

# 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**

*Very Reverend*

*Fr Tim Harris*

*Parish Priest & Dean  
of South Coast Deanery*

*Fr Nicholas Okafor*

*Associate Pastor*

*Fr Regimon Gervasis*

*MCBS*

*Associate Pastor*

*Helen Goldsmith*

*Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator*

## **PARISH STAFF**

*Sonya Slater*

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## **SCHOOLS**

*St Vincent's School*

*Clear Island Waters*

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*Benowa*

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*P: Peter Anderson*

*St Michael's College*

*Merrimac*

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*P: Michael Nayler*

## **2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C**

**16th / 17th JANUARY 2016**

*Dear Parishioners and Visitors,*

Next month will signal the first year anniversary of the building of our new church at Broadbeach. It's hard to believe that Stella Maris Church will be one year old. I continue to thank so many of you for enabling the Parish to do what needed to be done resulting in a church that has already won accolades across the community, as well as at least two architectural awards!

Even more than this, our new church has provided a place of worship for years to come in the fast growing area of Broadbeach. Stella Maris is a beautiful church in which to worship and we are proud of our achievement. God has blest us abundantly as a Parish.

Whilst there have been a few issues to complete in the new building, the main work is done. **The good news is that the much awaited one way "drive through" from Hedges Avenue back onto Hedges Avenue will be completed in a few weeks. In the meantime, now that we have established one way traffic at Stella Maris, please continue to operate in this way. There is a temporary exit at present which, whilst "rough and ready", is our only option. Your patience in this regard is appreciated.**

### **POPE FRANCIS LAYS OUT CASE FOR MERCY**

Our truly merciful and loving Pope Francis has laid out his case for emphasising the merciful face of the Roman Catholic church. "The Name of God is Mercy", has been published this week in 86 countries to help kick start the Holy Year of Mercy.

Amongst other things, the Pope writes: "We must avoid the attitude of someone who judges and condemns from the lofty heights of his or her own certainty, looking for the splinter in his brothers or sisters eyes, whilst remaining unaware of the beam in his own". Francis goes on to comment: "Let us always remember that God rejoices more when one sinner returns to the fold than when 99 righteous people have no need of repentance".

Whilst I have placed my personal order for the book, I have as yet only been able to read parts of it from the electronic media. Suffice to say I am looking forward to the actual book that I am sure I will greatly enjoy.

Pope Francis, from the start of his Pontificate, has focused on Mercy and he called a Jubilee Year to state his wish for a more merciful Church and world. For me, Pope Francis is a breath of fresh air who has walked the streets of his former diocese in Argentina and met many "sinners" there.

**As a confessor, Francis is reported as saying, "I have always tried to find a crack, just a tiny opening, so that I can pry open that door and grant forgiveness and mercy". What an inspiration Pope Francis is to our Church—someone who leads the sinner to the love and mercy of God.**

If you want to personally order your own book "The Name of God is Mercy", you can contact St Paul's Bookstore in Brisbane on **3336 9236** or email them at [bookcentre@stpauls.com.au](mailto:bookcentre@stpauls.com.au)

### **FR REGI ON HOLIDAYS**

Fr Regimon Gervasis, our Associate Pastor, has now gone back home for a holiday. Fr Regi will be visiting his family in Kerala, India for five weeks or so. We wish him a happy holiday and safe return. Fr Nicholas and I will be "holding the fort" until he returns and Fr Kevin Carey will be in the Parish on weekends only to assist with the nine Parish Masses.

