

# 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

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Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator

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Sonya Slater

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Benowa

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St Michael's College

Merrimac

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P: Michael Nayler

## 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT — YEAR C

27th / 28th FEBRUARY 2016



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### THANKYOU PARISHIONERS

I am delighted to convey to you that some parishioners have very generously offered to fully fund the installation of two "big" fans to be suspended from the ceiling in Sacred Heart Church. This is the biggest Church in the Parish and Deanery and accommodates up to 1000 people. I have agreed to meet with the installation firm and hopefully, if all goes to plan, the fans will be in place soon. I want to ensure that the "noise" factor is adequately addressed before the final go-ahead.

### NEW ALTAR, TABLE OF THE WORD AND PRESIDERS CHAIR

After much thought, and given that Sacred Heart Church will be 30 years old soon, I believe the time has come for the Parish to replace the Sanctuary "furnishings". As Parish Priest I have the responsibility to ensure the ongoing dignity and beauty of the Liturgical Space.

Each piece of furniture has its own requirements and whilst we have been well served, I believe we can improve upon what is presently in place. For example the documents of the Church say the following about the Altar: "The Altar, the holy table, should be the most noble, the most beautifully designed and constructed table the community can provide".

The Altar should also be fixed so that it cannot be "wheeled" away or moved. Our present furniture can indeed be "wheeled" away and this is not satisfactory. The Sanctuary has a special dignity that we must respect always.

The plan therefore is to proceed to commission three pieces, the Altar, the Table of the Word and the Presiders Chair. A new Tabernacle is also required and will be placed on a marble stand in its present position. The Tabernacle and the special area set aside to adore the Lord works well and is completely acceptable as far as the Church directions in regard to the placement of Tabernacles is concerned.

**I invite any parishioner (or parishioners) who may consider donating towards the purchase of any or all of these items to contact me personally or the Parish office. We hope to also place matching or as near to matching marble tiles across the Sanctuary floor.**

This upgrade of the Sanctuary is needed and once again I ask for your financial support to complete it. The cost will not be exorbitant and like the purchase of similar items for our new Stella Maris Church, the contribution of parishioners has paid very big dividends indeed. We have achieved a great deal and I ask for your assistance once again.

*God's Abundant Blessings, Fr Tim Harris*

**CHRISM MASS** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Wednesday 16 March 2016** commencing at **7.00pm**. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**READINGS:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

**FEASTS:** n/a

### NEXT WEEK: 4TH SUNDAY OF

**LENT:** Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

### REFLECTION

*Today's readings reveal a God who is merciful and forgiving, patiently calling us to conversion. In the first reading God reveals the divine name, "I am who I am", is identified as one filled with compassion and the very one who has acted in the history of the people time and again. The Psalm captures the experience of the Jewish people who God has constantly rescued and forgiven.*

*In Paul's letter to the community at Corinth, Paul addresses a number of problems and reminds the Corinthians that despite the salvation they have experienced in the sacraments, they must undergo constant conversion or they will perish like the Israelites of old.*

*The stern warning of Paul is balanced by the gospel and the parable of the fig tree. Jesus stresses the urgency of repentance and reminds his hearers of how patient God has been in calling us to conversion. The fig tree is not cut down but gets extra care and one more year to 'bear fruit'.*

*Ours is a God who forgives, welcomes our repentance and sends a saviour to personally offer us the gift of reconciliation.*

### Prayer:

**Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner."**



### EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY SEAT OF MERCY FOR SOUTH COAST DEANERY SACRED HEART CHURCH, 50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has designated Sacred Heart Church as a pilgrimage church of mercy. The Holy Door was opened on 12 February and anyone who passes through the Holy Door is able to obtain special graces by: celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation; Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy; profession of faith (Creed); a prayer for the intentions of the Pope (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

**Additional Reconciliation times have been made available at Sacred Heart:**

**Friday from 10.00am to 11.30am and from 5.00pm to 6.30pm**

*It is encouraged that all the faithful take this opportunity to deepen their spiritual lives in the Jubilee of Mercy.*

### **SURFERS PARADISE YOUTH—VENIRE**

As you may be aware, since October last year, my position as Youth Coordinator was made full-time from the generosity of a benefactor. I have been very blessed to have this new role, and it is my aim to establish youth groups at every Parish on the Gold Coast. Since October, I have been scouting for young adults in the Deanery to be leaders in their Parish Youth Groups. We've been meeting monthly for leadership training and formation, and this weekend I have taken them out for a retreat weekend out in Lamington National Park. We are having numerous guest speakers from the Archdiocese, a time of fellowship, and working on our own personal relationship with Christ. We're being empowered to be leaders and taking time to ignite the fire in our hearts to go out and serve God's kingdom here on the Gold Coast.



