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## **St Vincent's**

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## **Stella Maris**

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## **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - Year C** **9th / 10th MARCH 2019**

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "SERMON" AND A "HOMILY?"**

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) declared that the *homily* is an integral part of the Liturgy, (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, Para. 52).

Prior to this declaration one often heard reflections after the gospel which took the form of talks on moral, ethical or church teachings. Such talks were called "sermons" and did not need to have any relevance to the readings proclaimed in that Liturgy. For example, on a particular Sunday the Priest might read the gospel of Matthew 2:13-23 (about the visit of the Magi and the Holy Family's escape to Egypt) and then after the gospel, the priest might put the gospel book down and say, "Today I will speak to you about the sin of sloth." This sermon had little or no connection with the readings of the day.

The homily, by contrast, has everything to do with the readings of the day. It is inextricably linked with the word of God as proclaimed. The homilist attempts to "break open the word of God" which we have all received. Reflecting on particular aspects or implications of (one or more of) the readings or the texts of the day's liturgy, the homilist attempts to assist us to encounter the Risen Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.

The point of a homily is not really to repeat what has already been proclaimed by the reader. Nor is the purpose of a homily primarily to explain difficult concepts in the readings (unless it assists in making the text more accessible). The homily doesn't aim to specifically tell people what they should do, as if the homilist has all the answers. There is a great quote that is very handy about the role of the homilist or preacher, "The homilist preaches first to themselves and then to others!" This means that the person giving the homily is as much exploring God's word and being challenged by God's word as are all other listeners. That is why I mostly use the word "we" rather than "you", in homilies, because we are all exploring this together and we are all students and disciples of God's word. A homily explores some of the issues raised by the readings, so that both homilist and assembly may more deeply engage with God, who was not only active in the Scriptures, but is also present and active in our lives here and now.

Homilies can also be based on the texts for the Mass of the day, including the Collect, Prayer over the gifts, Prayer after communion as well as the Preface or Eucharistic prayer.

A homily used to be in the form of a three-point homily where one felt obliged to mention each and every reading and psalm. However, different approaches allow for a one-point homily. There is such richness in God's word that it is not advisable or possible to try and speak of everything that one can glean from this endless treasure.

The homily invites its listeners to ask themselves: what do these readings say to us in this place and at this time? We consciously commit ourselves to allowing the Scriptures to say to us things that challenge us and are not always what we want to hear.

**Fr Paul Kelly**

*"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm."*

*As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.*

**READINGS THIS WEEK:** 1st Sunday of Lent: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; Romans 10: 8-13; Luke 4: 1-13.

**NEXT WEEK:** Genesis 12: 5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 9: 28-36.

**FEAST DAYS:** Wednesday 13th: Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis, 2013.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of **Sharon & Aaron Lucas of Broadbeach**, for the week commencing **11th March**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

**NOURISHING SPIRITUALITY:** A contemplative prayer day drawing on psalms, poetry, art and music, linking wonder and creation will take place on **Saturday 16th March, 9.30am-3.00pm** at Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. Facilitator: Judith Keller.

For registrations contact **Judith Keller 0448188937**. Morning tea is provided. Please BYO lunch. Suggested donation \$20 or what you can afford to cover the cost of resources.

**ATRIUM CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:** We have been very pleased with our after school children's participation in the atrium sessions this term.

Last Monday we presented the Good Shepherd Parable, which hopefully enriched the children's understanding of and relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

This also provided an excellent stimulus for the children to work on creative responses to this theme.

This week we will link the previous theme with the Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd.

**An after school session (for 6 to 9 years – level 2) runs from 03:30pm to 5:00pm on Monday. (Children can arrive after school if convenient.)**

**Friday sessions will run from 9:30am to 11:00am (for 3 to 6 years – level 1) when there are sufficient enrolments.**

To enrol your child in the Atrium sessions, please email to: [atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the Parish Office on 5572 5433.

**We need volunteers to help us with the catechesis: (for example: assistance during sessions, gardening, cleaning or preparation of materials.) If you are interested please contact the Parish office.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION for FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:** Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.**

**LIBRARY NEWS:** LENT is the focus of our displays at the moment. **PRAYER** is the centre and power of the season of Purification. Fr Paul has suggested a number of ways you could focus on prayer; check out the Library display for excellent books to get you going on these.

**MASS:** "The Eucharist" by Fr Cantalamessa (who is preacher to the Papal household), discusses how the Mass is our personal sanctification. **"Family Devotions"** is one of many books on parenting with prayer in the Library. **"A Walk Through Our Church"** is a guidebook for children, but we can all spend time contemplating the rich sacred environment of our Church building.

**THE ROSARY:** that still popular prayer. Over the years we have collected many versions of **The Stations of the Cross**, some beautifully illustrated. Why not pick up; a different one each week and make it a focus of some quality prayer time this Lent.

## WHS INCIDENT REPORTING



Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

**CHERISH LIFE GOLD COAST:** Please join us for the next Cherish Life Gold Coast meeting. Please note we now have a new venue and a new regular date – this is to hopefully make our meeting available to more people. We are expecting to have a prominent guest speaker at this meeting. With the change to Qld State laws with respect to abortion, it is more important than ever to increase our efforts to defend the most vulnerable. **6.30pm Monday 11 March**, (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month) in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

**A VOCATION VIEW: 1st Sunday of Lent - Yr C:** The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver. Your vocation is a gift for others.

## ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep enrolment applications are now being finalised. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2020 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted as soon as possible.



### 'LET GOD WORK WONDERS' and 'RENEW YOUR SPIRIT':

Two books available for sale at the Religious Goods Shops at Sacred Heart and St Vincent's Church. The books offer a daily Lenten Reflection with actions, prayers and down-to-earth suggestions for squeezing all the living you can out of life.

