

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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three churches

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St Vincent's
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Stella Maris
254 Hedges Avenue,
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Fr Tim Harris
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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C **14th / 15th May 2016**



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Last weekend the church celebrated the Ascension of the Lord and this weekend the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. These two celebrations remind us that we are not left as orphans, or abandoned in this life and in the life to come. Our God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit is always with us.

What a joy then it is to gather as a community of faith at this time. After all, we say in the Creed every Sunday: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets". This affirmation of the Creed is spoken by millions week after week and emphasises our belief in a Triune God. (Three in ONE)

Of course to profess our faith in the Holy Spirit is one thing, to live in the knowledge that we have been gifted with the Holy Spirit is another. For us we have been touched in a most personal and direct way by the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and the rites of Christian Initiation.

Here as new disciples of Christ we have renounced sin and evil and we have been baptised into the death and new life of Jesus Christ, having been anointed with God's life-giving Spirit. This immersion and anointing changes everything or at least in practice on our part it surely should.

If Christians are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and they are, our lives should reflect this reality in word and deed. In short are we open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Pope Francis speaking on this exact question said: "..... **Do I pray to him to enlighten me, to make me more sensitive to the things of God? And this is a prayer we need to pray every day: Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the word of God, may my heart be open to good, may my heart be open to the beauty of God, everyday. But I would like to ask a question to all of you: How many of you pray every day to the Holy Spirit? Eh, a few of you I bet, eh! Well a few, a few, be we realise this wish of Jesus, pray everyday for the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to Jesus**".

So let us this weekend reflect upon our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday encourages us to do exactly this and in the words of the Pope: "How many of us pray every day to the Holy Spirit?" Our very existence as Christians depends upon our prayers because the tradition of our church affirms that the Spirit of truth acts in our hearts, provoking that sense of faith (Sensus Fidei).

By implication when the Spirit of truth acts in our hearts we have present in us the Spirit of life which transforms our Church and world.

Pope Francis has a great passion within to lead a Church transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit responding to the "facts" on the ground not necessarily to the "facts" as we might like them to be. The Pope wants all of us to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so we can not only make a difference to the way we live our lives but also to make a difference to the lives of others.

We don't receive the Holy Spirit to keep for ourselves but to share with one another. When we are cheerful and courageous, when we console the bereaved, when we have empathy for the sick and lonely, when we care for the elderly and weak, when we refrain from judging another, when we show kindness and mercy we are doing the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit never has a holiday in other words. The Holy Spirit is always active, ever ready to breath life into tired and weary hearts. I pray this weekend that our world and Church be places where we can clearly see the Holy Spirit at work filling many with the gift of love. "Love" changes everything after all.

God's Abundant Blessings, Fr Tim Harris

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8: 8-17; Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26

FEASTS: N/A

NEXT WEEK: The Most Holy Trinity: Yr C; Prov 8: 22-31; Rom 5: 1-5; Jn 16: 12-15

REFLECTION: *The feast of Pentecost celebrates the sending of the Spirit upon the church. In today's gospel Jesus gives the Spirit on the evening of Easter day itself, thus the liturgy draws the whole fifty days of Easter into one.*

In the First Reading the Spirit changes weak and hesitant men and women into strong believers and powerful proclaimers of Jesus, which is foundational to our self- understanding of the Church. Through the coming of the Spirit we are called and enabled to do the same each day for the Church as a whole and individual members.

Being led by the Spirit is one of Paul's constant themes. Paul assures readers that 'the Spirit has made his home in you.' The Spirit leads us more deeply into the truth about Jesus and the Father and the mystery of salvation, and the mystery that we ourselves are to ourselves. This changes the way we behave and relate.

In the Gospel passage Jesus promises to be with us as our Advocate but we are expected to bring our contribution to the process through a readiness to be led by the Spirit and to use the gifts of the Spirit. The Spirit's gifts are, in reality, the Spirit itself. We recognise that the Spirit is at work in every human heart wherever anything good, true, noble, or joyful happens. We celebrate new life in the Spirit and the birthday of the church as the new people of God.

