

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
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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C 6th / 7th FEBRUARY 2016

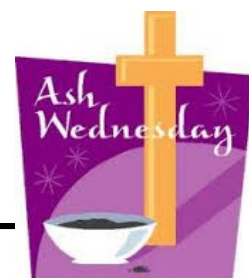
Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

ASH WEDNESDAY and the BEGINNING OF LENT

MASS TIMES: ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

Stella Maris, Hedges Ave, Broadbeach — 7.00am

Sacred Heart, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters — 9.00am and 6.00pm



The Season of Lent begins on this coming Wednesday. **Three Masses will be available in the Parish at which the cruciform smudge of ash will be signed on our foreheads.** This black/grey ash will identify us as Christians, as people committed to living and dying and rising with Christ.

The challenge this Lent and every Lent is to reflect on our commitment to Christ because it could be that our commitment has become as insubstantial as ash in that, if it has, then it is only out of ashes that new life can spring forth. We die to self in order to rise anew.

The Lenten season traditionally calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in the belief that something wonderful might emerge in us. That beautiful saying: "Something of the fragrance of the flowers lingers on the hand of the giver", captures the spirit of this season. By giving of ourselves and by giving to others we surrender to God and empty ourselves so that "others" become our concern by repenting and believing in the Gospel for we are all, at the end of the day, "dust" and unto dust we shall return.

BIG WEEK AHEAD - Date Claimer: February 12 : 6.30pm

The Archbishop will be **opening the Holy Door of Mercy at Sacred Heart Church on this night.** Given the Season of Lent will have by then already begun, the Holy door of Mercy will be given a special prominence. Interestingly, the Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis is only the third "extraordinary" jubilee since the tradition began 700 years ago. This is no "ordinary" jubilee as they occur every 25 years.

The Pope obviously sees a great need for us to be reminded that "God forgives and God forgives always". Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness.

The Season of Lent is a perfect time to ask for forgiveness. The Holy Door is a symbolic reminder to us that once the door is opened, the barrier of sin that we place between us and God is removed. God is on the other side of that door always ready to unconditionally forgive us and love us.

Those who pass through a Holy Door during this Jubilee Year will receive a plenary indulgence provided the recipient also goes to confession, receives communion and prays for the Pope. But "mercy" goes beyond Holy Doors.

The Pope has multiple audiences in mind in this Year of Jubilee. Francis has insisted that the first words of evangelization must be God's love and mercy, not a list of rules and regulations. This is the message that people should hear first and most frequently from the Clergy, not only during the Year of Mercy, but always. As a Priest, I am convinced that when people leave the confessional, they should be smiling not crying. If there are tears, they should be tears of joy.

So, let us begin Lent and the Holy Year of Mercy with the proper disposition. Let us begin with the Ash Wednesday celebrations and the Opening of the Holy Door by the Archbishop on Friday evening. See you then.

God's abundant blessings, Fr Tim Harris

5th SUNDAY IN ORD YEAR C

READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8;
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;
Luke 5: 1-11

FEASTS: Wednesday 10th
Ash Wednesday

NEXT WEEK: 1st Sunday of Lent:
Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13;
Lk 4: 1-13

REFLECTION: *Today's readings present characters who are called to carry out a mission of proclaiming the word of God. They all have the same reaction: they feel unworthy, incapable, inadequate. Isaiah declares himself to be a man of unclean lips. Peter asks Jesus to turn away from him because he knows he is a sinner. Paul says that the Risen One was manifested to him who was an imperfect being or one born abnormally.*

The Lord carries out his work of salvation using people covered with weakness. He enables them to convey his message. Isaiah sees a cherub take the sacred fire, touch his lips and erase his iniquity and can no longer resist the call of the Lord. He answers, "Here am I. Send me!" Paul presents a list of those who experienced the Risen Jesus. They were enabled and guided by Scriptures and enlightened by the Spirit. Paul urges us to make our own journey and invites us to open our hearts to the light of the Spirit.

Today's Gospel highlights that Jesus proclaims the word of God in all contexts, not only during the liturgy on Sunday and in the environments and places of worship but in both sacred and profane places because it enlightens, inspires and guides all activities of people. Action follows the proclamation of the Word. The disciples are invited to cast their nets and to fish. We as the Christian community who hear the Gospel message are also invited to carry out this command and go out into the world to be fishers of people, remembering God has chosen us and enables us to complete Jesus' mission.

LENTEN PROGRAM: BEING LOST... BEING FOUND

The Lenten Program commences next week. 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 email 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.

The Meditation Group will be conducting the Lenten Program at their usual time of 10am Tuesday's in the Youth Co-ordinator's Room. You are welcome to join them.