At this **Sunday's 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church**, we will be having a Commissioning Mass for all youth leaders. We will have a special Commissioning Rite and blessing to send us forth for the year. 20 young men and women have answered the call to be youth leaders in this Deanery, and I am so grateful for their 'yes'. These leaders in the Deanery come from Coomera, Burleigh Heads, Coolangatta-Tugun and Surfers Paradise Parish. In the next month, Venire will be starting at each of these Parishes. I ask for your prayers during this time. Please pray for all of us on our retreat, that we may come away from it feeling refreshed and with a new zeal, that we may be the leaders that God is calling us to be, and the light of Christ may shine through us when we minister to young people, and that when we minister, young people on the Gold Coast may see the face of Jesus through us.

**God bless, Stephanie Santos, Deanery Youth Coordinator**



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

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Tuesday 1st March 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. Stay on afterwards for light refreshments in the Parish Hospitality Centre hosted by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies. **All SPCL members are asked to bring a plate to share.**

### **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 Nilda Melville of Parkwood commencing Monday **29th of February 2016**. Please phone Maxine or Patrick Sela on 55399539 and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. If you can't collect the statue due to transport problems we can deliver the statue to you. **Thank you, Pat & Maxine**

## What's happening in the Parish

**ATRIUM NEWS :** It has been a great start to this first term period in the Atrium! We pray for the ten children who have commenced their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. **We welcome Rachel and Patricia** as volunteers in the Atrium. We are so grateful for their help!

We enjoyed a special visit from the ladies of our **Parish Craft Group on Wednesday**. It was a joy to share our 3 to 6 Atrium with them and to showcase, to those who assisted with sewing, how the items have been put to good use! Thank you for your continued support. **Thanks so much to our group of volunteers from Venire Youth Group** who will be helping with sanding and sealing of dioramas and figures for our proposed 6 to 9 Atrium. The joy and enthusiasm of many hands definitely makes the work much lighter! **Last Friday**, Shannon, Auceli and I attended two days of formation at Graceville Atrium – which completes our Level 2 Part 2 (6 to 9 years) training.

**To enrol your child for Baptism preparation in the Atrium or your three year old child for Catechesis, express interest in becoming a volunteer, or to assist the Atrium financially, please contact Angela Williams [atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au) or 55725433**

**ALL NIGHT ADORATION:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday at Sacred Heart Church from 7pm Friday 4th March to 7am Saturday 5th March. All welcome. Enquiries: Jim 0424 381 069 or Helen 0421 935 678. "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" MT 26.40



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR 2016** will be celebrated at the Anglican Church, Salerno St, Isle of Capri, Thursday 3rd March at 10am. The Liturgy will be prepared by the Women of Cuba. Fr Regimon from our Parish will also attend. All are welcome to attend this wonderful service.



Available now in our Religious Goods Shops are prints and cards of this **Year of Mercy** image, created by local Gold Coast artist **Lynne Hudson**. **Cards are \$5 each, 10"x 8" Prints are \$25 and framed 10"x 8" prints \$35**. Contact Lynne for special individual orders on her mobile **0402 264 816** or email: [lynne@lynnehudson.com](mailto:lynne@lynnehudson.com).

### **SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES (SPCL)**

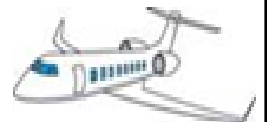
**Friendship, hospitality, fellowship and prayer  
Come and join us at our regular get-togethers:**

**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



Planning a holiday or a Business trip? Perhaps you are in need of a well-deserved break? Please call **Marguerite McMahon Travel Services** 0408 765954 for all your personalised International holiday requirements.