Prayer: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FR TIM

GOSPEL OF ST JOHN PRESENTATION: On behalf of the 300 people who attended the "one man performance" in Sacred Heart Church on Friday evening, I thank **Donald Macdonald** for his truly inspiring presentation of St John's gospel. Those who attended were overwhelmed and deeply moved. Donald is without doubt an actor of extraordinary talent and our parish is honoured to call him a parishioner. He generously placed his gifts at the service of this community donating all the proceeds from the performance to Venire Youth. To Donald and those who assisted in the background on the evening to make the event such a success the Parish is indebted to you.

DATE CLAIMER : July 3rd at 9.00am Mass. The Archbishop will be leading a special dedication Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The Church will be 30 years old and new "liturgical furniture" is being crafted for the occasion. A long overdue refurbishment of the sanctuary has already begun and will be completed in the coming month. All welcome.

FAREWELL JOHN SATTLER: We are sad to say goodbye to John Sattler who leaves us soon to live with family in Kurri Kurri NSW. John, the footballer, the man of faith, the gentleman, will be greatly missed. John is an "institution" on the Gold Coast and has the respect of many. Our Parish wishes John every blessing now and in the future. I will publicly add to these words at this weekend's 9.00am Mass where John will be present as usual.

AWAY IN LEUVEN, BELGIUM: As many of you will know I have now left for Leuven at the request of the Archbishop to study "Catholic Identity in Catholic Schools". It is a 16 day intensive course at the Catholic University of Leuven. Please pray for me during my time in Europe.

FR TIM HARRIS

PENTECOST PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ. Theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat, the Holy Spirit is the wind that fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the soul of mission.

Read the gospel two or three times, spending time on each of the following questions.

- # What does the text say?
- # What is God saying to me through this text?
- # What do I want to say to God about this text?
- # What do I want to do based on my prayer?

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are also people gifted by the Spirit for the service of others. What gifts have been given to you?

"Let us call upon the Holy Spirit today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty. Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence". Joy of the Gospel # 259.

Blessings, Helen

PARISH APP

Stay in touch with the Parish, receive notifications, access the parish calendar, daily readings, ministries and services.

Download it to your phone or tablet now:

1. Using your phone or tablet, search for "Surfers Catholic Parish" in the **Apple App** store or **Google Play Store**, then click install.
2. When the App installation completes, please remember to click "Allow Notifications" so we can keep you informed about Parish events and activities.

If you have any questions or need help downloading the app, please feel free to ask Helen to assist.

PARISH MINISTRY AND GROUPS

ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Materials used in the Atrium are prepared prayerfully and contemplatively. We have been so blessed with assistance from many people throughout the past three years. **Thank you!**

Currently, we are preparing works and materials for 6 – 9 work. Books of the Bible, Fettuccia, Unity Strip, the Prophecies – Shoot of Jesse, Peaceable Kingdom, Valleys and Mountains; the Good Samaritan, the True Vine, and the Ten Bridesmaids are all in various stages of completion, with many more to prepare.



We welcome Desiree as a volunteer helping us with cutting out. With many pasting works for 3 - 6 year works, it has been wonderful to have her help keep replenishing materials needed for the children. Desiree is also about to papier-mache a second set of the Empty Tomb and Relief Map of Israel for 6 – 9.

Thank you! Please consider volunteering at the Atrium.

