

# 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

### Fr Nicholas Okafor

Parish Administrator

### Fr Paul Kelly

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

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P: Peter Anderson

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Phone: 5564 5910

Director: Michelle Nelson

### St Michael's College

Merrimac

Phone: 5530 2722

P: Michael Nayler

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 4th / 5th MARCH 2017—YEAR A

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### LENT

The Farewell Mass for Fr Tim was a beautiful expression of thanksgiving for Bishop-Elect Tim's ministry in this parish and of our prayers and best wishes for his ministry as Bishop of Townsville.

We have now entered the wonderful season of prayer, penance and good works known as Lent. The Scriptures for this weekend are very powerful. Even by today's standards, the extraordinary Temple in Jerusalem was an amazing wonder of human construction. It towered over everything else in the city. If it were still standing today, it would still be incredibly tall and wide and dominate the cityscape. It is unbelievable that it was completely destroyed in 70AD by the Romans. One of the temptations that Jesus experienced, was to be taken right up to the parapet of the Temple, his beloved Father's house, and challenged to test his Father's love and protection. Jesus refused. He would not act except according to the will of his Father. He was not on earth to do his own will or to exploit, for his own advantage, the integral relationship he shared with his heavenly Father. His role was to give his life totally into the service of the Father's will. May God give us the grace to use this Lent as a time of re-focus. May we be reminded of the Garden of Eden, with all its beauty and recall that everything went wrong when humanity fell for the temptation of rationalising Adam & Eve's desires to get what they wanted; disconnected from the purpose and vision of God who gave these things to us.

At times we can be tempted to doubt the promise that God has made to us, that he is with us always and that he is only interested in our greatest good. It seems that at times we want to keep testing this promise. We can find ourselves continuing to call upon God to SHOW us that we are in God's palm. Jesus resisted that temptation and trusted in that truth. He then went out and lived it.

As we travel this Lenten journey, this simple prayer is a helpful guide:

*Lord, grant me the grace to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference."*

Fr Paul Kelly

On Monday 27 February, Fr. Paul Kelly's father Mr. William John (Bill) Kelly passed away. The funeral will be at **10am** on **Monday 6 March 2017** at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Enoggera and then to Pinnaroo Lawn Cemetery for interment. We have assured Fr. Paul of our prayers and thoughts at this time of loss. Anyone who is interested in attending the funeral is welcome.

### Dear Parishioners and Visitors

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

My dear Parishioners and Visitors of Surfers Paradise Parish, on Tuesday 28 February, I received a humbling phone call from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese advising me that I have been appointed the Administrator of our Parish till sometime after Easter. It was a shock to me given that I have been a priest for just two and half years. However, with your support and the cooperation of the capable parish staff, I have no doubt that all will be well. It's a call to serve you in that capacity. I am still a learner; please help me to learn well.

*Could you please remember me in your prayers.*

Fr Nicholas



### READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent;

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19;  
Matthew 4:1-11

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

2nd Sunday of Lent;

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10;  
Matthew 17:1-9

**REFLECTION:** *Today's Gospel gives us a dramatic account of a series of temptations that really are enticements to misuse the power Jesus has, the power as that of the Son of God. The testing is three-fold. The first is about using power to satisfy Jesus' physical needs. The second is about using his relationship with God for his own glory. The final testing is about usurping the place of God. Leadership both in our society and in the church, and discipleship, are open to these temptations. We can opt for a life of comfort or we can look to the needs of others. We can attempt to manipulate God in prayer. If our work or ministry appears successful it's easy to begin to believe that it is the result of our own talent. Jesus meets the challenges by going back to the scriptures. During Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. Let's turn to the scriptures to pray, increase our faith and aid our discernment.*

### ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT TIM HARRIS

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017 AT 10.30AM

EMMAUS HALL, RYAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE

59 CANTERBURY ROAD, KIRWAN, QLD 4817

PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE 5572 5433

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.

