

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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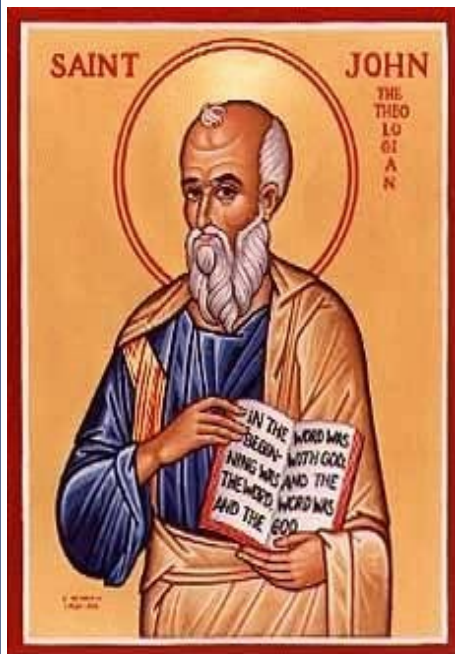
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3rd SUNDAY of EASTER Year C 9th / 10th APRIL 2016

Venire Youth presents Donald MacDonald's powerful performance of The Gospel of St John



The Gospel of St. John is a compelling one-man presentation by Donald Macdonald, Australian actor who is fresh from the success of Edinburgh, London and New York. He brings to the Gold Coast a captivating performance that opens the heart and lifts the spirit. For *one show only*, come and see the greatest story ever told. Parish Library Administrator, Jean Di Benedetto, saw this show at Southport a few years back. She told me she has always loved the poetry, drama and theology of St. John's Gospel. She was intrigued as to how this would be captured by a single actor in the simple setting of a Church.

"I was blown away by the power of the performance and story-telling as Donald brought the text to life. I admit I had tears in my eyes; it was a truly spiritual experience, as well as great theatre. This is truly a performance of international standard and I'm thrilled

I'm going to have the opportunity to see it again" - Jean

See it for yourself this May!

7pm Friday 6th of May 2016

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Clear Island Waters

Book now at the Parish office or online at www.venireyouth.com

Buy a ticket for **only \$15** with our 'Parish Special' tickets.

Children \$10 & Under 5's are free!

Doors open at 6:30pm

Duration: 2 hours (including intermission*)

**Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase during intermission and after the show*

Bring along the whole family! We hope you can join us for a wonderful night.

Stephanie Santos – Youth Coordinator

INSTALLATION OF CEILING FANS

TO ALLOW THE UNIMPEDED INSTALLATION OF NEW CEILING FANS, SACRED HEART CHURCH, 50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS, **WILL BE COMPLETELY CLOSED FROM MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2016 UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY ON THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016.** A LARGE AMOUNT OF HEAVY LIFTING EQUIPMENT WILL NEED TO BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE INTERESTS OF WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY WE MUST HAVE THE CHURCH CLOSED DURING THIS TIME.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS WEEK



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41;
Apoc 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

FEASTS: Monday 11th St Stanislaus,
bishop, martyr

NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of
Easter: Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Apoc 7: 9,
14-17; Jn 10: 27-30

REFLECTION

The theme of suffering in service of mission is repeated in the first two readings, which speak of trials and persecution in an exultant tone. The mission goes on for the apostles in Acts despite persecution by the Sanhedrin who ruled the Jewish community and had Jesus crucified.

The passage from the book of Apocalypse takes place inside a different court - the court of heaven, in the presence of God. All of creation sings a chorus of praise for the sacrifice of the slain Lamb. Christ's suffering is transformed into glory for all the eternal purposes of God, enabling the fulfilment of his mission.

The gospel reading begins with a story of failure but in the presence and under the direction of the Risen Jesus, the disciples haul in a huge catch. The symbolism is clear – Christ enables them to undertake their evangelising mission with new and unparalleled success. Jesus continues to serve the disciples by inviting them to breakfast and preparing the meal himself. They recognise Jesus in the sharing of the meal illuminating for us, the relationship of Eucharist to mission.

