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St Vincent's

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Stella Maris

254 Hedges Avenue,
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16th / 17th December 2017 – YEAR B



Thank You

After nearly 4 years worshipping and serving in Surfers Paradise parish, the time has come to say goodbye. It has been a fulfilling time of new learnings and pastoral application. But the most endearing experience has been your welcome, inclusivity and friendship. I feel I have received an extraordinary blessing for which I am truly grateful.

This feeling of gratitude is more than transient – it is a way of seeing, a way of remembering and a way of proceeding that acknowledges my experience here as grace. I am reminded of the words of theologian Karl Barth, “grace and gratitude go together like heaven and earth: grace evokes gratitude like the voice of an echo.”

Like an echo, gratitude reverberates in my heart. I am grateful for the experience of God's love through the people here. Your support has not only been a sign of God's grace but the principal way it has come to me, opening the windows for grace to come through other channels being my husband and family, friends, lecturers and insightful spiritual teachers. God has certainly been present in such a loving approach.

There are undeniable losses in any goodbye. The knowledge that I may never see some friends again, the relocation from a home I have enjoyed for ten years and most definitely the change in climate! However they are placed in their rightful order when considering the advent of God's approach in any change that occurs in life. It is given voice in the original context of Isaiah, “God's ways,” referring to a goodness that takes my breath away - aptly timed during this season of Advent! The few things that are important have become enormously more important: love in all its forms, a fine school to work at and a new community of faith to belong to. I keep in mind that it is God who makes these gifts possible.

If gratitude is an echo of grace, then hope is the echo of God's paying attention to us. Advent is a season of hope and expectant waiting. God's choice to become incarnate gives us reason to have hope in God and also reveals that God has hope in us. Hope is not wishful thinking, optimism, or being cheerful but concerns “a future good, difficult but possible to attain... by means of divine assistance” (Summa Theologica II.II 17.1). I am encouraged that God wants us to trust what we do is meaningful because God is supporting it. I can go forward in hope to something new and exciting knowing that “God is in it.”

I am very grateful to God who has hope in us. I am very grateful to you, to the priests past and present and parish staff. Thank you for being part of my journey. I will keep you in my prayers. May God continue to bless Fr Peter, Fr Paul and the very special parish of Surfers Paradise.

“Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance that comes from knowing him.” (2 Cor 2:14)

Blessings, Helen

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

1 Thess 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

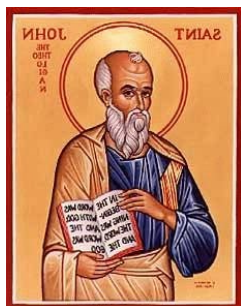
READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke:1:26-38



A VOCATION VIEW for the Third Sunday of Advent -

There was a man sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe.

Is your name in the Gospel today?

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS Thank you to all the people who have volunteered their help for the Christmas Masses. **A copy of the roster is available in all churches.**

If you need to change or cancel your commitment then please phone Helen at the Parish Office 5572 5433.

Christmas Eve - Children's play

Children are invited to participate in the **6pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church.**

There will be a meeting and practice on Wednesday December 20th at 9am in Sacred Heart Church.

All children are invited.

Contact Helen ph. 5572 5433



FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES - to be held at

Southport **Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus**

with **Lynne Head-Weir** and **Chris Kennedy**

at the Mary Immaculate Church, Edmund Rice Drive, Southport on Mon 26 February, 2018

9.30am to 11.30pm

For more information contact the Faber Centre of Ignation Spirituality Ph **07 3368 2450**

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The **statue of Our Lady** will be at the home of Marion & Ricardo Herft of Carrara for the week of Monday 18th December.