### More Lenten Resources:

- 1. Living Lent Daily:** Foster a daily practice of spiritual calm where God is at the centre. Living Lent Daily is an e-mail series delivering fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent. Each day's message includes a quotation from the day's Scripture readings and a brief reflection to spur prayer and self-examination.
- 2. Arts & Faith. Lent:** Enjoy a visual prayer experience this Lent. Each week includes a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures and an accompanying Ignatian reflection.
- 3. Growing in Friendship with God This Lent:** Reflect with this series based on the words of William A. Barry, SJ, as they appear in the book Lenten Meditations: Growing in Friendship with God.
- 5. From Ashes to Glory:** Take up the practice of reflecting on your day, its gifts and graces, and the progress you are making in life with Christ. From Ashes to Glory is a way of praying the Examen through Lent, by Joseph Tetlow, SJ.
- 6. The Ignatian Workout for Lent:** Listen to Tim Muldoon's audio reflections, which accompany suggestions for prayer and action, leading from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

[www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent)

**Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6pm every Friday during Lent in Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.**

**RCIA NEWS:** This Sunday the catechumens and candidates in our Parish RCIA will celebrate the Rite of Election at St Stephen's Cathedral, 3pm, in the presence of Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The Rite closes the period of preparation and the catechumens are now called the 'elect'. Please keep these people in your prayers:

**Kanica, Alicia, Skye, Wilko, Josh, Elina, Bronte, Phoenix, Carla, Peta, Penelope, Roko, Glenda, Bridie, Paul, Isabella, Andrew, Katrina, Hayden, Fraser, Archer.**

**LENT:** In Pope Francis' Lenten Message, *The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift*, he draws on Christ's parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), and challenges us to see each person as a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for.

Pope Francis says, 'The rich man's real problem comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbour ... When we close our hearts to the gifts of God's Word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.'

### Project Compassion

The Australian Catholic Bishops made the same parable the central scripture of their 2013 - 14 Social Justice Statement, *Lazarus at Our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty*. The bishops said, 'This is the moment to hear the call of Jesus. In our region, Australia is the rich man and Lazarus is at our gate.'

This Lent, Project Compassion is asking us to follow Jesus' instruction to "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). The call of Jesus shakes us out of preoccupation with ourselves. Christ asks us to acknowledge in our lives that we are all members of the one human family.

In the final words of his Lenten Message, Pope Francis prays that 'all the faithful express spiritual renewal by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organisations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and the poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.'

**Project Compassion envelopes are in all churches this weekend. Please take the envelopes with you and begin your Lenten giving program this week.**

**Blessings, Helen**



**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Madeline Muller of Emerald Lakes for the week of **Monday 6th March 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**.

## Atrium

*It's so exciting to see a child falling in love with God and deepen their relationship with God. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd we provide a sacred space called 'an atrium' where children explore the wonder of God.*

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

**Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30 to 11:00.  
Baptism Preparation (3-8 years old)**

**We are starting a new group on Friday 3rd of March from 11:30 to 12:30 and on Saturday the 29th of April from 09:00 to 10:00.**

*Please consider volunteering in the Atrium.  
[atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)*

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Join us at Venire for a fun night of games, free food, activities, inspiring talks, small group discussion, and prayer. We've begun a new series called, "Made": we as youth and the Church are made for more. Come along on Thursday to find out more.

**Every Thursday from 6-8:30pm Hospitality Centre.**

Contact Steph to RSVP **0411669876**



**GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:** This week is **QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S WEEK** which "encourages women and girls to participate and pursue leadership roles". This message is a particularly challenging one for women in the Catholic Church. Books to get you thinking and talking about the issue are on display in the Library. From the **special spirituality** of women; their role as leaders in **families**; **Papal teaching** on women's roles and books about how we can participate in **Parish Leadership**. It was really fascinating putting this display together.

### 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.**

### NEW TIME FOR PARISH ANOINTING MASS FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH — 7th March

All Parishioners and Visitors from other Parishes are advised **the Anointing Mass is on this coming Tuesday 7th March 2017 at the new starting time of 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church.** Everyone is welcome to attend. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Hospitality Centre put on by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies. All members of SPCL are asked to bring a plate.

