

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of the 26/27 October 2024

First Reading: Is 53:10-11 Second Reading: Heb 4: 14-16 Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

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.

Death is the most personal thing any of us will go through – think about that statement and how profound it is! No one else can do it for us or with us! Yet, despite the certainty of it, for most of us there is a sense of denial, a preference for changing the topic to something less confronting and more pleasant! This week, we approach the two great feasts of our faith, **All Saints**, which falls on this Friday, closely followed by **All Souls' Day** on Saturday.

For us as Catholics, and as people of faith, the reality is that death has a central place. If the truth be known, death makes us focus on what matters in our lives and to wonder at the mystery of our coming into the world for such a relatively short time, only to leave it again. Any serious account of what it means to be human must grapple with death.

The stark reality is that our lives are a gift from God – only given once. But if our lives are lived well enough, once is enough. What we do with our life is our gift back to God!

So, on this Friday we will remember the big people of our Catholic story, the ones who have made their mark and lived out their faith in such a way that we especially remember them. Mother Teresa, Mary MacKillop, Edmund Rice, Catherine McAuley, Marcellin Champagnat—*the list goes on and on!* That's what we do on All Saints' Day, we pray that they will not only intercede for us but also that their life, sacrifices and vision may inspire us along our own pilgrim journey here on the Sunshine Coast.

However, the following day, next Saturday, we celebrate All Souls' Day. There is definitely something much more tangible and personal about this day. We might know the official saints by name from a book or a movie but we know the names of All Souls' by experience! They are our parents, children, siblings, relations, friends, those who were larger than life, and yet have died. Next Saturday, we remember them!

As people of faith, we are people who believe, or at least struggle to believe, in the resurrection. We believe that death is not the end; that our lives are just so valuable for them to end without a trace! We believe that Jesus, by his own death and resurrection, defeated death for all of us. It's why we pray in the creed that *we believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting!* We believe that life continues after death. We're often not really sure what that looks like, but we believe it. We put our hope in it. And because of that belief and that hope we also believe that we are still connected to all of those who are with us no longer.

All Saints' Day Mass—This Friday—9am Stella Maris
All Souls' Day Mass—This Saturday—9am Stella Maris

So, during this holy time of remembrance let us mourn and celebrate. Let us remember those who have impacted our lives, let us learn from the examples of the saints, let us remember that we all continue to belong to one another.



Traditionally after the All Souls' Day Mass we serve morning tea which is coordinated by our Parish Grief Support Team. Please consider bringing a plate along to share after

Mass next Saturday morning.



At the entrance to our churches you will notice our **Parish Book of Remembrance**. You are invited to take a few moments and record the names of your loved ones who have died and who you remember especially at this time. Our Book of Remembrance will be the focus of our prayers during the month of November.

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At Your Service

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

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, 28 October

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm
- ◆ Benediction (5.15pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm)

Tuesday, 29 October

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

Wednesday, 30 October

- ◆ **Mass** (7.00am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Scripture Study Group (9.30am, Zoom)
- ◆ Rosary Group (5.15pm St Catherine of Siena)
- ◆ Latin Prayer Group (6.00pm, Stella Maris)

Thursday, 31 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, 1 November

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

Saturday, 2 November

Please Note—no Reconciliation this morning because of the special All Souls' Mass.

- ◆ **All Souls' Day Mass** (9.00am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Baptism of *Charlotte & Lillian Gaertner, Ellora & Maeve Cotter, Dakari King, Emily & Kai Tibbits, Angel Cooke, Gemma, Thomas & William Carey, Austin Rodwell & Logan Blundell* (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, 3 November

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8am 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 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.

Have you gone *online* and become a registered member of your Parish? Two weeks ago, we launched across our community the invitation to register using **Flocknote**, our new, church designed, Australia wide data programme.

There are three ways for you to register.



By simply using your phone and this QR code it will

take you directly to the parish sign up page. You will receive a confirmation code which will allow you to securely enter your family details.



When you are sitting in front of your computer follow this link <https://maroochydore.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our

Parish Flocknote data page. Feedback tells us that it is a easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

If you haven't got a computer or if you have tried and technology has beaten you, then at the entrance to the church you will discover a hard copy of the registration form – please complete it and return it to the parish so that we can register you.



Finally, if you are having trouble or if you have any suggestions, please send us a email stellam.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au

Flocknote is a work in progress and every parish is different with unique ministries and needs – only with your feedback and involvement can we continue to refine Flocknote so that it lives up to its full potential as a instrument of the Good News! **Thanks for registering!**



Congratulations to *Mason Lane, Sienna Lane, Archie Layton, London McMahon, Poppie Vaiana & Tommie Vaiana Chloe Garton, Ethan & Lachlan Rector, Annabelle & Charlotte Christopherson, John & Jim Rouette, Carey & Poppy Howard* who were baptised last Sunday at Stella Maris.

This weekend we celebrate *Emily & Kai Tibbits, Angel Cooke, Gemma, Thomas & William Carey, Austin Rodwell & Logan Blundell* who will be baptised at St Catherine's, Sippy Downs on Sunday.



Calling all Junior Youth Ministers. If you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are in Year 3 or above then this Youth Group is for you!

Every Sunday our Junior Ministers youth group gather 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 bbailie811@gmail.com

Good to Know

In our Parish Family it is a privilege, and not a right, to come forward and receive Holy Communion in our Parish Family. We are conscious of our fellow parishioners who, for whatever reason, cannot receive Holy Communion. They are, however, along with anyone who joins us and who is not a Catholic, welcome to come forward with the community and receive a blessing. When you approach the minister simply cross your arms and ask for a blessing.