If you wish to take part please contact Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - FIRST RITE

PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS

MONDAY 18TH DEC AFTER 7AM MASS ST VINCENT'S

TUESDAY 19TH AFTER 9AM MASS SACRED HEART

WEDNESDAY 20TH AFTER 9AM MASS STELLA MARIS

THURSDAY 21ST AFTER 9AM MASS STELLA MARIS

FRIDAY 22ND AFTER 7AM MASS AT ST VINCENT'S

FRIDAY 22ND AFTER 9AM MASS AT SACRED HEART

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER

4:15 –4:45 PM BEFORE 5PM VIGIL AT STELLA MARIS

5:00-5:30PM BEFORE 6PM VIGIL AT SACRED HEART

5:15-5:45PM BEFORE 6PM VIGIL AT ST VINCENT'S

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24th December - Christmas Eve

5pm — Broadbeach

6pm — Clear Island Waters (Children's Mass)

6pm — Surfers Paradise

8pm — Clear Island Waters

Midnight — Clear Island Waters

25th December - Christmas Day

7am — Broadbeach

8am — Surfers Paradise

8.30am — Broadbeach

9am — Clear Island Waters

10am — Surfers Paradise

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VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS:

Expressions of interest for training as a **volunteer hospital pastoral carer** are being sought for training in 2018.

Centacare Pastoral Ministries offers scholarships for training in return for a one morning per week commitment for a minimum two year period. Pastoral care teams in hospitals are highly valued by patients, staff and management. Pastoral care is a very rewarding volunteer role and if you would like to know more contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS: Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a **Global Gift card** to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people. **Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au**

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

This week we welcome a guest curator/librarian our seminarian, William ! He generously spent an afternoon learning about our Library and choosing books to be put out on display. Some were old friends, some dealing with areas of his special interest and some exciting new choices. Much like how we all choose books from a rich and varied collection! Do come into the Library and find something to inspire your Advent reading.
Jean Di Benedetto

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: The Christmas Raffle

will be drawn this weekend after the 10:00am Mass at **St Vincent's Church**. Winning ticket owners are asked to collect their prizes on Monday, 18th December, at the Parish Hospitality Centre 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters at 4:30pm

Parish resources, Sacred Heart Parish Ladies and St Vincent de Paul will benefit from the proceeds, a total of \$3845 was raised. Many thanks for your support. Have a peace- filled happy Christmas.

The Art & Craft Group.

FR MAC'S PUDDINGS are still available from the Parish office and the Religious Goods Shops at St Vincent's and Sacred Heart Churches

Regular \$15, Gluten Free \$25, single serve \$5
Buy now before they run out, phone 55725433.

RELIGIOUS GOODS: Nativity Sets and Christmas items, have been **reduced**, items marked with a spot reduced. Columban Calendars, Daily Mass and Sunday Mass Books and lots of stocking fillers and small religious gifts also available in the Piety Shops at the Churches.

CHRISTMAS CARDS PKT OF 8 ONLY \$2

ONLY A FEW LITTLE BLUE BOOKS LEFT \$4.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$9

RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS. \$5.

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ Please note change of hours! **The Café will RE-OPEN Tuesday 23rd January 7am-3.30pm** when the new School Term commences. For Catering in 2018 please **phone Divina at the Café on 0435721258.**

Whilst the **Café** is closed for the school holidays we advise that the **Sacred Heart Church** opening times will be **8:00am to 5:00pm** until the new school term commences.

divinaQ YOGA Thursday 6am - Vinyasa Flow & Friday 6am Gentle Hatha For more information contact divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga or find us on **Facebook.com/**

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available at the Church door

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New Deacon. Andrew O'Brien 'Fired up' for Christmas. Review on **God's Word** 2018 daily reflection diary.

More news on **Proclaim 2018.**

Prayer Reflections for the week.

Mary a model for the youth.

Vinnies view—No room at the inn.

DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE?

Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history? Do we have an opportunity for you!

You are invited to talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen.

Join us for an information session to be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre on

1st February 2018 from 10.30am-12.30pm.

