** 2.30pm, **Sippy Downs** 4.30pm, **Stella Maris** 6.00pm .
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Thursday, 5 September

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Rosary (2.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation (6.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Maroochydore 10:10** (5.30pm at St Catherine of Siena-Parish Youth Group)

Friday, 6 September

- ◆ **Anointing & Healing Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church) followed by morning tea
- ◆ Funeral of Shirley Grams (11.00am St Peter's Church, Coolum)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Saturday, 7 September

- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Baptisms of Eleanor Froud, George Froud & Nika Micallef (10.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ El Shaddai group (11.00am Sippy Downs)

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

Sunday, 8 September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Car Wash Fundraiser (7.30am, St Catherine of Siena Church carpark—very dirty cars welcome!)
- ◆ **Mass** (8.00am St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am St Mary's Church)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation Primary Children (2.00pm Stella Maris)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (3.00pm Stella Maris Bliss Room)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Adoration (6.00pm 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.

This Tuesday

The initials R.C.I.A. simply stands for The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults. It is the prayerful journey of preparation and discernment for those who are exploring the option of joining the church or for those who are returning to the Church. The Holy Spirit is definitely at work in our community because currently we have two groups meeting regularly learning more about the Catholic faith. Because of several requests, we are going to form another group and if you are interested to find out more about what we believe and look at the possibility of being baptised and joining the Church you are invited to meeting this **Tuesday, 3 September**, 6.00pm in the Bliss Room, adjacent to the Stella Maris parish office. Further information please contact Fr Isaac at the office or by email. (falzoni@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.

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 Carolyn Watt for more information.

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 6.00pm 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 before the meeting.

Thank You

The Stella Maris Craft Group would like to thank everyone who supported their craft sale last weekend at Maroochydore. Sales were brisk and bargains aplenty! \$1,340 was raised and this will be donated to the Black Dog Institute.

Anointing Mass

The First Friday of September falls on next 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 following the Mass.

ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,

Lara Martelo

who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We pray for all those who have died, especially *Shirley Grams* and *John O'Reilly*.

John's funeral rites were celebrated this week at St Mary's. Shirley's funeral rites will be celebrated on Friday 6 September 11.00am at St Peter's Church. May all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, through the rich mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.



Last Sunday was a great celebration of faith, hope and joy as across our Parish we celebrated the First Holy Communion of 95 of our younger parishioners. After weeks of preparation, and a large dose of anticipation, the first Holy Communion Masses were great celebrations of handing on the faith to our young men and women. Congratulations to Carolyn Watt, our Sacramental Coordinator, to our catechists, NET team and the many parishioners behind the scenes who helped make this year's preparation journey which was so meaningful to the candidates, their families, and our entire Parish community.



The Stella Maris Parish Invites You To Our



Adoration and Prayer Night

8 September
6pm - 8pm

at Stella Maris Church

Hosted by the Maroochydore Young Adults Group.
Come join us, all parishioners are welcome.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

Saturday 28th September 2024
11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 25 September
Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au | Phone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available

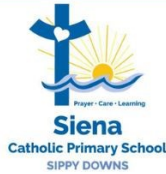
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Sippy Downs

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



On Wednesday 28 August, the school buzzed with excitement as students eagerly participated in the annual Father's Day stall. For just \$5, they purchased thoughtful gifts for their dads—a token of appreciation and love. The children eagerly selected items ranging from BBQ aprons, coffee mugs, sunglasses and bells to name a few. Each gift carefully chosen to bring a smile to their fathers' faces.

To continue the festivities, the P&F organised a delightful Father's Day breakfast this morning. Dads' gathered with their children on the school oval, sipping coffee, eating egg and bacon burgers and delicious croissants whilst basking in the warmth of the morning.

Following this heartwarming start to the day, the entire school assembled for a special liturgy. Thank you to Fr Isaac for celebrating the liturgy with us. We love sharing these special days with our parish priests. Prayers, songs, and blessings were offered to all dads, celebrating the role of fathers in our lives. And of course, no Father's Day would be complete without a good-natured dad joke! To cap it off, Year 6 students challenged dads to a spirited kickball competition. It was a great morning celebrating our dads', those who were present, and those in our hearts.



Stella Maris Primary School

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Maroochydore

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Principal: Mark Ballam



Excitement levels are rising as preparations continue for performances of our 2024 school musical, The Little Mermaid.

Already, many months of work have taken place, with heavy-duty decision making around which musical to select; script preparation; auditions; music rehearsals; acting workshops; choreography; set, props and costume design. Our school Performing Arts team and 150 student performers are getting very excited as they see the results of their hard work take shape. We are so grateful to have a fantastic team of volunteer parents and staff, working behind the scenes, tutoring, measuring, cutting, painting, pasting, sewing and supporting. Our little performers are having a blast, learning lots and enjoying every minute.

The big news this week, is that our ticket sales have opened!!

You can purchase tickets for any of our public performances on the following website: <https://events.humanitix.com/stella-maris-2024-musical>.

All performances will be held in the Stella Maris School Hall, commencing promptly at 6.30pm. The show is estimated to end at around 9.30pm (including a 20-minute interval).



Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



During the week, our staff have been engaged in a series of meetings and workshops to help them both reflect on where we are, and look ahead to our preferred future. Collaborative planning in the teaching and learning space was undertaken, as was a whole staff deliberation on what needs to be considered in the formation of our new strategic plan. Students also engaged in workshops led by Catholic Mission and BCE's Student Voice initiative.

On Wednesday, our Year 7 students joined the St Catherine's community for mass. In his homily, Fr Isaac reminded us that we are called to be the sort of authentic people that others want to be around ... pointing us to saints, like St Augustine, who show us how to spread the love, mercy and joy of God, and so make the world a better place.

On Friday's Student Free Day, ten of our staff members travelled to Cherbourg to visit the Ration Shed Museum. This was a great opportunity to explore the past and present of South East Queensland's largest Aboriginal community.



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. Please free to take an envelope home with you today.



Our new revamped Junior Ministers programme at Stella Maris is up and running. The Junior Ministers Youth Group is specifically designed for your younger children from Year 3 to Year 6. **Every Sunday during school term from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Stella Maris**, our Junior Minister programme explores various ministries within our parish, as well as fun activities and afternoon tea. Our plan is to wrap up in time for the 5.00pm Sunday Mass celebration. If you're interested and would like to learn more, please reach out to Bernie Baillie at bbaillic811@gmail.com. All young children are welcome and also adult volunteers who would like to be involved.