There are some common rituals and habits that unite us who receive Holy Communion. Paragraph 160 of the official *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains that the sign of reverence for the sacred elements is a bow that is made as communicants approach the ministers distributing Communion: "When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive". Communicants are to make a simple bow of the head when they step forward to receive the consecrated elements from the minister. Such a bow can be done simply, without disrupting the flow of the Communion Procession. You consume the Blessed Sacrament immediately on receiving it.

Anointing Mass

The First Friday of November coincides with All Saints' Day 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 on the church veranda.

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 Carolyn Watt, our Sacramental Coordinator for more information: sacraments.suncoast@bne.catholic.net.au



Last weekend, our Sunshine Coast Parish celebrated with the Universal Church Mission Sunday and we were reminded about our connection and obligations to our sisters and brothers beyond our shores. Thank you for once again generously supporting the appeal. If you did not get a chance to contribute to the Missions collection, there are still appeal envelopes available at the entrance to the church or you can go on line: www.catholicmission.org.au. A special thank you to our Student Ambassadors who lead our reflection at St Catherine's, St Mary's and Stella Maris. Also, thank you to St Catherine of Siena Primary School for leading last Sunday Mass and the fantastic morning tea.



It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming the six members of our **NET** team for 2024 but suddenly their time with us is quickly drawing to a close! Next weekend will be the last time they will be with us before they depart for retreat and debriefing. We are in the process of negotiating for a new team for 2025. So over the next weekend, if you run into a NET team member, be sure to thank them for their hard work and faithful ministry in our midst.

Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

Those parents with new born babies wishing for them to be baptised are reminded of the preparation meeting, which takes place at Stella Maris Church on the first Thursday of every month. At this short preparation meeting, we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates. The next baptismal preparation meeting will be on next **Thursday 7 November** beginning at 6.00pm. Please register through our parish website: www.maroochydoreparish.com.au

ON THE JOURNEY—WHERE LIFE MEETS FAITH

We welcome into God's Family, the Church,
Charlotte & Lillian Gaertner, Ellora & Maeve Cotter, Dakari King, Emily & Kai Tibbits, Angel Cooke, Gemma, Thomas & William Carey, Austin Rodwell & Logan Blundell.
who will be baptised this weekend in our parish.

We wish Deacon Michael Khoury every blessing as he celebrates his birthday this Wednesday.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Victor Kelly** and **Margaret Mattiazzi** who's funerals will be celebrated at St Peters 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

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Principal: Glen Bucklar



This month is Catholic Mission's, 'World Missions Month' and to mark this special time in our Catholic school calendar a group of 19 students accompanied by Mrs Swan and I will go to Stella Maris church to celebrate a liturgy with our fellow district Catholic schools.

It was a lovely liturgy based on the theme, 'Go and invite everyone to the Banquet' Matthew 22:9. The liturgy was led by Fr Peter.

The liturgy celebrated the work of the Church of Mongolia. The children learned how the money we raise through our Socktober venture assists areas like Mongolia in their plight to assist the poor. Currently, Mongolia has approximately 1,500 Catholics in the country. There are eight parishes, three mission stations (without resident priests), and one other pastoral centre. The Mongolian Catholic Church is young and lives on the periphery.

The congregation prayed for all missions around the world. We in Australia are in such a privileged position to assist the poor and disadvantaged throughout the world. It is our mission as Christians to care for the marginalised.

Stella Maris Primary School

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Principal: Mark Ballam



We aimed for a quieter week this week, in the wake of our fabulous school Musical, *The Little Mermaid*. What an adventure it has been! After months of planning, rehearsing, creating, setting up, preparing and testing, it was time for everything to come together. And what a success it was. The audiences were amazed that all aspects of the musical were outstanding... the costuming, props, music, singing, dancing, sound, lighting and special effects were incredible. It was such a joy to see even our littlest audience members delight in the show and get so involved. We are so grateful for the enormous team of volunteer staff and parents who worked together with our incredible team leader (our Music teacher, Mrs Inez Durrer) to support our super troupe of student performers from Years 3 to 6 to bring the musical to life. Brilliant efforts all around! We'll let you all have a rest first, but we can't wait for the next musical in 2026!



Siena Catholic College

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Principal: Sharon Collins



This week, our Year 12 students began their external exams. We are very proud of the way that they have engaged with these exams, and we wish them well as they undertake this very important final assessment period.



On Wednesday, our Year 11s joined the St Catherine's community for Mass. In his homily, Fr Isaac reminded us of the importance of prayer and of engaging in it regularly. The Mass also marked the final time our NET team will join us for this occasion, and we thank them for assisting so expertly with the music ministry.

Early Friday morning, staff and students turned out in large numbers for the 20th Day for Daniel Walk - from Suncoast Christian College to Briggs Park at Palmwoods. We will never forget Daniel and are proud to support the work of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and to spread its essential message of 'keeping kids safe'.



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*.

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 feel free to take an envelope home with you today.



Only your financial commitment makes our Parish ministries possible.

Thank you for your continued financial sacrifices and trust.

Planning Ahead: as a community that also has to welcome many holiday makers and visitors we have to plan ahead. For your information, our **Christmas schedule** is as follows:

Communal Rite of Reconciliation, Caloundra Saturday morning December 21, 9am

Communal Rite of Reconciliation, Maroochydore Monday evening December 23, 5pm

Christmas Eve: Maroochydore 4pm, Coolum 5pm, Sippy Downs 5pm, Maroochydore 6pm, Maroochydore, Midnight.

Christmas Day: Maroochydore 6:30am, Coolum 7:30am, Maroochydore 9am, Buderim 9:30am