For more information, contact Carmel Devery at the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au by 25 January 2018

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bp John Gerry, Pat Thomson, Brett Marchmont, James Boland, Gail Little, Irene Attard, Tony Bullen (Vic), Dr Bill Ryan (Nowra) Noela Harrison, Robert Williams,

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Paul Muggleton, David McCarthy, Thomas Mullahy, Charly Macky,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pat Burton, Shirley Ryan, Dianne Lovelock, Carmen Buttigieg, Dr Alex Sharah, Tony Wienand, Janina Kraus, Terry Scott, Dillon Butler, Therese Lloyd, Brian Lloyd, Mary Busuttill, Margaret Needham, Chris Farrell, Sheryl Higgins, Elaine Neethling (Capetown SA), Leah Mackay, Rosemary Jamieson, Miriam Bousotel, Ryan Lloyd, Joanne Burge, Monica Bailey, John O'Leary, Sarah Clancy, Rosa Maria Santos, James Daly (Capetown), Shaun Van de Reede, Murray Downes (NZ), Bob Francis, Michelle Krijnen (NZ), Fr John Milliken, Anne Zappa, Jooy & Madison, Tony Bui, Betty Hillesheim, Michael Dwyer, Joan Maher, Michelle Macdonald, MaryAnn Boehme, Angelina Eley, Bernadette Lewis, Gerald Theron (Capetown),

David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Imelda Rundell, Joanne Mooney, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Kevin McCormack, Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Paul Kiely,

David Weldon, Dr Michael Tracey, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Ray Balkin.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 18th December	TUESDAY 19th December	WEDNESDAY 20th December	THURSDAY 21st December	FRIDAY 22nd December	SATURDAY 23rd December
7am ST VINCENT'S	9am SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 10am	9am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5pm Saturday Evening 6pm Saturday Evening 6pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7am & 8.30am Sunday 9am & 6pm Sunday 8am & 10am	

MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

Polish: Sunday 12noon Sacred Heart Church
Fr Bernard Bednarz C/- 3252 2200

Italian: Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support and
General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass is **7th January at 12noon** at Guardian
Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will continue at
Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church
Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7.15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994
Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

GROUPS:

ART & CRAFT: Wednesday 9am-12noon in PHC in recess

BOOK CLUB: In recess until February 2018

BRIDGE: Mondays 12noon PHC in recess until 22/1/2018

SPCL: Tuesday next mtg **6th February 2018**

FRIENDSHIP DAY 15th February 2018

CHOIR PRACTICE: 8.30am Saturdays SH

PLAYGROUP: Wednesdays 9.30am Casey Hall, Fairway
Drive, Clear Island Waters. Parish Office 5572 5433.
In recess until 24th January 2018

YOGA: Tuesday 10.45am \$10/Sess Parish Hosp. In recess.

divinaQ: Thursday & Friday 6am on the Lawn next to Sacred
Heart Church.

ZUMBA GOLD: Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and
Intermediate. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

Marriages: (Min 6mths notice required). Phone 5572 5433

Benediction: 1st Friday 7.30am St Vincent's Church

Children's Liturgy:

Sacred Heart Church: Sunday 9am Mass (during School Term only)

Stella Maris Church: 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month
(during School term only).

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am & 6pm (Youth Room)
Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life:

Please phone **Butch 0424 583 169** or **Mini 0424 583 168**

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: Monday & Friday 6am, Thurs 9.45am

Sacred Heart Church: Tues 9.30am, Friday 7pm-9pm

1st Friday - 8pm Friday 5th January to 7am Sat 6th January.

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC,
CIW Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575.

Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sunday 7.15am and
Monday & Friday 6.25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesday & Friday 8.25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesday 8.25am, before Mass

Venire Youth Mass: 6.00pm Sunday—Date to be advised

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

- Registering in parish
 sacrament enquiry
 youth
 Prayer request
 Roster availability
 Other: _____
 To commence parish planned giving program

**PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE ON 5572 5433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**