

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 5/6 October 2024

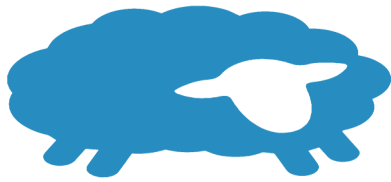
First Reading: Gen 2:18-24 Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

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

Introducing



flocknote

Our new Parish Data Base

If you are old enough, you might remember the parish priest going from door to door visiting your home. Part of the duty of priests were to visit all homes within the parish boundary to ensure that the parish census was up to date. Going door to door visiting every house on a street certainly ensured that priests knew who their parishioners were and their concerns, challenges and issues. It was all possible because back then parishes were smaller and at least mum was usually at home during the day looking after the children.

How things have changed! To go knocking door to door today on any street you would be lucky to find anyone at home. Families have become smaller, parishes have become bigger, both parents are working and people and families are continually on the move, relocating because of education, to find work or to be closer to family. Keeping track of who is a member of a parish is near on impossible!

This was bought home to me at Caloundra during the Covid lockdown. As priests we decided to contact all parishioners via the telephone just to touch base, to see if they were going OK and to help keep everyone connected. Even though we made hundreds of telephone calls, it soon became apparent that our parish data base was wholly inadequate – we called some people twice or three times, others we missed all together!

Since before the turn of the century, parishes across Australia have been using the PACS data base programme. As you can imagine, this programme is no longer fit for purpose. So, for the past 3 years the Australian church has been working in collaboration with the software designers to develop a new parish database programme called **Flocknote**. Flocknote is an online database and communication platform designed by Catholics for Catholics. It allows parishes to securely store parishioners' contact details to allow for smooth and effective communication – something that is essential to help us as a parish to connect, communicate and use the latest technology to better proclaim the Good News.

Since the start of September, parishes across Australia have been rolling out the new Flocknote data base and now it is our turn. We need all individuals and families to register. Using the QR code sign in and complete the details – it is all paperless – and by completing the details we build our data base.



So **please**, take a few moment now, or after Mass, or as soon as you get home and use the QR code to complete the details and become a registered member of the Parish.



OR, When you get home go to your computer and log into <https://maroochydore.flocknote.com/register> to complete the registration.



OR, Not confident with computers? Take home a paper data form and bring it back to church next weekend – we will have volunteers ready to help you become a registered parishioner.



Troubleshooting – if you have a problem or question send us an email and we will get back to you **ASAP**
stellam.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

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, 7 October King's Birthday Public Holiday
Our Lady of the Rosary

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm
- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** (5.30pm)

Tuesday, 8 October

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, S M Primary School Chapel)
- ◆ Craft Group (1.00pm St Peter's Church)
- ◆ Parish Finance Committee (5.30pm Stella Maris)

Wednesday, 9 October

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

Thursday, 10 October

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

Friday, 11 October

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

Saturday, 12 October

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am (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)
- ◆ Mass in Spanish (6.00pm St Mary's Church)

Sunday, 13 October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Anniversary Mass** (8.00am St Catherine of Siena Church celebrated by the Archbishop)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church-celebrating the First Holy Communion of Leroy Brown)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am St Mary's Church-celebrating the First Holy Communion of Oskar Donohue, Gabrielle Finn, Isaac Finn & Emma Walker)
- ◆ Junior Ministers (3.00pm Stella Maris Bliss Room)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.00pm Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Young Adults 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.

Stella Maris Parish Office

Adjacent to the Stella Maris Church
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At Your Service

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

INVITATION



To mark the 20th anniversary of the opening and blessing of St Catherine of Siena Church at Sippy Downs

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

will preside at the 8.00am Anniversary Mass next **Sunday 13 October.**

This is a celebration for the entire Parish and all parishioners and friends are cordially invited to join the Sippy Downs community for the Anniversary Mass and the celebrations following..



Our Parish ministry for Women meets next on Tuesday evening, 22 October 22 at Stella Maris. Please mark your diary and let your friends and neighbours know. A reminder that the annual women's one day retreat will once again be held at the Stella Maris Primary School on Saturday, 23 November.

ONE DAY BLOKES RETREAT OCTOBER 26, 2024



Retreat Director
Deacon Peter Pellicaan

8.30AM - 6.00PM

SUNSHINE COAST HOCKEY CLUB
176 BALLINGER ROAD
BUDERIM



SCAN

COST \$40

It Starts in Two Weeks

For five consecutive Mondays beginning on the 14 October, St Peter's Coolum will be the venue for this year's Ignatius Retreat. If you have a desire to deepen your relationship with God and find God's presence in your everyday life, then this could be a retreat for you! Where are now is where God is waiting for you! The great news is that there **are no special requirements to attend!**

The retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises by St Ignatius of Loyola. Come and experience this journey into divine friendship in your everyday life through a program of personal prayer and attending a weekly gathering of guided spiritual conversation.

What's Involved

Participants pray at home for 30 minutes each day, and meet together with retreat guides within a group once a week for 90 minutes, for listening, prayer and spiritual conversation.

Your Commitment

Spend 30 minutes daily in personal prayer.

Willingness to commit to four weeks of the retreat and attend five weekly group meetings.

A willingness to participate in group sharing.