**God's Abundant Blessings, Fr Tim**



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C**

**READINGS: Isaiah 62: 1-5;  
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11;  
John 2: 1-11.**

**FEASTS: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> St Agnes,  
virgin, martyr.**

**NEXT WEEK: 3rd Sunday in Ord.  
Time C; Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10;**

**1 Corinthians 12: 12-30;  
Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21.**

**REFLECTION**

***As we see in the first reading today, weddings are symbolic of the relationship between God and Israel. On the one hand, the prophet is asking his people to recognise God's personal and passionate love for them while, on the other, Paul is celebrating the abundance of gifts which this loving God has bestowed on his people. All of this is symbolised in the story of Cana. Wine is the sign of joy and celebration and this is what is missing at the wedding in Cana, indicated by the phrase of Jesus' mother when she says 'they have no wine.' This is precisely why Jesus has come – to make the marriage happen, to bring us to union with God. What happens at Cana is a sign that points to the whole meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, a meaning that can only be fully understood after his 'hour'. As the disciples contemplate the marvellous outpouring literally of God's love, symbolised by the best wine, they come to believe in him – this is what is asked of us too.***

**Prayer:**

***Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.***

**"This is the Season of Mercy"**

We are now in Ordinary Time and our focus is walking with Jesus in his ministry and mission. Jesus is our model of merciful living. We see him with rich and poor, tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, a Samaritan woman. He heals, feeds, grieves and forgives. To define Mercy according to Jesus' example we can say:

***"Mercy means to enter into the other person's suffering... feel the other person's pain, see through the other person's eyes, and place ourselves inside the other person's heart and mind. When that happens we are moved to respond in a merciful way."***

Mercy grows in us as we reflect on how God has been merciful with us. This experience is transforming and we can then be merciful to others.

In this Year of Mercy decide to become even more merciful. ***Dare to Really Care.*** Allow yourself to look beneath another person's surface needs and feel what that person is going through. Physical pain, loneliness, rejection, discouragement, fear. See with the eyes of Jesus then decide how you can help (from 'Eight Ways to Live a Merciful Life', L.H. Duquin, Our Sunday Visitor, 9/15).

Surfers Paradise Parish is blessed with groups and associations that reach out to others in a merciful way. Where can you practice being more ***caring*** in our parish, community and world?

***"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love. The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all your works."*** (Ps 145: 8-9)

Blessings, Helen

**Upcoming Events and Date Claimers**

**February 2016**

**4 February, 2016** Adult Faith Education: Liturgy and Ministry. Session One St Monica's Church Tugun, 7-9pm; Suitable for all parishioners and strongly recommended for all Liturgical Ministers. RSVP Helen Goldsmith, Parish Office, 5572 5433.

**6 February, 2016** Jubilee Year of Mercy – Saturday Pilgrimage (and every Saturday during the Year of Mercy) Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth St, Brisbane. Reconciliation 10.30 – 12.30pm and Mass 11.30am

**10 February, 2016** Ash Wednesday

**11 February, 2016** Adult Faith Education: Liturgy and Ministry. Session Two St Monica's Church Tugun, 7-9pm

**RESOURCES FOR YOU IN THE YEAR OF MERCY:**

The Holy Year of Mercy – A Faith Sharing Guide [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)

A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis – Daily Reflections [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com)

CathNews Perspectives – A series of reflections by Australian Archbishops and Bishops. [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

Articles, Pope's Year of Mercy letter, Year of Mercy full program, Francis and the Year of Mercy, Year of Mercy prayer, music. [www.catholicaustralia.com.au](http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au)

**ASH WEDNESDAY - YEAR C**

**10th February 2016**

Masses for Ash Wednesday on 10th February will be offered at: **9.00am and 6.00pm** at SACRED HEART CHURCH, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.



This weekend at the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, we welcome members of the **GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE CATENIANS**, who are part of an international association of Catholic lay men.

Their aim is to strengthen their faith, foster brotherly love amongst their members and develop social bonds amongst their families. They meet monthly at South Tweed Heads Sports Club and share a meal. Please join them at the Morning Coffee after the Mass, for more information.

## What's happening in the Parish

### SACRED HEART & ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

have just received new stocks of rosaries, rosary bracelets, keyrings, children's books & Sunday Missals.

Copies of "GOD'S WORD WITH DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY" are also available.



### SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS First Tuesday of the Month

Our first Anointing Mass for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 2nd February at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are usually picked up please let Doug and Lois know you are coming to this Mass by calling them on 5630 8293 or 0419 724 181.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hospitality Centre by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies. Could all members please bring a plate to share. The monthly meeting of the SPCL will be held at 1.00pm after the refreshments. For more information on the work of SPCL please call Irene Ross on 55621260.

## SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES (SPCL)

Friendship, hospitality, fellowship and prayer

Come and join us at our regular get-togethers:

**MORNING TEA** after the Anointing Mass 1st Tuesday of every month (next on 2nd February)

**FRIENDSHIP DAY** (morning tea, cards, bingo) 3rd Thursday of every month. \$5, you're welcome to bring a plate.

Ph. Irene Ross 0419 751 823



### PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of the **Eve Malinowska of Palm Beach** for the week commencing **Monday 18th January 2016**.

Please phone Maxine or Patrick Sela on **5539 9539** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. All you have to do is to say the Rosary to Our Lady. It is not necessary to invite people to your home. If you are unable to collect the statue due to transport problems we can deliver the statue to you.

*Thank you for your support, Pat & Maxine*



**SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB** will hold Beginners Lessons in January.

Please phone **Cheryl 5538 8821** to book. All Bridge players are welcome to join the Club on Monday afternoons. Contact Cheryl to arrange a Partnership.



## VENIRE Youth & Young Adults

The Venire Youth leaders are re-launching **Beats By The Beach on Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of February from 11am-3pm!** Beats By The Beach is an epic social/family fun day held at Stella Maris Church grounds with live music, carnival-style games, sausage sizzle, expo lane and market stalls! At the market stalls, we'll be selling cakes, baked goods, hand-decorated candles and hand-lettered scripture wall art made by the youth, second hand clothing and MORE!

**LOOKING FOR HELPERS!** We're looking for some people with Utes and trailers to help transport equipment from Sacred Heart to Stella Maris. If you're able to help on the day with our set-up OR with the sausage sizzle, please email Steph at [vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au). We'd really appreciate your help!

### LIBRARY NEWS:

Take a look at the Summer Reading display outside the Library. Some people say "I've got lots to read at home!", but maybe you need to look at something new and fresh in your spiritual reading! Inside the Library we have displays on Reconciliation for the Year of Mercy and books about the Gospel of Luke. Among our new books is "Proof of Heaven" a neurosurgeon's journey into the after-life; "The Best of the Battlers God" and a prayer guide by popular Vocations Director Fr Morgan Batt.



IN THE RACKS: at the back of our churches is Social Justice Issues newsletter and the Apostleship of Prayer. We note with sadness the death of Jesuit Fr Vince Hurley who founded this international prayer network. We thank God for him and may he rest in peace.

### THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Friendship Group

will meet for a Coffee, Cake, Chat and Catch-up at the Coffee Culture Café on **Thursday 28th January 2016 from 11am**. A light lunch will also be available. Contact Leona on **5538 7070**.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS:** You are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11:00am, at St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba, on **Sunday 14 February, 2016** to celebrate with other couples in the parishes of our South-Coast Deanery, your marriage, whether you were married only last year or decades ago. The Mass will conclude with a renewal of your Marriage Vows.

We invite you to bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch on the verandah and to stay awhile, to chat with other like-minded couples.

For more information contact Sue and Bren Milsom, members of Gold Coast Team for Married Spirituality and Burleigh Heads Parish. [milsoms@outlook.com](mailto:milsoms@outlook.com) 55224880

### THE LOFT – AFFORDABLE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

(Under the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels, Chermside) [www.theloftsa.com.au](http://www.theloftsa.com.au). Limited rooms left – ideal for students, apprentices and young adults on internship in a family residential area. For enquiries, please email: [theloftsa38@yahoo.com](mailto:theloftsa38@yahoo.com) or text mobile: 0468 515130. Parish Office Telephone: 3359 0239

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART NEXT ANOINTING MASS 2ND FEBRUARY 2016	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
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am				

**MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:**  
**Polish:** Sunday 11.30am Sacred Heart Church  
Fr Bernard Bednarz 5504 6297  
**Italian:** Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church  
Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support  
Felicia 5571 0858 — General Info.  
**Filipino:** Mass on 2nd October 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.

