

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
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MCBS
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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C **30th / 31st JANUARY 2016**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY
12TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6.30PM



On February 12 at 6.30pm, our Parish, on behalf of the entire South Coast Deanery, will have a special Mass for the Holy Year of Mercy to include the Rite of the Opening of a Holy Door. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the Archbishop of Brisbane, will preside at this Mass which will designate Sacred Heart Church as a pilgrimage site during the Year of Mercy.

During this Year of Mercy, **the Pope invites us to think about mercy anew as the “act by which God comes to meet us” but also mercy as the “fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life”.** The Pope invites us to live by this mercy in our parishes and lives, to forgive others as well as to seek reconciliation.

The Pope challenges us to understand mercy and justice as “two dimensions of the same reality” on the way of conversion of the sinner towards love.

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee of Mercy to allow us to focus on and deepen our gratitude for the loving mercy of God. As with all Jubilee years, the Year of Mercy will include the use of a Holy Door, a specially designated entrance that has spiritual and symbolic meaning for Catholics.

Catholics from our own parish and elsewhere will pass through the Holy Door and all are invited to come as pilgrims receiving special graces.

Our parish is honoured to have been among those selected as a pilgrimage site.

I invite all of you to attend the Mass of Opening of the Holy Door as we gather together to celebrate a very significant year not only for the universal Catholic Church but our local church as well.

Come and receive the special graces of this special year.

God's abundant blessings, Fr Tim Harris

**4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C**

READINGS: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13; Luke 4: 21-30

FEASTS: Tuesday 2nd Presentation of the Lord; Friday 5th St Agatha, virgin, martyr; Saturday 6th St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs.

NEXT WEEK: 5th Sunday in Ord. Time C; Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11.

REFLECTION:

Jeremiah reminds us of the importance of prophets – people who are in tune with God's ways and call others to recognize and live by them. It is a difficult and dangerous role even today as many Christians suffer or lose their lives because they challenge the world's selfishness and blindness.

Jesus was the greatest of all prophets. People found it hard to accept this new role of Jesus. As he challenged them to broaden their horizons and recognize God's blessings, they became angry and violent, rejecting God's generous ways and seeking to kill Jesus.

The second reading from St Paul to the Corinthians complements this theme. 'The gift of prophecy' and an 'understanding of all the mysteries' will achieve nothing if it is not inspired by love. We are called to continue the mission Jesus began in the synagogue in Nazareth; to bring faith and hope to others and to do this with love.

PRAYER: *Pray for all those who work to bring good news to the poor and hope to the hopeless. Pray for each other.*

VENIRÉ NEWS: 2016 is a huge year for Veniré! We are looking forward to continuing to grow and develop our ministry. The leaders have come together to plan for the first half of the year, and we are looking forward to the different themes and series that we get to share with the youth. As it is the Jubilee Year Of Mercy, we will be focusing on a Mercy series over Lent. We've also asked what the Venirites want to hear/learn and we were astounded by some of the responses. We had requests to do a series on Old Testament Prophet's as well as a series that breaks down what happens at Mass. It's amazing to see the youth hunger for this kind of knowledge, and this being the things that they want to hear.

Veniré is also really excited to re-launch Beats By The Beach. This is a family fun/social day held at Stella Maris Church grounds from 11-3pm that involves live music, carnival style games, mini golf, face painting, sausage sizzle, expo lane and market stalls! The expo lane will showcase different ministries of the Archdiocese of Brisbane that you can get connected in with. At the market stalls, we'll be selling baked goods, hand made candles, wall art, second hand clothing and more. We hope that you'll join us on February 7th for the day.

The Veniré leaders are also looking forward to **World Youth Day** (A week long festival/ conference that the Pope gathers young people from around the world) which is held in Poland in July this year. It will be the first World Youth Day for many of our leaders, however we are excited to experience it for our own formation and to be able to bring back what we have gained to Veniré.