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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

17th – Dinner with the Archbishop for Youth Leaders

19th – Veniré at Surfers Paradise Parish

20th – Veniré at Coolangatta-Tugun Parish

21st – Veniré at Coomera Parish

22nd – Youth Mass at Sacred Heart, 6pm

ART and CRAFT NEWS: We will be holding a **STALL** this weekend at all Masses at Sacred Heart Church. Please come and purchase from all the wonderful hand-made goods produced by the Art and Craft Group. **Many thanks from the Group.**



SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES

FRIENDSHIP DAY

10am to 1.30pm

Thursday 19th May 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 Parish Office 5572 5433 for more information



COMMUNION TO NURSING HOMES: We are in need of **TWO** Special Ministers of Communion to take the Eucharist to **HILLVIEW HOUSE Nursing Home**, Gooding Drive, Merrimac on the **1st Friday of each month at 10am**. If you are a Minister or would like to commence this wonderful Ministry please contact Neil Rogers on **5575 7696**.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM 2016-2017

Information brochures and enrolment forms are now available for the new program (based on the Archdiocese of Brisbane Revised Sacramental Policy 2015) in all churches, Parish Office, St Vincent's and St Kevin's schools.

The program will commence on **Tuesday 12th July, 2016** with a compulsory Parent Information Session. To be eligible children must be 8 years of age or older.

If you have any questions please phone **Helen Goldsmith 5572 5433**.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: Come and celebrate with Southport Catholic Parish and Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **22nd May**, at Aquinas College, Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore from **9:30am**.

All inquiries to Southport Parish Office, **5510 2222**.

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

LIBRARY NEWS: May is a special month for those devoted to **Our Lady**. On display in the Library are books of traditional prayers; modern theological examinations of her role in the life of Jesus and of the Church and colour books of the beautiful art she has inspired. The Dewey number shelf reference is **232.91** - our Librarians will be happy to assist you!

BOOK CLUB MEMBERS are reminded of our meeting at noon on **Tuesday 17th May** in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

The monthly meeting of the **GOLD COAST LAY CARMELITES** will be held at **10.30 am on Sunday 15th May, 2016**. The theme of our meeting will be: 'A Carmelite Contemplation on the Pentecost Revelation'. Visitors are welcome. There will be no fee but please bring a plate to share over a light lunch. Contact Norm Harding **0421125575** (ave.olmc@outlook.com) to either confirm your attendance or to make enquiries.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Celebrate with us the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on **Saturday 21st May 2016** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley. For bookings and information please call Paula on **0402 930 918** or **5582 7950**.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Nini Inez of Labrador, commencing Monday **16th May 2016**. If you need help to collect the Statue we can assist you. **Thank you.**

Sacred Heart & St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops have lots of gifts for CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION!

THE BOLD & BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP is meeting for Lunch at **12noon on THURSDAY 26th MAY** at the **GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**, 20 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. ALL WELCOME! **LEONA on 5538 7070**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am Sacred Heart <i>Next Anointing Mass 11am 7th June</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
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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

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: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 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
St Joseph's Prayer Group: 1st Wednesday 9.30am Sacred Heart Church
Youth Led Mass: Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. **Next Date 22nd May 2016**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Maher, Una Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Parkinson, Colleen Walton, Ramsis Ashby, Theo Farr, Therese Brake, Boctor, Jose Portes.
ANNIVERSARIES: Rosalie O'Sullivan, Jane Bird, Monna Gibson-Freeman, Bruce Thrush, John McGrath, Frank Tansey, Bridie Walsh, Nora Clancy.
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pat Burton, Valda Martin, Andreas Lunandi, Kate Needham, Ian Finlayson, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning, 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, Bruno Andretta, Ron Cadd, Bernadine Lewis (Capetown SA), Sophia Wisniewska (Poland).



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.

<p>CONTACT FORM:</p> <p>Family Name: _____</p> <p>Other Names: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> REGISTERING IN PARISH <input type="radio"/> SACRAMENT ENQUIRY <input type="radio"/> YOUTH <input type="radio"/> PRAYER REQUEST <input type="radio"/> ROSTER AVAILABILITY <input type="radio"/> OTHER: _____ <input type="radio"/> to commence Parish Planned Giving Program </p> <p><i>Please place this completed form on the collection plate, or contact the Parish Office on 5572 5433 for further information.</i></p>
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