**Art & Craft:** Wednesday 9am-12.30pm PHC—Resume 27/1  
**Book Club:** 3rd Tues 12noon. Parish Hospitality Centre  
**Bridge:** Monday 12.30pm. PHC Resumes 2016  
**SPCL:** Meeting 1.00pm 1st Tue. Hospitality Centre Feb '16  
 Friendship Day 3rd Thurs 10am-1.30pm PH: 5562 1260  
**Parish Choir Practice:** 8.30am 3rd / 4th Saturday  
Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.  
**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. Hospitality Centre  
**Zumba Gold:** Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and  
Intermediate Levels. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

**FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE**

**Baptisms:** Please contact the Parish Office 5572 5433  
**Benediction:** 1st Friday 7.30am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word: Held 2nd Sunday of each Month @ 8.30am**  
Mass Stella Maris Church.  
**9am Mass Sacred Heart Church. In Recess until the new School Term**  
**Christian Meditation:** Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts  
0428090703 and on Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) Contact Office  
**CFC Australia:** 1st Sunday—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 Sacred Heart Church, (1st Friday 7pm to 7am)  
**Carmelite Spirituality:** 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW  
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575.  
**Marriages:** Please contact Parish Office 5572 5433 (6mths notice required)  
**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  
**Spiritual Direction:** Bernadette Kavanagh-Stewart 5520 7242  
**St Joseph's Prayer Group:** 1st Wednesday 9.30am Sacred Heart Church  
**Youth Led Mass: 4th Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. Next Mass 31 January .**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Remo Bos, Michael Buesel, Susie Khahil, Sammy Anning, Margaret Miller (NZ), Jeff Doyle, Margaret Webber (Syd), John Holloway, Ayoub, Frank Kelly, Mitch Edwards, Angela Ferguson, Denise Tracey, Michelle Barry Horrigan, Victor Aguggia, Bonifacie Michael Kearney, Diane Sullivan, John Pritchard, Rosaria Zammit, Ron Perry, (Bono) Masic (Croatia), Janet Winks, Mick Anthony, Lyndi Kovacevich, Amalia Patrick Cannard, Paul Kiely, Rose Crane, Marnane, Michael Joseph George. Adriano, Connor Cosgrave, Nogi Davies Mary Carniel, Baby Charlie Francis, Pat (Capetown), Isobel Corvesor, June Lazaro, Kaylene Swan, Peter Verhaze, Carnovale, John Spackman, Anne Weston, Ricardo Pereira, Warren Potter, Sheryl Douglas Bateman (Syd), Valda Martin, Margie Savage, Joanne Burge, Shirley Day, Trish Heffernan, Yvonne Lofthouse, Ken Nascimento, Mary Coy, Mary Fraser, Fredericks, Kaori Rodda (Japan), Kellie Danny Osmund, Marlise England, Stephen Duncan, Sage Amor (Canada), Jenny Zannett, Baby Eva Cassidy Abad, G. Buckley, Damian Normile, Brian Ellsmore, Nicholas, Bruno Andreetta, Julieta Alvero, Ray Dunn, Eden McNamara, Denise Margie Savage, Joanne Burge, Shirley Day, Darwin (Syd), Tilda Liappas (Greece), John Leo Domingo, Bernie Wall, Rosalia Roque, Ashby, Theo Farr, Frank Foslen, Betty- Josephine Maybury, Monica Clifford, Clare Anne Hillesheim, Tracey Burgess, Alfia Martin, Gerrard Theron, Mary Kerr, Harrop, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, William Sheehan, Kate Needham, Barbara & Mike Farrell, Justin King, Anna Wheeler, Monica Bailey, Alan Wilson, Peter Emma Winks, Una Parkinson, Nathan Townsend, Zenaida Osborne, Percy Nathan Jordan (Melb.) Earl Brierty, Annette Emma Winks, Una Parkinson, Nathan Clarke, Pat Burton, Gus Reeves.

**CONTACT FORM:**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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 information.**