

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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ONE PARISH
three churches

Sacred Heart

50 Fairway Drive,
Clear Island Waters

St Vincent's

40 Hamilton Avenue,
Surfers Paradise

Stella Maris

254 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

PASTORAL

Bishop-Elect

Tim Harris

Bishop of Townsville

Fr Paul Kelly

Associate Pastor

Fr Nicholas Okafor

Associate Pastor

Helen Goldsmith

*Pastoral Ministry
Coordinator*

PARISH STAFF

Sonya Slater

Parish Manager

Marylou Ayres

Parish Secretary

Pat Kelly

Parish Assistant

Stephanie Santos

Youth Coordinator

SCHOOLS

St Vincent's School

Clear Island Waters

Phone: 5572 1746

P: Kerry Rowlands

St Kevin's School

Benowa

Phone: 5539 4522

P: Peter Anderson

St Kevin's Kindergarten

Phone: 5564 5910

Director: Michelle Nelson

St Michael's College

Merrimac

Phone: 5530 2722

P: Michael Nayler

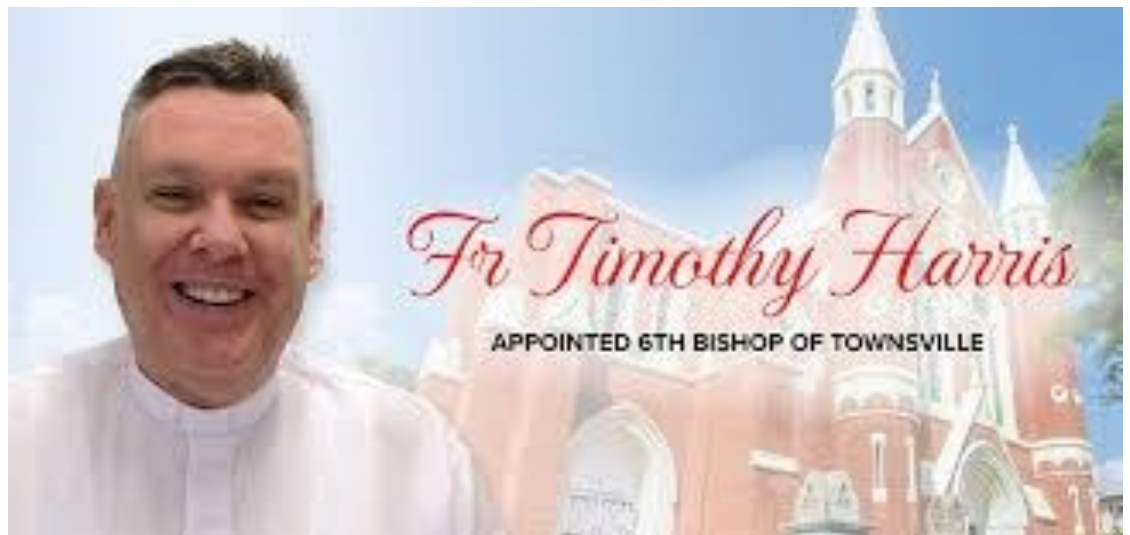
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th / 19th FEBRUARY 2017—YEAR A

INVITATION

TO THE FAREWELL MASS

FOR BISHOP-ELECT TIM HARRIS



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sunday 26th February 2017 at 9am

**Followed by a celebration brunch
from 10am**

All are welcome

FAREWELL GIFT ENVELOPES WILL BE ON ALL PEWS IN ALL CHURCHES

OVER THE COMING WEEKEND

READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

7th Sunday in Ord Time:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;
1 Corinthians 3:16-23;
Matthew 5:38-48

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 22nd The Chair of St Peter, apostle;
Thursday 23rd St Polycarp, bishop, martyr

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

8th Sunday in Ord Time;

Isaiah 49: 14-15;
1 Corinthians 4: 1-5;
Matthew 6: 24-34

REFLECTION: *The 1st Reading from Leviticus sums up the whole purpose of the law – the growth in holiness of all who seek to be faithful to the Covenant. The way to holiness is by loving your neighbour as yourselves, not bearing hatred in your heart, or grudges, or exacting vengeance.*

Holiness and perfection are close in meaning and Jesus presents to his followers the way in which they are to love and to respond to evil. His message is challenging for them and for us – love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. This goes against the two basic reactions of the human psyche – fight or flight from that which endangers us. We want to hurt our enemies, not pray for them and certainly not love them.

What Jesus says is difficult to understand in terms of human wisdom, in the ordinary sense of the word as St Paul says in the Second Reading. But human wisdom is contrary to God's wisdom.

What Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount is a new way of living in which true and authentic happiness or blessedness consists in a life that is contrary to the ways of the world – where power and wealth do not equal greatness, where we are salt for the earth and add flavour to our world by helping the kingdom of God break through a little bit more, where we are light that others can follow as well, where we give our cloak as well as our tunic and where enemies are loved.

We follow the way that Jesus shows us and grow in holiness, coming closer to sharing in the holiness of God for our holiness is nothing more than a reflection of the holiness of God.