To register or for more information contact info@jisa.org.au



Last Friday at their monthly craft gathering, the Stella Maris Craft Group took the opportunity of handing over to Sam a cheque for \$1,000 which was raised from their Father's Day craft stall. The Grab Life organisation is a local group that is focused on proactively increasing the quality of boy's and men's health and well-being. Their activities include expanding and strengthening the quality of mateship between men from all walks of life through real, authentic and genuine connections. Once again the Stella Maris Craft Group would like to thank everyone for your generous support and extend to all an invitation to join them on the 4th Friday of each month when they gather in the Bliss Room after the 9.00am Friday morning mass.

It is on again!

St Vincent de Paul yearly fundraising event will once again be held at the Kawana Catholic Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina (opposite the Kawana Library) **on Friday 25 & Saturday 26 October from 8.00am – 3.00pm.**

All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Kawana, to continue to support those experiencing hardship.



Last week, we had an amazing time at **Fun Days with God** as we celebrated the beauty of God's Gift of Creation through the Scriptures! The day was filled with joy as we came together for crafts, music, drama, and games. It was truly unforgettable, and only to place thanks to the incredible support of our wonderful NET Team.

We are excited to bring **Fun Days with God** back on **Monday, 16 December with the theme Advent Adventures!** While our NET Team will have completed their mission year, we're calling on our vibrant parish community to help make this day just as special.

If you are young at heart, enthusiastic, and eager to make a difference, we'd love for you to join us in this inspiring ministry! Your involvement can help bring more joy and connection to our parish family.

To be a part of this wonderful opportunity, reach out to **Bernie Baillie** at bbaillie811@gmail.com

The Junior Ministers' Youth Group is back !

Starting this weekend, we'll be gathering every Sunday for the next 8 weeks at **3.00pm** at **Stella Maris Church**.

This term, in addition to altar serving, we're excited to offer training in a variety of ministries including **readers, computer operators, welcomers, and money collectors**. After each training session, we'll relax with pizza, drinks, and a mix of fun games, wrapping up just in time to join the **5:00pm Mass**—where we'd love to see our young members serve when they're ready!

If this sounds like something you'd love to be a part of, don't wait! **email Bernie Baillie** at bbaillie811@gmail.com to learn more and register.

We can't wait to see you there!

Parents become grandparents and lose all their senses. All of a sudden they got McDonald's money now.

ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,

Melissa Dubrava

who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

First Holy Communion of **Leroy Brown** at Stella Maris, First Holy Communicants at St Mary's, **Oscar Donohoe, Gabrielle Finn, Isaac Finn** and **Emma Walker**.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Carmel Boyce, Alice Hardy, Pamela Jacob** and **John Miller**, whose funeral rites were celebrated this week.

May all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, through the rich mercy of God,

Rest in Peace.

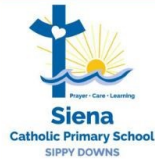
Catholic Education in our Stella Maris Parish Family

Siena Catholic Primary School

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Sippy Downs

psippydowns@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Glen Bucklar



We are excited to announce that students from Prep to Year 3 will be commencing their swimming lessons this week. This important part of our curriculum is designed to help students develop essential water safety skills, confidence in the water, and swimming techniques that will support their lifelong safety and enjoyment in aquatic environments. Lessons will take place at Sunshine Coast Grammar School pool, with qualified instructors ensuring that each child receives tailored guidance suited to their abilities.

Additionally, our Year 4 and 5 students will be participating in the Surf Skills program. Living on the beautiful Sunshine Coast, it's vital for our students to learn how to navigate and respect the ocean. This program will teach them key surf survival techniques, rip identification, and safe water practices, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to enjoy our beaches safely.

We believe these experiences not only foster essential life skills but also encourage confidence, fitness, and a love for our natural surroundings!



Stella Maris Primary School

Stella Maris Way,
Maroochydore

pmaroochydore@bne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mark Ballam



We ended last term with our Grandparents' Day, welcoming over 500 grandparents and grand-friends to a celebration of the endless love, wisdom, and warmth these fabulous people bring into the lives of our children. While the weather meant that we had to cancel our outdoor liturgy, there were musical performances, classroom visits and activities, a special blessing, a delicious morning tea and lots of smiles and hugs.

We jumped back into school routines this week with the beginning of our new school term; the last school term at primary school for our Year 6 students. It's set to be a busy one, but we are looking forward to lots of new learning; celebrating the Month of the Rosary and our school feast day; raising funds and awareness to support Catholic Mission and collecting items to support our local Vinnies' Christmas hamper project; our school Musical (The Little Mermaid); swimming fun and great achievements.



Siena Catholic College

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Sippy Downs

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Principal: Sharon Collins



The final term of the school year has begun, and we were quickly back into all that it will have to offer.

We would like to congratulate staff member Paul Dionysius – a worthy recipient of a TeachX Award from the Queensland College of Teachers. This Award complements his BCE Excellence in Teaching Award, with both recognising his excellence in engaging with and extending students in the area of Digital Technologies.

Our Year 11 students have taken the opportunity to think about their role as leaders in the College and have begun the discernment process for choosing the 2025 student leadership team. Meanwhile, our Year 12s are in the final stages of preparation and revision for their External Exams, which start in Week 4.

During the holidays, our NET team and a number of our students attended the annual Ignite Conference in Brisbane. All participants in the event spoke about how much they enjoyed all that the experience had to offer. Thanks to the NET team for their hard work in fundraising for this event and for their leadership in a number of the conference sessions.



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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