

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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ONE PARISH
three churches

Sacred Heart
50 Fairway Drive,
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St Vincent's
40 Hamilton Avenue,
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Stella Maris
254 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

PASTORAL

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C **11th / 12th June 2016**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

THE LOGIC OF MERCY VERSUS THE LOGIC OF JUSTICE

In this year of mercy we continue to contemplate on God's mercy

to us as individuals and humanity in general. One of the controversial questions that has been asked by many is – how do we relate God's mercy and his justice? The answer to this question was given by Pope Francis in his Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy – *Misericordiae Vultus*.

Pope Francis says that contrary to what some may think about mercy being an "abdication of justice," God's mercy and justice share the same end; God's justice is his mercy. In the recently published Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "*Amoris Laetitia*," Pope Francis invented the phrase, the "logic of pastoral mercy". What this means is sometimes the logic of mercy sounds incoherent and inconsequential in the ears of many but that's the logic of God. For instance the story of the Prodigal Son, the woman caught in adultery, the first reading of this weekend and the gospel.

King David in the first reading committed two heinous sins: adultery and murder. But when he recognised what he had done he said "I have sinned against the Lord" and he asked for God's mercy and forgiveness. Prophet Nathan who God sent to David said "The Lord, for his part, forgives your sins; you are not to die."

In the Gospel reading we hear the encounter between Jesus and a sinful woman. This woman was very well known as a public sinner; perhaps a prostitute. The Pharisees were amazed with the type of treatment she received from Jesus. The words of Jesus to this woman are "Your sins are forgiven." "Your faith has saved you; go in peace"!

In these stories, the logic of the Elder Son, the Scribes and the Pharisees sounds legalistic and coherent but at the same time judgmental. They did not see the other side of the coin. For God, mercy comes first before judgement. After all, justice can be truthful without being merciful but mercy cannot be truthful without being just.

Our world is saturated with the logic of legalism that does not consider the other side of humanity; the logic of "a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand". That is not the logic of God. The logic of God is soaked in love, compassion, mercy and divine justice. The vocation of the Church and her members is to express, live out and promote this type of logic. If not, the Church becomes a mere civil government or an NGO. This is the logic God wants us to apply when dealing with the wounded and the vulnerable of our society.

Having said that, the mercy of God is a gratuitous gift to us and it is not meant to be abused. It does not give us the license to continue to sit back in the mould of our sinful state. Pope Francis drew our attention to this when he said, "Yet this does not mean that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price". (*MV 21*) After all Jesus challenged the woman caught in adultery by telling her to "go and sin no more!"



Fr. Nicholas Okafor.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

REFLECTION: *Jesus was not selective about the company he kept. He accepted invitations from rich and poor, from both Pharisees and tax collectors. (Pharisees were the self-appointed guardians of the law and its observance.) In this highly confronting scene Jesus' focus is entirely on the woman's intentions and not on how it looks to the other people in the room. Jesus can see that the woman is expressing both sincere repentance and love in the only way that she knows – physically and with a great deal of passionate feeling. It was really her faith and clear repentance which won her forgiveness. Love and sin are incompatible; they cannot co-exist in the same person. She was loving Jesus so much at that moment that she could not be a sinner. Jesus shows us that God deals with persons as they are here and now. What I did yesterday does not matter very much. All that matters is what I am doing now, how I am relating to God and those around me right now.*

Today's Mass links this story with the sin of David. When his sin was pointed out to him by Nathan the prophet, David bitterly repented of what he had done. His repentance won the Lord's forgiveness.