PRAYER: *Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love only what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me so, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen*

Ordination of Bishop-Elect Tim Harris Wednesday 3rd May, 2017 at 11am Townsville Venue to be advised

Travel Arrangements:

The Parish Office has provided details of the Ordination to **Kellie Easterbrook at Flight Centre, Q Super Centre (ph. 5527 7560)**. Any parishioners wishing to travel to the celebration are advised to **contact Kellie** if you need assistance in booking individual travel requests. Kellie has packaged 2 sample options below:

Depart Brisbane Tuesday 2/5/17 to Townsville, returning Wednesday 3/5/17. One night's accommodation at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Townsville, including breakfast. \$567.98 per person twin share (add \$115 for single).

Depart Brisbane Tuesday 2/5/17 to Townsville, returning Thursday 4/5/17. Two night's accommodation at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Townsville, including breakfast. \$655.99 per person twin share (add \$230 for single).

These prices are subject to availability and demand. We recommend you make your bookings as soon as possible.

PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT TIM HARRIS

The parish is asked to keep Bishop-Elect Tim in our prayers as he prepares to leave Surfers Paradise and take up his duties as shepherd of the people in the Diocese of Townsville.

O God, eternal Shepherd,
who out of the abundance of your grace
have chosen your servant and priest,
Fr Tim Harris,
to the office of Bishop of Townsville.
Grant that he may faithfully carry out his duties
in the gospel values of love, truth
sacrifice, beauty and freedom.

We pray together through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LENTEN RESOURCES: The 1st of March is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the whole church prepares for Easter. Please find suggestions and resources to focus your spiritual preparation and reflection:

Up from the Waters 2017 Lenten resources, Archdiocese of Brisbane
www.lentenprogram.com

Living Lent Daily: daily scripture reflections, prayer suggestions, articles
www.loyolapress.com

Hope – Lenten Program Catholic Diocese of Wollongong www.dowshop.org.au

Lent Black Book, \$4, Parish Piety Stores

Lenten Prayer Groups – please notify Helen at the Parish Office on 5572 5433 if you are interested in facilitating or attending a Lenten Prayer Group. Groups will commence in the first week of March and will be based on the **Up from the Waters Lenten program**. Cost per participant is \$9 for the book.

Adult Faith Education – Catholicism: Sessions will continue over the remaining two weeks of **Monday 20th and 27th February, 9.30-11.30am** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

NEW TIME FOR PARISH ANOINTING MASS ON FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
All Parishioners and Visitors from other Parishes are advised the **from Tuesday 7th March 2017 the starting time for the Anointing Mass at Sacred Heart Church will be moved back to 10.00am**. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Mass is followed by a morning tea in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

Atrium

Where can our children find a place to be children of God?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd gives your child a peaceful and quiet place of prayer in our loud and busy world.

Come and bring your children, the first session for new children is free.

Monday and Friday sessions run from **9:30 to 11:00am** and **Saturday 10:30am – 12:00.**

Baptism Preparation (3-8 years old)

Sessions held on **Monday and Friday from 11:30 – 12:30** and on **Saturday from 9:00 – 10:00** during the year.

Please consider volunteering in the Atrium.

atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au



Come along to Venire and be surrounded by other young like-minded people, grow deeper in your faith and have fun while you're at it! At Venire we provide a free meal, games, talks, and prayer.



When: Thursdays, from 6-8:30pm

Where: Hospitality Centre

Who: High Schoolers

We hope to see you on Thursday.

Please RSVP to Steph on 0411669876

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: *The annual World Day of Prayer this year will be held at the Uniting Church, Greenwich Avenue, Robina on Thursday 2nd March 2017. The Service is written by the people of the Philippines. The Service will commence at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments at the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.*



St Vincent's Primary School: PREP ENROLMENTS 2018

Prep enrolment applications are now being accepted. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2018 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted by the end of February.

Are you a parent, looking to raise your children in the Catholic faith? Do you work among non-Christians? Are you involved in a ministry in this parish? If you answered 'yes', to any of these questions, then Catholic Mission would love to see you join us at a conference in Sydney from **May 15-17.**

Mission: One Heart, Many Voices will offer practical tips and insights, as well as inspiration on "going forth boldly". To find out more, visit www.mohmv.com.au or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on **(07) 3336 9239.**



FREE MORNING TEA INFORMATION SESSION ON CHANGES IN AGED CARE

Co.As.It. Community Services will be holding a free Morning Tea Information Session on the upcoming changes in Aged Care & how we can support you to remain living comfortable in your own home. We offer services to the general community as well as people of CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) background. We can assist you with funded Home Care Packages, Allied Health Services & Nursing Services at home and we also run daily Social Groups. We invite you to join us and learn more about the changes and our services: **Thursday 2 March 10.00am – 11.30am in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. Reserve your seat by calling 5527 6481.**



AN EXHIBITION OF ART BY DOMINICAN ARTISTS.

