

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,
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD **15th / 16th APRIL 2017—YEAR A**

My Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

CHRIST, OUR HOPE, IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

As Christians, for the past five weeks we have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Within this time, we saw Jesus rejected by the leaders of the Jews, arrested, scourged,

condemned to death and crucified. Thus, truth derided by falsehood, mercy abused by vengeance, peace denied and violence accepted. As such, darkness invaded the land and hope became a seemingly empty word. But in this Easter week, we are called to raise the cry of victory: "**He has risen! He has truly risen!**" Jesus is no longer in the tomb, he is risen and the big stone that covered his tomb has been rolled back!

With Jesus' death, the hope of all those who had put their trust in him seemed doomed but with his resurrection, hope is reassured, faith is born anew, more alive and strong than ever. The signs of the resurrection testify to the victory of life over death, love over hatred, mercy over vengeance, forgiveness over retaliation and hope over despair, joy over sadness, betrayal and denial conquered.

Because He is risen from the dead, Christ is hope and comfort in a particular way for those Christian communities suffering for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. We remember in a special way those in the Middle East, Syria in particular. May there be an end to bloodshed and an immediate commitment to the path of respect, dialogue and reconciliation so that all the ethnic, cultural and religious groups in that region may work together to advance the common good and respect for human rights.

For individuals who are undergoing some difficulty in life, may the Lord, the victor over evil and death be a beacon of hope and encouragement to them all. May we "the Resurrection People" join our voices to that of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to announce the message of hope the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ brings.

May the grace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you all.

Fr. Nicholas Okafor

I wish to express my utmost gratitude to you all for the support you have given me in my role as administrator of the parish. I thank in a special way our parish staff for their cooperation and understanding. **I am very much indebted** to Fr. Paul Kelly whose wisdom and guidance helped make the "**yoke easy and the burden light**". May the risen Lord bless and reward you all.

This week, we welcome our new parish priest Very Rev. Peter Dillon. He will arrive on Easter Monday. I am sure Fr. Peter is coming to us with a wealth of experience that will take our parish to another level of spiritual and material growth. We offer him our support, cooperation and prayers. Welcome Fr Peter!



READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

Resurrection of the Lord;

Acts 10:34, 37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9

FEASTS: N/A

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Easter;

Acts 2:42-47;
1 Peter 1:3-9;
John 20:19-31

REFLECTION:

Today we celebrate the pinnacle of all our celebrations as Christians. The ancient cry, "The Lord is risen!" resounds throughout the world. We begin with a reading from Acts where Peter's summary of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is the great truth of our faith. Peter states his mission is to proclaim this good news to God's people.

Paul's letter to the Christian community at Colossae adds a further understanding to Resurrection. Through our Baptism we experience a mystical death and resurrection and are raised up in eternal union with Christ. The former life with its simple vision has been replaced though the change, which is not a visible one but will be made visible through a share of Christ's glory.

John's gospel account of the Resurrection emphasises the empty tomb. The women are the first to see the empty tomb. Peter sees the absence of a body. But the beloved disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One. He sees what cannot be literally seen. Every disciple who loves Jesus is one who sees — and believes with all his/her heart in a Risen Lord.

We are not just disciples, followers of Jesus. We have a mission like Peter to be his living ambassadors. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them. Many people got baptised yesterday. Not a single one of them came to the Church without the intervention of some Christian(s) somewhere. The Good News about Jesus is not to be kept a secret. There are many people out there waiting to hear it. They are depending on you and me, members of Christ's Body, to tell them.

Happy Easter, Helen

PRAYER IN THE EASTER SEASON

Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace, hope and new life in Jesus. We celebrate so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives. John's Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season to remind us that Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have. This week:

1. Stop. Take a deep breath. Pause from life. **Abide in me as I will abide in you.** Reflect on the love that is being offered to us every second of our lives. We remind ourselves that Jesus is with us, right now.
2. Become aware of Jesus loving us and calling our names. **You who are heavily burdened, I will give you rest.** We hear each word of that and remember his warm and endless love for us. Now we can tell Jesus, our friend, about our lives and the hardships we find in them.
3. Ask for the grace to let hope and love into your heart.

In John's gospel Jesus offers Thomas, and each of us, an invitation to open our hearts and believe:

Do not be unbelieving, but believe. That is the hope of Easter, that we can take our joy and belief and ask Jesus for healing for ourselves so that we are better able to cope with our everyday lives.

Blessings, Helen

RCIA – CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

The Easter Vigil is the time of celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for the Christian Initiation of Adults. It has been a joy and a privilege to journey with all the wonderful people who have responded to God's invitation to faith and we welcome them into our Catholic community.

