



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## **Sacred Heart**

50 Fairway Drive,  
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## **St Vincent's**

40 Hamilton Avenue,  
Surfers Paradise

## **Stella Maris**

254 Hedges Avenue,  
Broadbeach

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr Peter Dillon

**Parish Priest**

Fr Paul Kelly

**Associate Pastor**

Helen Goldsmith

**Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator**

## **PARISH STAFF**

Sonya Slater

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Stephanie Santos

**Youth Coordinator**

## **SCHOOLS**

### **St Vincent's School**

Clear Island Waters

Phone: 5572 1746

P: Kerry Rowlands

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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 Naylor

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **23rd / 24th December 2017 – YEAR B**

### **What's That Noise?**

Can you hear that? It is the sound of me letting out the breath I took on April 17th this year when I arrived here in Surfers Paradise Parish. Full of anticipation and not a small bit of anxiety, the appointment began with a huge task and no duty statement. While Bishop Tim Harris passed on 'a gift' of a parish, it was a gift that needed to be opened carefully. What to do, how to do it and with whom will it be done? Real questions that are frequently asked in many church ministries and environments these days, but ones I had no ready answer to here in the land of high rise apartments, tourists, shopping centres, thousands of parishioners and beaches for those lucky enough to get to them. Much has changed in the way our parishes operate over the past 20 years. Smaller clergy numbers, helped enormously by the generosity of our overseas priests, who have accepted a difficult call to work in a country and culture sometimes very removed from their own. This program however has brought with it a cultural change in our parish life that needs assessing and discerning. 20 years ago the parish of Surfers Paradise, was pastored by 4 priests, all of whom had grown up in the Brisbane Archdiocese. 30 years ago there were up to 55 seminarians from the Brisbane Archdiocese getting ready to take on the exciting role of being pastors in parishes where they were known and welcomed by those whom they knew well. This year, the South Coast Deanery, which stretches from Tugun to Coomera, operated with 10 priests and 3 retired priests. Could our parish work and how would it work? Would we have to close Churches or radically change the Mass schedules? How could we possibly provide pastoral support to our three churches, three schools, seven nursing homes and one large hospital and a range of Deanery and Archdiocesan responsibilities with just two priests?

The only way it can and will work is through the power of the laity. Thanks to the renowned and infectious Surfers' spirit of making the very best of what we have, the year ends with not just our survival but our prospering. Generous lay people have given their advice, time and treasure to make sure that we don't spend too much time looking back, but keep focussing on the road ahead. Hard working office and maintenance staff keep oiling the machine; an army of liturgical ministers and pastoral carers ensure that all who need access to our sacramental life are given every assistance to do so. Servers, readers, welcomers, musicians, singers and sewers, florists, decorators and cleaners step up unselfishly, to make our Churches look and sound good when it comes to public worship. Our parish, finance, liturgy and school committees and councils as well as God's special people, the collection counters, who make sure we do not stray too far from the path. The lay movements like Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies Committee, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Care and Concern, Art and Craft group as well as numerous other gatherings of motivated lay people have succeeded in continuing to make us a parish to which people wish to belong.

While there is much still to be done by way of creating close links with our 9 weekend Mass communities, I am rather proud of how far we have moved in what feels like the shortest year on record. To my brother priest Paul and Sacramental Coordinator Helen, to Youth Worker Stephanie and our precious office staff, Pat, Marylou, Sonya, Christeen, Jean, Sue and Lyn as well as many generous volunteers who utter those magic words, "Can I do anything to help?", I wish to offer a public thanks for making me work harder and to be happy doing so. To parishioners and visitors to our many churches, my gratitude is for your welcome and encouragement, for your recognising that while some things need to change, there are many other traditions that need to be maintained so that we can hold on to the distinctions that make us uniquely who we are as God's people in this magnificent part of Australia.

May you and your families have a joyous Christmas and a new year full of delightful surprises.

You all come back now!!!!!!



Fr. Peter Dillon - Parish Priest

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Rom 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

## CHRISTMAS READINGS:

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

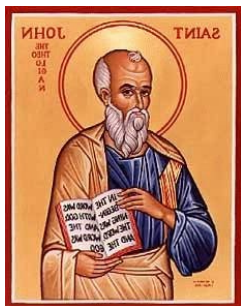
Luke 2:22-40

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26th St Stephen, the first martyr

Wednesday 27th St John, apostle

Thursday 28th The Holy Innocents



## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - FIRST RITE

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

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### CHILDREN'S MASS 6PM SACRED HEART CHURCH

Everyone is invited to stay after Mass and enjoy a Sausage Sizzle and refreshments.



