

# 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

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Coordinator

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## 4th SUNDAY IN LENT — YEAR C 5th / 6th MARCH 2016



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

Last weekend I wrote about our intention to refurbish the Sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church and how important this "update" was, given that we celebrate shortly the 30th Anniversary of the Church.

I am very pleased and humbled to inform you that the new altar has been donated in full. This was a substantial anonymous amount and as a result I feel confident to move forward.

We now need a sponsor for a new and/or refurbished Tabernacle which will be placed on a marble stand in its present position. The stand will be of the same material as the Altar (marble) immediately making the connection with what happens on the Altar to what is placed in the Tabernacle.

I am also asking if we can attract a "sponsor" for the Table of the Word (Pulpit), the Presiders Chair and the marble stand on which the Tabernacle will rest. A refurbished/new Tabernacle is being sourced which will come at a cost but with your help we are well on the way.

I have received some very kind letters of support during the week from parishioners who encouraged me to proceed with the refurbishment as soon as possible. I was pleased to receive such affirming correspondence.

As I have already stated, this Parish has achieved greatly because of the generosity of parishioners. Everything I have appealed for during my tenure as Parish priest (including the new Church at Broadbeach) has been responded to enthusiastically. Once again your generosity will ensure that our Parish does the things that need to be done.

Again, if any parishioner/parishioners can financially assist with the remaining liturgical furniture, I would be delighted. The Sanctuary at Sacred Heart deserves our consideration in terms of the plans articulated here. Can you help with: **1. a Table of the Word (Pulpit). 2. a new or refurbished Tabernacle. 3. a Presiders Chair. 4. a marble stand for the Tabernacle.**

Colour consultants are being engaged to advise on a colour which will become the background of the Sanctuary. The present plain white back wall will be transformed as a suitable backdrop.

I pray that we can have this refurbishment completed in the next few months. Thank you for your positive response and comments thus far.

### CONGRATULATIONS BURLEIGH PARISH

This weekend I will be attending a special Mass at Burleigh Heads Parish at 10am, in my capacity as Dean of the South Coast. This Mass will be lead by the Apostolic Nuncio, the Pope's representative in Australia and Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the Archbishop of Brisbane on the occasion of the blessing of the Foundation Stone of the new Church and Parish Office.

This is a very significant occasion for the Burleigh Heads Parish as it has taken 16 years or so for these plans to come to fruition. It is hoped that the new Church will be completed by Christmas, weather permitting. Our Parish of Surfers Paradise congratulates Fr Ken Howell and prays for a successful completion of the project.

The new Church/Office, like our new Church, built last year for \$3.1 million, will be completely debt free with expenditure close to \$9 million. God continues to bless our Gold Coast Catholic Community as new Churches emerge for the glory of God.

*God's Abundant Blessings, Fr Tim Harris*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**READINGS:** Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 **FEASTS:** n/a

**NEXT WEEK:** 5th Sunday of Lent: Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11

### REFLECTION

Today's readings focus our attention on the experience of conversion, which constitutes our acceptance of God's offer of forgiveness. The first reading continues the story of Old Testament events and tells of the entry into the Promised Land: described as a new Passover – a reminder of the Pascal Mystery's centrality to the whole story of the Scriptures. The responsorial psalm, 'taste and see the goodness of the Lord' highlights clearly, the Eucharistic reference.

Paul discusses his apostolic ministry which was founded on the conversion experience that made him an 'ambassador' for Christ. For Paul the experience of conversion is like a 'new creation' that remakes a person 'in Christ.' The consequence is the same for all Christians – to share with others the reconciliation they have experienced in Christ.

The parable of the Prodigal Son is rich in many layers of meaning. It offers a lived experience of the process of conversion; a powerful and shocking image of the unconditional nature of God's forgiving love even before we repent; and a sharp rebuke for the self-righteous attitudes typified in the older brother. Like the Israelites in the first reading, the son is offered a festive meal to celebrate the reconciliation – the parable finding its ultimate revelation for us, on a personal level, at the Eucharistic table.

**PRAYER: Forgive us our sins Lord, so we may celebrate the joy of reconciliation.**

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Sat 19th / Sun 20th March

#### Sacred Heart Church

6pm Vigil (Reconciliation 5pm)

9am & 6pm Sunday

#### St Vincent's Church

6pm Vigil (Reconciliation 5.15pm)

8am & 10am Sunday

#### Stella Maris Church

5pm Vigil

(Reconciliation at 4.15pm)

7am & 8.30am Sunday



### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM HOLY THURSDAY— MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Sacred Heart Church ONLY 7.00pm**

### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sacred Heart Church 3.00pm St Vincent's Church 3.00pm

Stella Maris Church 3.00pm



### HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

**Sacred Heart Church ONLY 7.00pm**

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### Sacred Heart Church

9am & 6pm Sunday

#### St Vincent's Church

8am & 10am Sunday

#### Stella Maris Church

7am & 8.30am Sunday

### GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10AM ALL THREE CHURCHES

### RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR EASTER

**Saturday 19th March** 5pm— 5.30pm Sacred Heart & St Vincent's Churches & 4.15pm Stella Maris

**After** 7am Mass St Vincent's Church, Monday 21st March: **After weekday Masses** Tuesday 22nd March 9am Sacred Heart: Wednesday 23rd March 9am Stella Maris.

**PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH:** "May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion; by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us." Pope Francis, *The Face of Mercy* n 14.

The Holy Door at Sacred Heart Church represents the door to God's mercy and 'great pardon.' Special graces can be received by those who pass through the Door of Mercy with the appropriate interior disposition and fulfil the required conditions; celebrate the sacrament of Penance, receive Holy Eucharist, make a profession of faith (Creed) and pray for the intentions of the Pope (Our Father, Hail Mary).

To assist and accompany the prayer of pilgrims and those who pass through the Holy Door a Pilgrimage of Mercy has been created - a journey along the **Way of Mercy** for rest, reflection and prayer.

Pamphlets for the **Way of Mercy** can be found at the Holy Door and in the brochure racks of all parish churches.

**"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life."** Pope Francis, *MV 14*. **Blessings, Helen**

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

**PRAYING THE ROSARY** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Annie Alboyoung of Parkwood commencing Monday **7th March 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

**ART & CRAFT NEWS:** The Easter Raffle to help our Youth be represented at the WORLD YOUTH DAY in POLAND begins today and will be available for the next few weeks. Fantastic prizes are: a **SonIQ 42" TV valued at \$500**; a set of **Sennheiser Momentum On-Ear Headphones and Sony Bluetooth Sound Cube Entertainment pack valued at \$400**; **Royal Pines Voucher valued at \$330**; a **Pack containing a Retro Digital Radio/Toaster/Kettle to match valued at \$250**; and many more prizes. **TICKETS: \$5 each or 3 for \$10.** We also offer a table with Children clothing (girls) at the **9am Mass this Sunday.**

Your support for these activities is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you from the Craft Group.**

**CENTACARE PASTORAL MINISTRIES thanks the Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish community** for the generous response from many gifted and skilled parishioners to the call for Expressions of Interest in the Court Support volunteer role at Southport Court. All applications received were of an extremely high standard and appointments to the roles have been finalised. If any parishioners are interested in similar roles at Beenleigh Court please contact Judy Norris at [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au) or phone Judy on 0428669572.

**SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES (SPCL) Friendship, hospitality, fellowship and prayer. MORNING TEA after the Anointing Mass 1st Tuesday of every month (next 5 April) 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**

### **God the Weaver: Creating Life's Tapestry Together.**

*He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!* Come join us on a post Easter, multigenerational women's retreat. Create your own tapestry as you take sacred time in prayer, community and walking the grounds of Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, celebrating the richness of God's presence in your life.

**When: 6pm Monday 28 March, finishing with 9am Morning Prayer Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.** Facilitators: Grace Harwood and Sue Thomas. Optional Add-ons:

- You are welcome to stay a day longer and embed the retreat in a day of quiet and solitude on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am – 4pm. Or
- Take the opportunity to embed the retreat by experiencing a weekend of quiet and solitude. 10am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to 2pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Cost: Retreat (including Accommodation, Meals and Materials) \$550. Day of Solitude (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea) \$30. Weekend of Solitude (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> - including all meals) \$350

For additional information or to register contact: Grace Harwood 0409 524 283 or [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)



All of us have had moments when we've found ourselves in need of mercy. Desiring and receiving mercy is just as important as being merciful. Join us this week at Venire as we look at Hope and love despite our sins. Venire is open to all high schoolers and young adults (13-25). Come along on Thursday night, we start at 6:30 and go through to 8:30 in the Parish Hospitality Centre. Dinner is provided, to help with catering please RSVP to Steph on 0411669876 or via [facebook.com/venireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

**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:** Our Year of Mercy theme continues in the Library with books on display about forgiveness and grace. **New Books** include: Cardinal Martini's "I Believe in Eternal Life": a large print edition of Fr Leonard's "Where the Hell is God?": popular author Harold Kushner's "Who Needs God" and Joyce Rupp's "May I Have this Dance" which is an invitation to faithful prayer.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER** is now in a colourful 6 month format. Collect your free copy from the racks at the back of the Church or the Parish Library.

Come and join us to celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph on the 19th of March** at the Marian Valley, Canungra. The bus will leave from Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am at the cost of \$20 return. To book or for more information, phone Paula Groom on **0402 930 918 or 5582 7950.**

**MORNING TEA after 8.30AM MASS AT STELLA MARIS CHURCH**  
**Please join us this Sunday!**



**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.**

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIPGROUP** will meet for lunch on THURSDAY 24th MARCH at 12 noon at the Lone Star Tavern, Markeri Street, Mermaid Waters (next to Dan Murphy's!) Phone Leona on 5538 7070 All Welcome!





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART Anointing Mass 11am on First Tuesday 5th April At 11am	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART Year of Mercy Reconciliation 10-11.30 & 5-6.30	<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)

**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.

**Zumba Gold:** Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and  
Intermediate Levels. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

**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 13th March.**

**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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kaylene Swan, Bill O'Keeffe, Josie Connell, Paul Sammut, Marlise England (UK), Theresa Prior (Sth. Africa), Mary Antonee Mootoo, Jose Portes.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Arthur William Burns, Francesco Lacopo, Bruce, Greg & Gib McPhie, Angela Tanquintic, Dulcie Lovinski, Tootsie Ware, 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, Michael Kearney, Mike and Barbara Farrell, Fr. Trevor OGS, Zenaida Osborne, Marian Komorowski (Poland),

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**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.**