Members are also advised that the Monthly Meeting will be held straight after the Morning Tea.

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS WORKSHOP SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2PM UNTIL 5PM.

In light of the Royal Commission findings, it is highly important that we as faithful members of the church in our many ministries keep up to date with what is required of us.

In 2015 our parish had its first Safeguarding workshop where many attended and late last year ran a second workshop and had approximately 40 more attend. **We have another workshop planned for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.**

If you are in **ANY MINISTRY** in the parish and **HAVE NOT** attended this workshop in the last two years **THEN YOU MUST ATTEND.** **Ministries are:** Home Communion to the Sick, Home Communion to private homes, Volunteer in the Atrium, Youth Ministry, Care and Concern, Children's Liturgy of the Word, All Choir members, All Sacristans, Mass Coordinators, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers/Commentators, Musicians and Singers, Welcomers, Counters and Collectors.

**It is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and we stress the importance of your attendance to this workshop.**

**Please RSVP by 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 5572 5433**

**EASTER RAFFLE ART & CRAFT NEWS:** Our **EASTER RAFFLE** begins next weekend **11/12 March**, and continues for four weekends at our three Churches. It will be **drawn at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 9th April.** The Raffle consists of **TEN GREAT PRIZES** and will be **\$5 per ticket or three tickets for \$10.** Our ticket sellers look forward to meeting you. Proceeds will support the Missions, the Parish and the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies who are also assisting us with this effort.

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the beautiful feast of **Our Lady of Fatima on March 13, 2017.** The bus will leave from the normal pick up point at Palm Beach at 7.30am then from Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$20 per person return. Please call **Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950** or **Madelaine Zammit on 5529 1573 or 0405 252 367** to secure your seat.

**Little Black Book's for Lent are available now in the Religious Goods Shops and the Parish Office until sold out, only \$4 each for great Lenten reflections.**

**VOCATIONS EVENT OF PRAYER & REFLECTION Saturday 11 March, from 11am to 3pm.** Come for a chance to learn more about the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Beginning with **Adoration at 11am** in **St Ita's Church, Pope Street, Dutton Park, followed by 12pm Mass, BBQ lunch, and concluding with a talk/reflection (finished around 3pm).** It's will be hosted by the Capuchin Friars and is for young men (18-35). Please contact Fr Thomas on [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or **0432 362 052.**

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.**



**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ - 7.30am to 3.30pm Mon to Fri.** Catering is available for your function. Ph Lauren **0435 721 258**

MONDAY 6th March	TUESDAY 7th March	WEDNESDAY 8th March	THURSDAY 9th March	FRIDAY 10th March	SATURDAY 11th March
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	10.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Anointing Mass</i> <i>New time 10am</i> <i>TODAY</i>	9AM 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
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am &amp; 8.30am</b> <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am &amp; 6.00pm</b> <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am &amp; 10.00am</b>				

**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 October 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](mailto:paterignacio@yahoo.com)

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

**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**

**Stations of the Cross: 6pm every Friday in Lent at Sacred Heart Church**

**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 7th April - 7pm to 7am Saturday 8th April.

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

**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 March 2017**

**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 March 2017**

**Friendship Day Thursday 16th March 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** William (Bill) Peterson, Junko Costigan, Rosa Maria Kelly, Roland Amir, Judy Jones, Salvatore Santos, Vera McCormick, Jason & Jodie Pollicina, Mrs Duffy, Trevor Raymond Morphett, Raymond Balkin, Jim O'Brien Karst, Sonya Candi, Shaun Hunter, Joan Morgan McEniery, Ann Reich (Syd), Anne Donaldson, Irmgard (Joan) Graz, Kennedy (7yrs), Barry Hannel, Anna Carmelia Shamovian, Maria Nazari, Baby Fredericks, Alan Reid. Ollie Hall, Andy Brown, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong) Tony Bui, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, John Traynor (UK), Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, Michelle Coyle, Colleen O'Shannassy (Vic), Fr John Milliken PP Stanmore, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Lunandi, Ian Finlayson, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning,

Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Dorelle Muller, Michael Kearney, Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong.

**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.