**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 25th December.

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

### 1st January—New Year's Day Mary the Holy Mother of God

St Vincent's 7am

Sacred Heart 9am

### A VOCATION VIEW for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"?

### 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](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au) (Ph: 3324 3193) Expressions of Interest close **15 January 2018.**

## THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

Jean Di Benedetto, Library Administrator, and all the Volunteer Librarians wish our readers and generous supporters the Joy and Blessings of Christmas. We hope to open the Library over these festive days. But remember you can always access our great collection of books by obtaining the Library Key from the Parish Office, or going on line to order a book. Our special display for Christmas has books and music to inspire your Season. Enjoy !! Jean Di Benedetto

**ART AND CRAFT NEWS:** Congratulations to the winning ticket holders: Fr Peter, Paula Gardiner, Diana Weldon, Tony Scriven, Nicholas Carte, Paul Fitzgerald, Warren Gardner, Don Amos, Leona Kelly and Mike Gilmour.

Many thanks to those who supported the raffle by donating prizes, buying tickets, donating cash; and to those who made themselves available to sell tickets. A special thank you to the Parish Office for their assistance and support throughout the year.

### Venire for High Schoolers

We're taking a break over the Christmas holidays! We pray that you all have a safe and joy filled holiday. See you in 2018!

**Venire resumes on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February**

### Young Adults Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on the Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 Open to those 16 years and over

If you're interested, contact Steph at

[hello@venireyouth.com](mailto:hello@venireyouth.com)

### Ignite Summer Camp

Join 250 young people from across Australia for 4 incredible days up at the Sunshine Coast. Huge outdoor games, inspiring speakers, the sacraments, a stack of new friends and moshing and praising with the amazing band *emmanuelworship*.

To get more details and register jump online to <http://igniteyouth.com/summercamp>

**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](mailto:divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga) or find us on **Facebook.com/divinaQyoga**. \$10 per session. Resumes January 12th

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2

Special Christmas edition, and tribute edition to the late Bishop John Gerry.

Christmas messages from Queensland bishops and from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president.

Coverage of Royal Commission's final report .

Holy See considering Royal Commission's call for Church reforms.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

### PLEASE NOTE: FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

on 5th January 2018 will finish at MIDNIGHT; from 7pm to 12.00 midnight at Sacred Heart Church. Enquiries: Jim 0424381069 or Helen 0421935678.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bishop John Gerry, Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, Constante Pizzol, Harry Prince, Brian Toohill, Chris Grady, Keith Byrne, Teresa Cullen, Henry Restall, Pat Thomson, Brett Marchmont, James Boland, Gail Little, Irene Attard, Dr Bill Ryan (Nowra)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** George & Gloria McLeod, Jack Conway, Jack O'Brien, Ramona Solitario, James Rice, Alec Edwards, Maurice & Monica Cass, Veronica & Alan Bond, Margaret Cooper, Harold Alexander, Maureen Fitzgerald,

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Julianne Conway, Gary Foster, Judy Alexander, Pat Burton, Shirley Ryan, Dianne Lovelock, Carmen Buttigieg, Dr Alex Sarah, 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 Bousetel, 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 Elsey, Bernadette Lewis, David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Imelda Rundell, Joanne Mooney, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Rachel Raines,



## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 25th December	TUESDAY 26th December	WEDNESDAY 27th December	THURSDAY 28th December	FRIDAY 29th December	SATURDAY 30th December
<b>SEE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</b>	<b>9am SACRED HEART</b> Next Anointing Mass Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 10am	<b>9am STELLA MARIS</b>	<b>9am STELLA MARIS</b>	<b>7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION</b> 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART ST VINCENT'S CHURCH</b>	<b>Saturday Evening 5pm Saturday Evening 6pm Saturday Evening 6pm</b>	<b>AND AND AND</b>	<b>Sunday 7am &amp; 8.30am Sunday 9am &amp; 6pm Sunday 8am &amp; 10am</b>	

### 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. Begins again Jan. 12th.

**ZUMBA GOLD:** Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and  
Intermediate. In recess 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—28th January 2018

### 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.**