This is a big year for us! Please continue to pray for us as well as spread the word about Veniré by inviting young people you know to our events or to get in contact with me. We are looking forward to welcoming new faces at Veniré and inviting them to journey deeper with Christ. Your support and prayers make such a difference to our ministry, and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without it. So thank you. **God bless, Stephanie Santos – Youth Coordinator**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The statue of our Lady will be at the home of Glarry & Rudi Camara of Benowa for the week commencing **Monday 2nd of February 2016**. Please phone Maxine or Patrick Sela on 55399539 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, Pat & Maxine**

IN THE RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS: The **LITTLE BLACK BOOK** is your companion for Lent. Each page contains a short reflection on the Gospel of the day while the other has a variety of quotes, information and timely thoughts. Available now \$4.

Only a few **DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY and YEAR OF MERCY PAMPHLETS** left. Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life, obtain yours today. Pray with it, share it and make your life a daily celebration with the word of God. Grow in God's love, being nourished daily by His word, the bread of life.

What's happening in the Parish



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - YEAR C 10th February 2016



Masses for **ASH WEDNESDAY** on **10th February** will be offered at: **7.00am** at **STELLA MARIS CHURCH**, 254 Hedges Ave, Broadbeach and **9.00am and 6.00pm** at **SACRED HEART CHURCH**, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola over 30 weeks in Daily Life: Discover God's unique love and desire for you through a journey of scripturally based prayer and individual direction. Applications are now being received for commencement in March 2015.

www.faberspirituality.org.au or ph. 3368-2450. Parish contact: **Helen Goldsmith** helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Program 2015-2016: A reminder to families enrolled in the current Sacramental Process. Parent Information sessions on the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are scheduled for **Wednesday 17th February** in Sacred Heart Church, either **9.30am, 1.30pm or 6.30pm**. Children are welcome, but it is not essential for them to be present as the sessions are aimed at the parents.

Lenten Program: Being Lost... Being Found: The Lenten Program commences week beginning 8th February. If you are interested in forming or joining a group, to gather together to spiritually prepare for the Easter celebrations, then contact the Parish Office 5572 5433 or helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au to leave your name and contact number.

The cost of the resource book is \$8.80 and contains six scripture reflections written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. These focus on the gospel readings and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The book includes guided meditations and personal stories focused on God's mercy. **Please place your order with the Parish Office on 5572 5433.**

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 to Helen Goldsmith, Parish Office, **5572 5433.**

Monday to Friday 7.30am to 3.30pm at Sacred Heart Church
PH: 0435 721 258 Catering
Options available.



VENIRE Youth & Young Adults

Come along to Venire to learn some more about your faith, have fun, eat some food, and make friends while you're at it! Venire is open to all high schoolers and young adults! It's on every Thursday from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Parish Hospitality Centre. Please RSVP for catering purposes by contacting Steph on 0411669876 or through our Facebook event: www.facebook.com/venireyouth

LIBRARY NEWS: The message from the recently concluded Synod on the Family appears to be a call to **Walk Pastorally with Others**. Take a look at our display in the Library. Books about building up the Parish family; the new Evangelisation; inter-faith dialogue and understanding Church today.

OVERDUE BOOKS AMNESTY! Thank you to people who returned books after we phone them. Could everyone kindly have a look in their book shelves and see if you have a Library book! Returns can be delivered to the Parish Office or Library. Thank you so much!

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: We have opened and invite everyone to come and share a "cuppa and chat" any Wednesday from 9am to 12noon in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

Our first fund-raising activity is a Raffle beginning 27th February to assist the youth with travel expenses to the World Youth Day in Poland. However, we do need PRIZES! Is anyone able to help? All enquiries to **Parish Office 55725433.**

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) Members are asked to please bring a plate to share .

FRIENDSHIP DAY (morning tea, cards, bingo) 3rd Thursday of every month. \$5 Ph. Irene Ross 0419 751 823

ALL NIGHT ADORATION: All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday at Sacred Heart Church from 7pm Friday 5th to 7am Saturday 6th February. All welcome. Enquiries: Helen 0421 935 678 or Jim 0424 381 069. "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" MT 26:40.

FOR ADORATION ON 12TH FEBRUARY - Due to the Mass to Open the Holy Door, Adoration will be at 8.00pm to 9.00pm.

"Come celebrate with us the beautiful **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES** on the **11th of February**, at the shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, The Marion Valley, Canungra. Bus leaves Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, 8.15am. \$18 return. For booking and information contact Paula 55827950 or 0402930918, or Vivian on 55359623." Paula Groom.