Paul's letter to the Galatians, touches on the heart of today's Mass. "What makes a person right with God is not obedience to the Law but faith in Jesus Christ." That was the difference between the Pharisee and the repentant woman. The Pharisee based his goodness on the observance of laws and regulations. But faith is not an intellectual act. It is primarily an act of love and total trust. As Paul tells us today, it is that trust in God through Jesus Christ that transforms our lives. Like the woman in the Gospel, Paul too was passionately in love with Jesus. We ask for the grace to follow in their footsteps.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Amen.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C:

READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Galatians 2: 16, 19-21; Luke 7: 36:8:3

FEASTS: Monday 13th St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

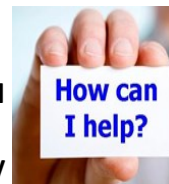
NEXT WEEK: 12th Sunday; Zechariah 12: 10-11, 13:1; Galatians 3: 26-29; Luke 9: 18-24

CAN YOU HELP? We encourage all our parishioners to share their gifts with the parish community.

We are especially calling for Liturgical Ministers and Volunteers at all Masses at STELLA MARIS, ST VINCENT'S and SACRED HEART.

There are many ways you can contribute – Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Reader, Welcomer, Collector, Data Projector, Music Ministry, Altar Server, Hospitality, Children's Liturgy. Full training will be provided.

Don't be shy. I used to be shy too!! Please contact Helen Goldsmith: phone 5572 5433, email helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au or complete one of the forms in the



PRAYER THIS WEEK

1. Preparation for Prayer: In your place of prayer, still yourself. Imagine God's long, loving gaze. Make a simple offering of your time, attention and energies.
2. Ask for the grace of a heartfelt awareness of God's merciful love for you.
3. Read the Gospel for this week. Luke 7: 36-50
4. Place yourself in the scene. Notice how Jesus relates to the woman in her need. Notice the reactions of the Pharisee and others. Stay here for a while.
5. Conclude with a conversation with God, thanking him for his abundant mercy and faithfulness.

"Thanks to Your mercy, O Infinite God, I know something about You not only through concepts and words, but through experience. I have actually known You through living contact; I have met You in joy and suffering. For You are the first and last experience of my life. Yes, really You Yourself, not just a concept of You, not just the name which we ourselves have given to You! You have descended upon me in water and the Spirit, in my baptism. And then there was no question of my convincing or excogitating anything about You. Then my reason with its extravagant cleverness was silent. Then, without asking me, You made Yourself my poor heart's destiny." (Karl Rahner SJ, *Encounters with Silence*, p. 30) *Karl Rahner was one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century and believed that theology and spirituality were intimately linked.*

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Nilda Melville of Parkwood, commencing Monday **13th June 2016**. You do not need to invite anyone to your home unless you wish to. If you need help to collect the Statue just give Pat and Maxine a call on **5539 9539**. **Thank you.**

NEW COLUMBARIUM NICHE WALL UPDATE

A new Columbarium Niche Wall has been ordered and there are currently 100 niches available for reservation. If you are interested in reserving a niche for yourself or a loved one or you would like more information on the new wall, please call Sonya on **5572 5433** and ask for an appointment.

Photograph shows Our current Walls. A new Wall will be added between the 1st & 2nd Walls.



GOLD COAST AIRPORT MARATHON

Once again, on **SUNDAY 3RD JULY**, Hedges Avenue, Broadbeach will be **CLOSED FROM 4AM UNTIL 12NOON** for the running of this race. Parishioners are advised that if they wish to attend Mass at 7am or 8.30am they are only able to walk to the Church, there will be no vehicles allowed onto Hedges Avenue.

Thank you again for your patience!

ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Thanks Abbey and Marta for assisting Monday and to Maree for joining us Friday as a volunteer. We look forward to sharing with you all again and truly appreciate your gentle presence with the children! The children have been producing some great work! Thanks to T for sharing!



CGS Characteristics' 32 Points of Reflection:

3. "The atrium is a community in which children and adults live together a religious experience which facilitates participation in the wider community of the family, the church and other social spheres.
 - The atrium is a place of prayer, in which work and study spontaneously become meditation, contemplation and prayer.
 - The atrium is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; both children and adults place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the liturgical celebration."