Saturday 4 March from 1pm to 6pm and Sunday 5 March from 9.30am to 1pm at San Sisto College, 97 Mayfield Road, Carina. **Entry \$5.00 for the Artists Catalogue.** Curated by ATF Press, for further details please ring **Hilary Regan 0411 876 099.**

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Juliette & Abdul Sfeir of Mudgeeraba for the week of **Monday 20th February 2017.** There is no need to invite anyone else into your home unless you wish to do so. Please phone **Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539.**

GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY: It is with a lump in the throat we read that **Fr Tim** will be leaving us—for the great role as a Bishop! Congratulations and God bless you!

Fr Tim has always been a **great supporter** of the Library. Enthusiastic to ensure it continues and develops to respond to the needs of our Parish and Deanery. He has been very appreciative of our **great volunteer team** and generous in providing **resources** we need. The Parish will seem strange without Fr Tim; but its happy to know Townsville is to be blessed by such a pastor. D.G.

BOOK CLUB MEMBERS are reminded of our gathering on **Tuesday 21st February** to discuss "A Fine Balance" a great novel about modern India!

Jesus speaks on Vocations:



A VOCATION VIEW:

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

The Bold And Beautiful Friendship group will meet at 12noon on Thursday 23rd February for lunch at Nobbys Beach Surf Club. 25A Albatross Ave, Nobbys Beach.

Children's **IRISH DANCING CLASS** Mondays 3.30pm to 4.30pm in **Casey Hall**, Clear Island Waters. Ages 3+ yrs. For further information, call **Linda on 0407 370 047.**



A Parishioner is looking for an Ironing Lady once per fortnight to iron a basket of clothes. If you are interested please phone the Parish Office on **5572 5433** and we will pass on your details to her.

MONDAY 20th February	TUESDAY 21st February	WEDNESDAY 22nd February	THURSDAY 23rd February	FRIDAY 24th February	SATURDAY 25th February
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Next Anointing Mass 7 March New time 10am</i>	9.00AM STELLA MARIS	9.00AM STELLA MARIS	7AM ST VINCENT'S 9AM SACRED HEART	<u>RECONCILIATION</u> 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am				

MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

Polish: Sunday 11.30am 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 in our Parish is on 1st January 2017 at
12noon in Casey Hall. Fr Terence Nueva 3277 2252

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church
Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481 118 521
Email: paterignacio@yahoo.com

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

Art & Craft: Each Wednesday 9am to 12noon in PHC

Book Club: 3rd Tuesday of Month at 12 noon in PHC

Bridge: Mondays at 12noon Parish Hospitality Centre

SPCL: Tuesday 7th February 2017

Friendship Day in recess until Thursday 16th Feb 2017

Parish Choir Practice: 8.30am 1st and last Saturdays SH

Playgroup: Wednesdays 9.30am Casey Hall, Fairway Drive,
Clear Island Waters - Sarah 0410 701 515

**Playgroup is Volunteer Based— Each parent needs to sign
an attendee sheet at each session.**

Yoga: Tuesday 10.45am \$10/Session.

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: Please contact the Parish Office 5572 5433 to register.

Marriages: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 (Min 6mths notice required)

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

Children's Liturgy: Sunday @ 9am Mass Sacred Heart Church (during
School Term only). **Stella Maris Church @ 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday**

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts
0428090703.

Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) continuing on. Contact Parish Office

Couples For Christ FFL: Phone Butch & Mini 0424 583 168/9

Exposition: Monday & Friday 6am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise
Tuesday 9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters
Thursday 9.45am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise
Friday 7pm—9pm Sacred Heart Church,
1st Friday 3rd March - 7pm to 7am Saturday 4th March.

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **In Recess until 19th February 2017**

Rosary: Sunday 7.15am St Vincent's Church
Monday & Friday 6.25am St Vincent's Church
Tuesday & Friday 8.25am Sacred Heart Church, before Mass
Wednesday 8.25am Stella Maris Church, before 9.00am Mass

Venire Youth Mass—6.00pm Sunday 26th February 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Anderson, McCormick, Jason & Jodie Morphett, Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey, Ron
Roland Amir, Fr Dan Moore (Ireland), Raymond Balkin, Jim O'Brien, Morgan Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd),
Freda McGrath, Lindsay Burns, Mary McEniery, Ann Reich (Syd), Brian Tyrell Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Dorelle
Mann, Pat Moore, James (Jim) Ryan, (Melb.) Anne Donaldson, Irmgard (Joan) Muller, Michael Kearney, Mike & Barbara
John McFarlane, Jelka Jandrek, Susan Graz, Carmelia Shamovian, Maria Nazari, Baby Ollie Hall, Andy Brown, Louie Kazzi, Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne
Walsh, Kelly Duncan, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong) Tony Bui, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel
Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda,
Norman Mullins, Veronica Bond, Ludivina Boquio, Milan Piglich, Fr Bryan John Traynor (UK), Sr Mary Mullins,
Lee, Len Heffernan, Mollie & Colman Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, Michelle Coyle, Colleen O'Shannassy (Vic), Fr John
O'Byrne, Bernie Tathem, Mary Schreiber, Milliken PP Stanmore, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat
Enriquez, Loretta Peterson, Junko Costigan, Rosa Maria Santos, Vera (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Van

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT
LEAVING A LEGACY?**
Phone the Parish Office on
5572 5433

CONTACT FORM: Family Name: _____

Other Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ 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 info.