

# 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

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## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** **YEAR C - 19th / 20th MARCH 2016**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Holy Week has begun. This weekend we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday because the theme of Jesus' suffering and death begins with the reading of the Passion Story. We actually begin with the blessing of the palms in imitation of the triumphant "parade" of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem.



The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy therefore is devoted to the suffering of Jesus. Ironically the 'same' people who cheered Jesus one day, condemned him the next. We should notice the mood change as the week's events unfold.

So the **Great Week** is upon us. We can choose to enter fully into the week or stand simply as spectators. The challenge is to immerse ourselves into the most important week of our Christian lives by participating in all the liturgies, including the **evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** (7pm Sacred Heart Church), Good Friday liturgy (3pm at all Churches), 7pm Saturday Vigil (Sacred Heart Church) and of course Easter Sunday (at all churches).

The point needs to be made that the **Saturday Vigil is not like every other Saturday Vigil Mass** in that it lasts at least up to two hours and contains rich liturgical rituals and meaning. At this Mass we baptise and confirm and fully initiate our candidates. We light the Easter fire. We sing the Exultet. We celebrate our faith with great fanfare and drama. A liturgy not to be missed.

Importantly one liturgy follows the other yet they combine to tell the story of salvation history. Clearly we need three days to at least enter into the mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Its an awe-inspiring mystery and as a Parish we are invited to take time to deepen our understanding of our participation in this mystery for we too die and rise with Christ.

Lent, if you like, has now given way to birth. We have been carried in the womb of the Lenten church up to Jerusalem which demands of us a courage like never before because dying is part of life and Jesus shows us the way. We "die" not alone but with him and the good news is that death is destroyed forever by him. Yes we suffer but never in vain because Alleluia is our song or our praise of the Easter Light of the world.

**May our Parish at this time therefore gather as ONE when and where it can during the coming week.** The Liturgies are designed by the church for a purpose and some of them (if not all) are better celebrated when we realise that **gathering as ONE** is more important than "business as usual" in the sense that the Triduum (the Great Three Days) gives us every opportunity to be enlivened spiritually with the strong conviction that Jesus Christ is not only the beginning and the end but our LIFE.

I wish you a grace-filled Holy Week. Together this week may we walk by faith.

**God's abundant blessings, Fr Tim Harris**

**PALM SUNDAY - Year C**

**READINGS:** Ent: Lk 19: 28-40; Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56

**NEXT WEEK:** The Sacred Paschal Triduum: 24<sup>th</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper; 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Passion of the Lord; Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. **Easter Sunday:** Resurrection of the Lord; Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

**REFLECTION:** *In Luke's Passion narrative we sense the confusion and chaos. Jesus longs to eat the Passover with his disciples but knows that one of them is betraying him. Meanwhile, the disciples argue amongst themselves. It seems a very dysfunctional group. Jesus is affected by the chaos as he corrects their understanding and finally says to them "that is enough!" The confusion and chaos continue in the garden and darkness seems to have taken over.*

*Then for a brief and powerful moment on the cross the Light breaks through the darkness as Jesus says, "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." Isaiah's prophecy in the first reading is fulfilled, "The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue... God comes to my help.... Insult has not touched me... I shall not be put to shame."*

*From the cross Jesus points to his life's mission. Darkness may have come into the world but Jesus' words come from a confidence born of great love, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."*

*None of us has escaped chaos and confusion and in this story of Jesus our own stories can find a home. The magnificent theology of Paul tells us time and again that our union with Christ in his dying is also his rising; it transforms the meaning of all human suffering.*

**PRAYER:** *O God, Help us put on the attitude of Christ, take the sorrows of our life and transform them with your joy, take the chaos of our life and transform them with your calm, take the humiliations we have experienced and transform them with your strength. Amen*

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES AND EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES**



**SACRED HEART CHURCH,  
50 Fairway Drive,  
Clear Island Waters**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS**

**PALM SUNDAY:** 6pm Vigil (Reconciliation 5pm)  
9am & 6pm Sunday

**RECONCILIATION:**

**After 9am Mass on Tuesday 22nd March.**

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Stations of the Cross 10.00am

**PASSION OF THE LORD:** Friday 3.00pm

**NO YEAR OF MERCY RECONCILIATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY**

**EASTER VIGIL:** Saturday 7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS:** 9.00am and 6.00pm



**ST VINCENT'S CHURCH  
40 HAMILTON AVENUE, SURFERS  
PARADISE**

**ST VINCENT'S CHURCH, SURFERS PARADISE**

**PALM SUNDAY:** 6pm Vigil (Reconciliation 5.15pm)

**8am & 10am Sunday**

**RECONCILIATION:**

**After 7am Mass on Monday 21st March.**

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Stations of the Cross 10.00am

**PASSION OF THE LORD:** Friday 3.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS:** 8.00am and 10.00am



**STELLA MARIS CHURCH  
254 HEDGES AVENUE,  
BROADBEACH**

**STELLA MARIS CHURCH, BROADBEACH**

**PALM SUNDAY:** 5pm Vigil (Reconciliation 4.15pm)

**MASS at 7am & 8.30am Sunday**

**RECONCILIATION:**

**After 9am Mass on Wednesday 23rd March.**

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Stations of the Cross 10.00am

**PASSION OF THE LORD:** Friday 3.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS:** 7.00am and 8.30am

**PLEASE NOTE: HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER VIGIL ONLY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**Stations of the Cross to be held at Sacred Heart Church**

**10am Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016** – once again we will be walking the grounds following the Cross. Our focus this year, because of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, will be "Mercy" and we will use a little booklet that is based on quotes by Pope Francis on some of his Pilgrimages to various countries, his homilies and also taken from *The Face of Mercy*, announcing the Jubilee Year. We are looking forward to your participation once again and particularly in this Year of Mercy.