To learn more: atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FASHION PARADE - SATURDAY

13TH AUGUST 1.00PM for a 1.30PM START
Fashions from PORTOFINO with sizes and styles to suit every woman!
Admission \$10 A Delicious Afternoon Tea is included!
For Inquiries contact Irene Ross 5562 1260



SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY



10am to 1.30pm
Thursday 16th June in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters



Usual Fun and Cards of your choice
\$5 entrance, Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes

All Welcome

Contact Irene Ross 55 621 260 for more information

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We will meet for lunch at **12noon on Thursday 23rd June** at the Surfers Paradise Golf Club, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. All Welcome. Please contact Leona for further information on **5538 7070**.

DON'T FORGET YOUR COPY OF THE CATHOLIC LEADER THIS WEEK. ONLY \$2.00



COFFEE CULTURE CAFE

7.30am to 3.30pm Mon to Fri
Catering Options available for your function. 0435 721 258

Youth and Young Adults

Veniré is a ministry that provides an opportunity for young people across the Gold Coast to get connected with other young people who share the same faith, inviting them to find their identity in Christ; empowering them to know, to love, and to serve the Lord.

This Week at Veniré

- 14th – *Connect Group*, Benowa
- 15th – *School visit*, Assisi Catholic College
- 16th – *Veniré* at Surfers Paradise Parish
- 17th – *Veniré* at Burleigh Heads Parish
- 18th – *Bunnings BBQ*, Southport
- 19th – *Ignite Live*, Brisbane

If you would like any more information about these events or to come along to any of them, please contact Steph on 0411669876 www.facebook.com/venireyouth

LIBRARY NEWS: The happiness singing well-loved and inspirational Hymns is something we all enjoy. Now Michelle has given the Library a super DVD, "Hymn Slide Shows" with her visuals and music from our Parish Liturgies. Check out the display in the Library of **CD's & DVD's of music** by people like Brian Boniwell, Fr. Frank Anderson, Monica Brown and Dan Schutte - which we sing regularly at Worship. Praying at home with song is cheerful and for everyone. We also have many traditional, classical and Gospel CD's.

The monthly meeting of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites will be held at **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre Clear Island Waters** at 10.30 am **on Sunday 19th June, 2016**. The theme of our meeting will be: 'The Jesus Prayer and the Sacred Triangle'. Visitors 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 to confirm your attendance or to make enquiries.

Sunday 19th June 2016 Retreat Day "God's Name is Mercy" and Prayer for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, **commencing with Mass at 11am, St Thomas' Catholic Church Perth St Camp Hill**, day finishing 3.30pm; following Mass the Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly Chancellor/ Judicial Vicar will launch Fr Ken's new Book "The Way of Jesus - a Reflection on the Beatitudes" Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by Fr Ken's infectious love of God. Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author. Car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ Presents: **Why bother praying?** *The Depth and Richness of Catholic Prayer, Thursday 7 July, 7pm – 9pm* St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt and Wishart Parish, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt, Free admission: Bookings not required.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am Sacred Heart <i>Next Anointing Mass 11am on 5th July</i>	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: Next Mass in our Parish is 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
**Pilates: Monday, Tuesday sessions. Casey Hall. Phone
Nicole 0420 301 379 or at nicolecalvinopilates@gmail.com**

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office 5572 5433 to register.
Marriages: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 (Min 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 2nd Sunday of each month.
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
Youth Led Mass: Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. **Next Date 28th August**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mavis Tacey, Annette Anning, Monica Bailey, Sage Lewis (Capetown SA), Sophia Esperanza David, Baudelino Acosta, Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Wisniewska (Poland).
Dot Meekin, Gary Cochrane, Judy Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, David Weldon, Dorelle Muller, Michael Kearney, Mike and Barbara Farrell, Fr. Trevor OGS, 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, Bruno Needham, Ian Finlayson, Gus Reeves, Andreetta, Ron Cadd, Bernadine



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: _____

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.