Following the meal, Jesus continues to speak about feeding in his response to Peter's three-fold profession of love for him. Jesus issues an imperative that mission be in the form of a pastoral ministry modelled on Jesus' own role and actions to "feed my sheep". With that mission Peter is warned there will be suffering but encouraged to "follow me."

As followers of Jesus we are led to the meal, the Eucharist, to partake in the sacrifice and then be sent out on mission to "love and serve the Lord."

ATRIUM NEWS : *Wishing all our families all the blessings of the Easter season!*

It has been a joy to share the preparation time of Lent and the celebration time of the Great Feast of Easter with the children in the Atrium.

As this is the second year for our Friday morning group, it is beautiful to see that the children are comfortable choosing their own works and working alone in silence. **To observe these little ones aged 3-6 years spending time in contemplation with God for 90 minutes each week is a wonder to behold!**

Our Monday afternoon group has been venturing into the 6-9 year works such as the Pin Map of Israel and City of Jerusalem. After hearing the group presentation of the Empty Tomb, T (aged 6) was inspired to recreate the story in his drawings. **We thank T for sharing his artwork here with us.**



Places for two children in each of our groups have become available on Monday and Friday. This term will also see us introducing a new group for 3 year olds **to be held on Thursdays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.**

A word from one of our Grandparents: "Just feeling the need to send you some feedback and much appreciation for your wonderful little Atrium at Clear Island Waters.

I have been taking my 3 year old grandson along just recently and we have both been deeply and profoundly moved by this humble intelligent and very reverent

atmosphere that cannot help but permeate the senses and be absorbed straight into the soul! .. This is how Our Blessed Lord and Saviour works!!

What a wonderful wise and highly integral part of the Parish this is .. like the rare pearl found in the field this is beyond measure...I am almost changing my plans to relocate because of this discovery! How vitally essential is this in this era of the falling away of true piety and the obsession with all things so worldly.

The Peace and Spirit we've felt there will remain with us for the rest of our lives and I can only hope and pray that you will always keep this pure little powerful flame burning bright. I shall be searching very hard to find something anywhere near this experience elsewhere but search I shall as this has truly been one of the most rewarding surprises of my entire life. Why are these not in every Parish I wonder .. I should write to the Bishop regarding such!

Please accept again my eternal thanks for this life changing glimpse into the true Heart of our dearest Jesus .. He must be so proud!!... All the best for the future .. Please keep up this most excellent work which bears much fruit and may God bless His precious Atrium. Therese

Our two **Baptism preparation** groups have been great ... **with 12 children attending for this six week cycle!** Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they complete their preparation. It has been a very rewarding time for us, as Catechists, to share in these families' growth in their understanding of our faith.

A word from one of our Baptism Parents: "The Atrium was a really welcoming and engaging space for both P and myself. Both Angela and Shannon were so patient and kind and catered the experience so beautifully for the children present. I honestly didn't know what to expect coming into the Atrium for the first time but very quickly I felt like nothing was a problem, and I couldn't have felt more at home. Such a great introduction into the Catholic faith for my little girl, and one that had even myself thinking about all things spiritual." Briana

We are so pleased to welcome Rachel and Patricia as volunteers working in the Atrium! If you are thinking about volunteering a little time in the Parish, please think about helping us in the Atrium. There is pressure on for us to complete the works for use in the 6-9 room and we **would appreciate any help from parents and parishioners to achieve this goal.**

DATE CLAIMER: CGS Australia will be holding a regional **Retreat weekend at Graceville Atrium commencing Friday 27th May, 2016, all are welcome to attend.** Please contact Angela to express your interest. **Atrium resumes on Monday 18th April 2016.**

Angela Williams, Atrium Co-ordinator Email: atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

Prayer: God, you have called us to share in the mission of the Risen Jesus, empower us to meet the needs of those who hunger for you in our families, our workplaces and our communities. Amen.

What's happening in the Parish

ART & CRAFT NEWS: This is your last opportunity to purchase a ticket in the Easter Raffle. As you know all proceeds will go to assisting the youth of the Parish to attend the World Youth Day in Poland.