**PRAYING THE ROSARY** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Linda Byrne of Carrara, commencing Monday **20th March 2016**. Please phone Maxine or Patrick Sela on 5539 9539 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:** Because of your generosity, sale of tickets is going well. However we have a long way to go to reach our target. We need to sell lots more tickets if we are to send a group of our Youth to the World Youth Day in Poland. You are most welcome to buy tickets in the Raffle or make a donation to achieve this goal. May God bless your efforts. Thank you, Art & Craft Group and Parish Mission Council.

**EASTER VIGIL - SACRED HEART CHURCH 7PM**  
**WE ARE IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER THE EASTER FIRE AT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS.**  
**PLEASE CONTACT HELEN GOLDSMITH 5572 5433**  
**IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST US WITH THIS VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE EASTER VIGIL LITURGY.**

### 'Mission and Mercy'

It is absolutely essential for the church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people.  
Pope Francis: The Face of Mercy #12



Year of Mercy

Parish Seminar

with noted missiologist

Fr Stephen Bevans SVD



Saturday 30 April 9am-1pm

Aspinall Centre - St Bernard's Parish Hall  
4 Klump Rd Upper Mt. Gravatt

No cost, morning tea provided

RSVP: [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au) by Tuesday 26 April

Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane

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

In 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. **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)

### **SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING: FRANCIS AND THE PASSION:**

Central to Francis' faith was the realisation of God's great love manifested in the Passion of Jesus. It dominated his spirituality. His Friars everywhere promoted the Stations of the Cross which proclaim this absolute and incalculable love. As we celebrate the commemoration of our saviour's Passion may it deepen our understanding and appreciation of this unconditional love.

**Next Fraternity Meeting, Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12.30 to 3.30pm Infant Saviour Church, Park road, Burleigh Heads. All welcome. Sr. Clara Condon.**

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet for Lunch on **THURSDAY 24th MARCH 12 noon** at the Lone Star Tavern, Markeri Street, Mermaid Waters. **PHONE LEONA 5538 7070. ALL WELCOME!**



**There will be no Venire held this Thursday as we will be participating in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper in Sacred Heart Church at 7pm. Please join us there.**

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Let a good book be your companion during Holy Week. We recommend meditating on one of the many versions of **The Way of the Cross** we have on display. Visually inspiring books of art works of the **Crucifixion**; of **Pilgrimage** in the Holy Land and **The Passion Play**. Read Pope Benedict's **Jesus of Nazareth** volume about Holy Week or a new book, **He Loved Them to the End** which concerns the Gospels of the Passion. These books are available now from our display in the Library. In our Year of Mercy display we feature books about the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.



Come and celebrate with us the **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** on **Sunday 3rd April 2016** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. The bus leaves The Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost is \$20 return. For bookings and more information please call Paula on **0402 930 918** or **5582 7950** or Vivian on **5535 9623** or **0406 799 059**. The bus is already filling up, so be quick to guarantee a seat!

**CIRCLES OF LIFE 2016 WOMENS FORUM:** 7pm 4th May at Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorn. For all ticketing and event enquiries please contact us via Facebook: Brisbane Women's Forum, email: [womensforumbrisbane@gmail.com](mailto:womensforumbrisbane@gmail.com) or via phone: **0408 735 720. Tickets \$20.**

**GOLD COAST LAY CARMELITES:** The monthly meeting of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites will be held on Sunday 20th March at **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre Clear Island Waters** at 10.30am. The theme for this meeting is 'Discernment to become a Member of the Carmelite Family'. All are welcome. There is no fee but please bring a plate to share over a light lunch. Contact Norm Harding 0421 125 575 ([ave.olmc@outlook.com](mailto:ave.olmc@outlook.com)) to confirm.

**SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB:** Beginners Lessons in April. Please phone **Cheryl 5538 8821** to book. Bridge players are welcome to join the Club on Monday afternoons. Contact Cheryl to arrange Partnerships.

**GOLD COAST CITY CHOIR** presents "RISEN", an Easter Concert celebrating life renewed. Sat **26th March, 4pm Trinity Anglican Church, Robina**. Entrance donation \$10—afternoon tea provided.

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

Catering Options available

**OPEN AFTER 9AM MASS EASTER SUNDAY**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S Reconciliation after Mass	9.00am SACRED HEART Reconciliation after Mass	9.00am Mass STELLA MARIS Reconciliation after Mass	7.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper Sacred Heart Church	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of the Lord <u>NO Year of Mercy</u> <u>Reconciliation</u> On Good Friday	<u>NO RECONCILIATION TODAY</u>  7.00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS SACRED HEART CHURCH ONLY
<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH</b> Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 7.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH</b> 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.

**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, in  
recess till 10th April 2016. **At Stella Maris Church, Children's Liturgy is in  
recess during School Holidays.**

**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: 2nd Sundays 6pm Sacred Heart. Next Mass 27th March.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bishop Ray Michael Kearney, Mike and Barbara Benjamin, Ann Lewis (Canada), Susie Farrell, Fr. Trevor OGS, Zenaida Khalil, Kevin Wheeler (Sydney), Josie Osborne, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Connell (Vic), Jose Portes, Fr Dom Cremesco SVS, Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernadette Bartley, John Connor, Vera Ryan, Lexie McGrath, Norma Espinosa, Aurelio & Caridad Duazo, Donald Thomas, 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.**



**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.**