**ART AND CRAFT NEWS:** Tickets for the **EASTER RAFFLE** will be on sale at our three Churches from 23-24 March.

Seven great prizes include a Vintage 60 piece Polish Harvard Dinner Set and will be drawn on Sunday 14th April. Prizes will be chosen in order of tickets drawn.

Please bring cash as we do not have access to Eftpos facilities.

We hope to welcome you at our Craft Raffle table.



**COULD THIS BE YOUR MINISTRY?:** Now in its thirty-third year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre.

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. **The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019.** Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries. **Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.**

Written applications can be sent to: **Fr Jim Smith**, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. Telephone: **3252 5461** Email: [cppc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cppc@bne.catholic.net.au) Website: [www.cppc.net.au](http://www.cppc.net.au)



## ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Enrol Now; **Year 7, 2020 closing April 2019**, and **Year 7, 2021 closing June 2019**. Refer to our website for Principal's Tours and Open Day. Enrolments are now online through our website [www.stmichaels.qld.edu.au](http://www.stmichaels.qld.edu.au)

**GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB** are featuring the FASOLATI SINGERS in a fun night of musical favourites from the 50's and 60's to classical choruses, and audience participation in well-known Italian favourites.

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH from 7pm.** For bookings please contact [reception@italoaustralianclub.com.au](mailto:reception@italoaustralianclub.com.au)

### STEWARDSHIP: March 10th - First Sunday of Lent Year C:

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."* (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**MARIAN VALLEY EVENTS:** On **Wednesday 13th March** we will be celebrating **Fatima Day** and on **Tuesday 19th March** we will be celebrating **The Feast of St Joseph at Marian Valley**. We would love for you to join us. The bus will pick-up at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. If sufficient numbers book, we will also pickup from Mary Immaculate Church in Ashmore at the bus stop (across road from Church) at approx. 8.00am. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station on the Leagues Club Drive side, at approx. 8.30am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. When booking your seat, please verify your point of pickup. You can secure your seat with **Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950** or **Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573**.



**menALIVE Scripture Journaling Group:** For Gatherings please call mobile **0412 270 828** or [christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au](mailto:christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Malcolm Leslie Flannery, Kenneth Mason, Therese Salama, Billy J. Smith, Dieter Jarosch, William Corcoran (Ireland), Brian Peter Pinard, Mary Glasson, Valerie Mary Elshaw, Noreen Belfour.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dulcie Lovinski, Angela Tanquintic, Patricia Lazaro, Joan Enright, Mary Wylie, Percy Felsman, Imelda Rundell, Peter Butler, Kath Browning, Arkley Debnam.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Denise Raleigh, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Robert and Anne Maree Reed, Gregory Perkins, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret and Peter Borg, Rosa Michael, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Bernie Seeto, Terry King, Kurt & Betty-Anne Hillesheim, Brian McGettigan, Joanne Mooney, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, John Stowers, Frank Lyons (Syd), Clive Wright, Gareth Aucock, Gus Reeves, Maria Trosic, Paul Kiely, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Mark Miller, John & Molly Robinson, Claire Keefe, Yvonne Lofthouse, Eileen McCarthy, Mary Kerr.

**We ask that you review all names on our Sick List and advise us if we can remove any names. This list will be reduced by half on a monthly basis. If you wish to remain on the list please advise the Parish Office.**



## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>11TH MARCH</b>	<b>12TH MARCH</b>	<b>13TH MARCH</b>	<b>14TH MARCH</b>	<b>15TH MARCH</b>	<b>16TH MARCH</b>
7.00am <b>ST VINCENT'S</b>	9.00am <b>SACRED HEART</b>	9.00am <b>STELLA MARIS</b>	9.00am <b>STELLA MARIS</b>	7.00am <b>ST VINCENT'S</b>  9.00am <b>SACRED HEART</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION</b> 4.15-4.45pm <b>STELLA MARIS</b> 5.15-5.45pm <b>ST VINCENT'S</b> 5.00-5.40pm <b>SACRED HEART</b> PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	NEXT ANOINTING MASS 10AM 2ND APRIL				
	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

### MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

**Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church**

Inquiries please phone - 3252 2200 for inquiries.

**Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church**

Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

**Filipino: Next Mass, 7th April 2019, 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**

St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

**ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm** in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

**BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 19th March @ 12 noon.**

**BRIDGE: Monday 12 noon & Wednesday 1pm** PHC

**CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am** SH Church

**FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 21st March 2019**

**SPCL: Next 2nd April 2019**

**SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday** Casey Hall with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session.

**YOGA: Each Tues 10:45am** \$10/Per Session.

**divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays 6am** PHC Mob 0435 721 258

**ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am** Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397 \$12 session.

### 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

**St Vincent de Paul: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12**

**Care & Concern: Transport to Medical Apts:** 0474 211 908

**Children's Liturgy:** Sacred Heart 9am: **Next on 17th March** then fortnightly thereafter.

**Christian Meditation:** Tuesdays **10am** (Parish Office Prayer Rm) & **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

**Carmelite Spirituality:** 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC

Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 17 March 2019.**

**Exposition:**

St Vincent's Church: **Monday & Friday** 6am; **Thursday** 9:00am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;

**1st Friday 7pm 5th April to 7am Sat 6th April.**

**menALIVE Scripture Journaling Groups:** Monday 7-8am or Thursday 7-9am. Contact Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828 or [christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au](mailto:christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au)

**Rosary:** St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and

Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

**Veniré Youth Mass: Sunday 9am on 24th March 2019**

### 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 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**