All high-schoolers and young adults are welcome! Come along to Venire for a fun and faith filled night. We meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm at the Parish Hospitality Centre.

Join us this Thursday as we continue to journey with our Lenten Mercy series. This week we'll be looking at the works of mercy, and what that mean for us in our lives. We hope to see you there!! Please RSVP to Steph via 0411 669 876, or through [facebook.com/venireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

**ART & CRAFT NEWS:** We welcome the Parish Mission Council's support for the Easter Raffle. They have obtained great prizes to be added to the list and will also assist throughout the event. **TICKET SALES** will START ON SAT 5TH MARCH and continue at all weekend Masses until Sun 20th march. The raffle will be DRAWN ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 9AM MASS. Your support for this activity is needed to enable our Youth Group to be represented at World Youth Day in Poland in July 2016. *Individual donations to WYD fundraising will be gratefully accepted.*

**Co.As.It. Community Services** have started a **Latino Group every Monday** at our Social Group Centre based at the Italo Australian Club, Clear Island Waters. We welcome all Spanish speaking over 65 years to join our social group. Our days are filled with fun activities, special outings, opportunity to catch up with friends and also meeting new friends in the Spanish community. Please contact Rita on **0418 590 396 or 5527 6481**.



**LIBRARY NEWS:** In the Library check out displays of **Lenten reading** and an array of **Stations of the Cross** - why not do a different one each week in your prayer time. The meditations on the Stations are written by many great saints and spiritual writers. **Pray with Pope Francis this Lent**. A lovely little colour booklet is available in all our Churches, produced by the **Apostleship of Prayer**. In the Library is a special display of the writings by and about Pope Francis. He writes in such an accessible, warm and compassionate way. Get to know his wisdom now.

**ENROLMENTS 2017:** St Kevin's new Principal, Mr Peter Anderson invites you to consider enrolling your child for Prep 2017. You may know someone who would benefit from an education at the great St Kevin's Benowa. Places are possible in most year levels. Drop in for a tour with our senior students. Visit [www.sk.qld.edu.au](http://www.sk.qld.edu.au) or phone **5539 4522**.



**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<br>ST VINCENT'S             | 9.00am<br>SACRED HEART   | 9.00am<br>STELLA MARIS | 9.00am<br>STELLA MARIS | 7am<br>ST VINCENT'S<br>9am<br>SACRED HEART<br>Year of Mercy<br>Reconciliation<br>10-11.30 & 5-6.30 | <u>RECONCILIATION</u><br>4.15pm STELLA MARIS<br>5.00pm SACRED HEART<br>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<br><b>SACRED HEART CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm<br><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:** 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  
**Marriages:** Please contact Parish Office 5572 5433 (6mths notice required)  
**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 28th February**  
**Christian Meditation:** Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts 0428090703 and on Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) Contact Parish Office  
**CFC Australia:** 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.  
**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  
**St Joseph's Prayer Group:** 1st Wednesday 9.30am Sacred Heart Church  
**Youth Led Mass:** 4th Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. **February 28th**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paul Sammut, Marlise England (UK), Theresa Prior (Sth. Africa), Mary Antonee Mootoo, Margaret Anning, John Hayes, Jan Siejka (Tasmania), Jose Portes.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Arthur William Burns, George Schreiber, Bernadette Bartley, Tereza, Anton & John Pavelic, Marie Olive Brown.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Neville O'Neill, Kate Needham, Gus Reeves, Monica Bailey, Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Theo Farr, Therese Brake, David Weldon, Dorelle Muller.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FOR US TO PUBLISH A NAME IN THIS LIST OF THE SICK YOU MUST HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE PERSON LISTED OR THEIR FAMILY.**

**We have removed the list of names from our Newsletter and ask that you call the Parish Office and ask us to re-instate a name if you have the express permission of the sick person. We ask your understanding in this matter.**

**Those names that we have published today come with the permission of the individual.**



**Have you thought about leaving a legacy?**

**Brochures on how to "Make a Bequest to the Surfers Paradise Parish" are in the brochure holders at the back of all churches.**  
For further information call the parish office 5575 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 information.**