OTHER LENTEN RESOURCES

1. **Lenten Moments of Mercy:** Embrace the call to mercy and encounter Lent through Scripture-based reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis.
2. **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.**
3. **A Year of Mercy, a Lent of Healing:** Popular prayer sites Sacred Space and Pray as You Go collaborate to offer this online retreat that focuses on the healing miracles of Jesus.
<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org> <http://www.sacredspace.ie>
4. **Praying Lent:** Creighton's Online Ministries offers many excellent seasonal resources.
5. **Living Lent Daily:** Find 40 brief prayers, thoughts, and more to inspire you daily.
6. **Women of the Passion:** Follows the Passion of Jesus as it was experienced by women.
7. **Pray-as-you-go Scriptural Stations of the Cross:** A series of ten scripture-based audio meditations in the tradition of the Stations of the Cross. <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org>
<http://www.sacredspace.ie> See more at <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent>

CAR-PARKING AT ALL CHURCHES

You are reminded to observe and comply with road and parking rules within the Church grounds. Particularly, parking in disabled bays and ensuring access to exits is unobstructed. Please ensure you are not obstructing another cars ability to exit as sometimes people need to leave early during a service or in case of an emergency or health-related issue. Your attendance to this serious issue is appreciated.

AVAILABILITY FOR EASTER SERVICES: Please let me or any of the roster co-ordinators know if you are available for the Easter ceremonies. **Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil, Saturday night, are full parish celebrations.** Those on the Sacred Heart, St Vincent's and Stella Maris rosters are invited, and encouraged, to assist at these ceremonies. Ph. Helen 5572 5433 or you can email to helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au

RCIA - RITE OF WELCOMING This Sunday at Sacred Heart Church we celebrate and welcome Kayla, Jessica and Sue who have decided to begin the process of becoming members of the Catholic Church and intend their journey of faith to be within our community. Our parish will accompany and support them and the other candidates on that journey. Please keep Kayla, Jessica, Sue and the others, Claudine, Grant, Tracey, Nicole, Terri and Diahann in your prayers.

Receiving Communion in Our Parish

We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the Universal Church practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood. The Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the chalice. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host into the chalice if this is your custom.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of **Glarry & Rudi Camara of Benowa** commencing Monday **8th 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's 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

What's happening in the Parish

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY 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.

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 each.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY and YEAR OF MERCY PAMPHLETS. 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

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO OUR NURSING HOMES

We are currently looking for a **Minister of Communion** who would like to become a volunteer to take Communion to the Catholic residents at **BUPA Nursing Home**, at Glenhaven Court, Merrimac. The current need is for someone who would be available on the **1st Tuesday of each month from 9.30am for approximately 1-1.5 hours**. If you would like to become involved in this wonderful Ministry would you please give the Parish Office a call on **5572 5433** and we will put you in contact with the Ministry Coordinator.

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: We 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**.

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

We were given the name of **Margaret Radford (UK)** for our Recently Deceased Prayers, by a parishioner from this Parish. A relative is looking for this parishioner, as they would like to make contact with other possible relatives living on the Gold Coast. Please phone the Parish Office on 5572 5433.



Venire is open to all high schoolers and young adults, it's a great way to get connected with other young people, make friends and have fun while you are at it! **We meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm at the Parish Hospitality Centre**. In light of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, at Venire we are starting a Lenten series based on Mercy. Join us this Thursday as we explore this theme, discuss and reflect through talks, small groups and interactive activities. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Steph via 0411669876, or through [facebook.com/venireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

LIBRARY NEWS: NEW BOOKS to borrow now includes a book by popular author Joyce Rapp called "Dear Heart Come Home" which is the path to midlife spirituality. Also popular will be Br. John Venard's "In the Arms of a Battler's God", of simple, down-to-earth reflections. A book of 31 tips for youth is called "How to Develop a Pleasing Personality" - we could all read this one!

NEW FOR READERS!! A Read and Return Trolley is now located at the back of Sacred heart Church. These great books can be borrowed ANYTIME - just return to the trolley at your leisure. Find the trolley near the Library or sometimes outside, by the Coffee Shop. We invite you to browse and borrow!! Enjoy!

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
Contact: **Helen Goldsmith PH: 0412 894 356**.

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.

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.

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



GOLD COAST-TWEED CATENIANS MEETING THURS, 11TH FEB SOUTH TWEED HEADS SPORTS CLUB AT 5.45 PM (QLD TIME).

RELIABLE PARISHIONER AVAILABLE IN BROADBEACH WATERS FOR IRONING. PLEASE CALL MRS BLANCHARD ON 0426 236 107

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	9.00am SACRED HEART	Ash Wednesday Stella Maris 7.00am Sacred Heart 9am & 6pm	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
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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
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.
Sunday 7th February 2016. At Stella Maris Church, Children's Liturgy is held 2nd Sunday of each Month AT 8.30 Mass. Next date 14th February

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. **February 14th and 28th**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jackie Rivett, Rolando Raganas, Jocelyn Gallardo, Mick King (NZ), Boris Mucha (Tas).

ANNIVERSARIES: Gloria McLeod, Marie Olive Brown, Paul Barry, Bozo & Sophia Barac, Jackie Monteith, Joseph & Lucy Fernandes, Amparo Paghubasan, Krizan Zorka Kaslelic, Les Alford.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marian Komorowski, Ron Cadd (Vic), 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 Andreetta, 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: _____

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.