The Raffle will be drawn this Sunday 10th April at the 6.00pm Youth Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Art and Craft Group & Parish Mission Council

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY DAY THURSDAY 5 MAY – 9 AM TILL 3 PM

Pope Francis has declared this a Year of Mercy but have you ever asked yourself what 'mercy' is all about?

You are invited to spend some quiet time discussing, exploring, engaging with and reflecting on stories of Mercy and Compassion. We will share both sacred and secular stories for our discussion and reflection. There will be time to respond to these through silence, creative activities, prayer, ritual and music.

The venue is the **Old Dairy Hall at the Ecovillage on Currumbin Creek Rd in the beautiful Currumbin Valley.** Cost is only \$25 which includes a delicious morning tea and lunch provided by the local 'Three Figs' cafe.

Presenters are Rina Wintour from St Monica's Parish Tugun and Carole Danby from Evangelisation Brisbane.

For catering and photocopying purposes **registrations are required no later than Friday 29 April.** Come along and enjoy a reflective, spiritual and relaxing day!

RSVP Rina Wintour 0400 332 120 or rwintour@internode.on.net



PRAYING THE ROSARY The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Dot Farley of Broadbeach Waters, commencing Monday 11th April 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**

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Veniré – Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Held in the Parish Hospitality Centre,
50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

RSVP via [facebook.com/venireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

Or Steph: 0411 669 876



LIBRARY NEWS: We have just completed a stocktake of the books in our collection. Some which are being replaced, or are a bit old are being offered in our "Donation for a Book Deal" at Sacred Heart Church. Others will be on the Read and Return Trolley at St Vincent's. Many thanks to Grace for her help with this big task!

Now we have updated the Library Catalogue it will be entered on a database and **will be available to you all online!** Exciting times are ahead for the Library with an increase in "access-at-all-hours".

IN THE RACKS outside the Library are the latest copies of **Meditatio**, the Christian meditation newsletter, which reflects upon violence in the world and describes a contemplative response.

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS:

We are looking for a Eucharistic Minister to take weekly Communion to a parishioner who lives in Sovereign Drive, at Mermaid Waters. If you are able to offer yourself to this Ministry would you please phone the Parish Office to discuss your availability.



GOLD COAST LAY CARMELITES: For April only the monthly meeting of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites will be held on **Sunday 24th April** at **Parish Hospitality Centre Clear Island Waters** at 10.30am. The occasion of this meeting will be a Reception Ceremony for faithful Catholics who through discernment have been approved to become members of the 'Third Order of Carmel' (TOC). All are welcome. No fee but please bring a plate to share over a light lunch. Contact Norm Harding 0421 125 575 (ave.olmc@outlook.com) to confirm.

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



A female Parishioner is looking for a Granny Flat or similar accommodation in the Mermaid Beach/Miami/Broadbeach/Burleigh Heads areas. Rent payable would be around \$150-\$180 dollars per week. Please call the Parish Office if you can help. 5572 5433.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART Anointing Mass 11am Tuesday 3rd May	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
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
Friendship Day 3rd Thurs 10am-1.30pm PH: 5562 1260
Parish Choir Practice: 8.30am 1st and last Saturdays SH
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.
Stella Maris Church 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday
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 24th April.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jan Brockwell, Brian Hodges, Neville O'Neill, David Anthony Evans, Martin Tadj, Mary Cooper, Pietro Ulliana, Joyce Hunt, Jose Portes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Lenehan, Earl Beitey, Kath McMonagle, Shane McLoughlan, Arthur Kelly Burns, Norma Weise, Justin Paul Fitzgerald, Bernard Joseph Gleeson, Eric Thomas Williams, Kathleen Magee, Robert Symons, Marie Olive Brown.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Andreas Lunandi, 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), Fr Dom Cremesco SVS, Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong, Dolly Roberts & Gerald Theron (Cape Town), Joan Wienand.

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 5572 5433.

CONTACT FORM:

Family Name: _____

Other Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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