Celebration of **FATIMA DAY** on **Saturday 13th of February** at The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley. For bookings please call Viviane on 0755359623.

Children's IRISH DANCING CLASS Mondays 3.30pm to 4.30pm Casey Hall, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Ages 3+ For info call LINDA 0407370047



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	NO 9.00am SACRED HEART Mass at 11am Anointing 2nd February	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 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

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

Art & Craft: Wed 9am-12.30pm Parish Hospitality Centre

Book Club: 3rd Tues 12noon. Parish Hospitality Centre

Bridge: Monday 12.30pm. Parish Hospitality Centre.

SPCL: Meeting 1.00pm 1st Tue. Hospitality Centre **2 Feb '16**
Friendship Day 3rd Thurs 10am-1.30pm PH: 5562 1260

Parish Choir Practice: 8.30am 1st and last Saturdays
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. Resumes 2/2/16

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: Weekly at 9am Mass Sacred Heart Church.
Re-commence Sunday 7th February 2016 and at 8.30am Mass Stella
Maris Church. **Children's Liturgy is held 2nd Sunday of each Month.** Next
date **14th February 2016**

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts
0428090703 and on Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) Contact Parish 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: Mick King (NZ), Boris Mucha (Tas), Rafael Toda, Mick King (NZ), Brendan Berkeley, Antonio Falcone, Elayne Toomey, Irene Gumley, Margaret Radford (UK), Maureen Saunderson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony, Granville & Trevor Cardoza, George Andreou, Charles Camilleri, Albert McIlhatton, Catherine Margaret Torpy, Barry George.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Jackie Rivett, Janice Jensen, Alexia, Hannah Bain, Jegvan, Sofia Rubio, Edwin Ware, Shirley Heath, Helen, Greg Cook, David Weldon, Neville Jensen, Dorelle Muller, Rachel Raines, Joseph Robinson, Jim & Shirley Harris, Debra Leanne Harbour, Linda

Bodey (Melb), Michael Buesel, Susie Khahil, Sammy Ayoub, Frank Kelly, Mitch Edwards, Michael Kearney, Diane Sullivan, John Anthony, Lyndi Kovacevich, Amalia Adriano, Connor Cosgrave, Nogi Davies (Capetown), Isobel Corvesor, June Carnovale, John Spackman, Anne Weston, Douglas Bateman (Syd), Valda Martin, Trish Heffernan, Yvonne Lofthouse, Ken Fredericks, Kaori Rodda (Japan), Kellie Duncan, Sage Amor (Canada), Jenny Buckley, Damian Normile, Brian Ellsmore, Ray Dunn, Eden McNamara, Denise Darwin (Syd), Tilda Liappas (Greece), John Ashby, Theo Farr, Frank Foslen, Betty-Anne Hillesheim, Tracey Burgess, Alfia Harrop, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Monica Bailey, Alan Wilson, Peter Townsend, Zenaida Osborne, Percy Jordan (Melb.) Earl Brierty, Annette

Anning, Margaret Miller (NZ), Jeff Doyle, Angela Ferguson, Denise Tracey, Michelle Pritchard, Rosaria Zammitt, Ron Perry, Patrick Cannard, Paul Kiely, Rose Crane, Mary Carniel, Baby Charlie Francis, Pat Lazaro, Kaylene Swan, Peter Verhaze, Ricardo Pereira, Warren Potter, Sheryl Abrahams, Susan Richmond, Eleanor B Nascimento, Mary Coy, Mary Fraser, Danny Osmund, Marlise England, Stephen Zannett, Baby Eva Cassidy Abad, G. Nicholas, Bruno Andretta, Julieta Alvero, Margie Savage, Joanne Burge, Shirley Day, Leo Domingo, Bernie Wall, Rosalia Roque, Josephine Maybury, Monica Clifford, Clare Martin, Gerrard Theron, Mary Kerr, William Sheehan, Kate Needham, Barbara & Mike Farrell, Justin King, Anna Wheeler, Emma Winks, Una Parkinson, Nathan Clarke, Pat Burton, Gus Reeves.

CONTACT FORM:

Family Name: _____

Other Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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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.