Please continue to pray and support Kanica, Alicia, Skye, Wilko, Janna, Roko, Phoenix, Elina, Bronte, Josh, Glenda, Ysabela, Bridie, Paul and Nicoline as they live their faith amongst us.

Helen



Baptised – Kanica and Alicia (Mother & Daughter) and Elina a child Baptised.

New Course – Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry

Six modules offered in interactive workshops that focus on personal formation, developing skills and practical application in a parish or ministry context. The course will extend your understanding of sacraments and liturgy, Scripture, theology, mission, evangelisation, ministry, spiritual reflection, policies and practices of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 2017 location and course dates:

Francis Rush Centre Brisbane: 29 Apr, 27 May, 17 Jun, 22 Jul, 14 Oct + elective

Darra Jindalee Parish: 13 May, 10 Jun, 15 Jul, 5 Aug, 14 Oct + elective.

Please contact Helen Goldsmith on PH 5572 5433 or helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au if interested.

Atrium Monday and Friday sessions run from 9.30am to 11.00am. **Baptism Preparation (3-8 years old)**
 We are going to start a new group on **Saturday 29th April** from 9am to 10am.
 Let us pray for the children who are to be baptised at Easter.
 Please consider volunteering in the Atrium.
atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

Easter Rising 1916 Volunteer: The Irish Australian Association of Queensland (IASAQ) invites you to a short ceremony on Easter Monday, 17 April, at Nudgee Cemetery, where we will dedicate and bless the headstone and grave surround which we have placed on the grave of William (Dan) Ryan. William, or Bill as he was known to friends in Brisbane, fought as a volunteer in the Dublin GPO during the Easter Week 1916 Rising and later in Ireland's War of Independence. We will gather at 11.00am at his gravesite for our short ceremony. Please come and pay tribute to someone who bravely stepped forward to help Ireland on the road to independence. For further details, please phone our Coordinator on **0432 087 0328**.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Pat and Maxine Sela for the week of **MONDAY 17th April 2017**. There is no need to invite anyone else into your home unless you wish to do so. Please phone **Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539**.

 **SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY**
10am to 1.30pm
Thursday 20th April 2017 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
We all wish Irene Ross a most wonderful and joyful 80th Birthday.



A SPECIAL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE will be held on the **2nd Sunday of Easter, 23rd April from 2.00pm to 3.30pm** in **Sacred Heart Church**, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Reconciliation will take place at **2.30pm**. **ALL WELCOME**

NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY: In our Easter Egg were **New Hardback Books** (thank you Pat for covering these for us). Some great **Biographies**— always popular with readers. **Mother Angelica**, founder of the Eternal Word TV Network; **Henri Nouwen** and **Karen Armstrong**, both great seekers and authors of faith and “**John O’Brien**”, the priest who is one of Australia’s most loved poets. A colourfully illustrated history of the legends of **The Holy Grail**; a history of the Vatican’s **Swiss Guard** and a book about the Dalai Lama’s “**Art of Happiness**”, are all ready for you to borrow now!

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ -
 Open 7:00am—3:30pm Tuesday to Friday
 Catering options are available for your function.
 Phone: **Lauren 0435 721258**

Fuse - Friday Night, April 21st
5:30-9:30
Aquinas College Drama Centre, Ashmore
 As a Gold Coast Deanery, we will be running quarterly Deanery events throughout the year, hosted by a different Parish each time, this event will be called 'Fuse'. Join us in Southport as we meet up with the other youth groups from around the coast and get together for an amazing night of games, FREE pizza, hear from an incredible speaker, and have a time of praise and worship. Join us for our first ever Fuse! We can guarantee a great time and heaps of new friends.
 Open to all high schoolers, please RSVP by emailing hello@venireyouth.com or texting **0411 669 876**



Please come and join **Circles of Life Qld**, for our 5th Women's Forum, on Wednesday 17 May for our special night. This year we are so excited to have the multi-talented performer, writer and comedian **Jean Kittson** joining us, along with regulars **Kelly Higgins-Devine, Kathleen Noonan**, the All Girls' School Choir and our popular soup will be back. Tickets can be purchased online via <http://charitydos.com.au/?eventid=17139> or by contacting us on 0481365343 or via circlesoflifeqld@gmail.com

EASTER RAFFLE The **Art & Craft Group** along with the **Sacred Heart Catholic Ladies** would like to thank the generous people who purchased tickets and made donations to the above. We would also like to thank those wonderful people who sold tickets over the four week period. It give us great pleasure to inform you that **\$4,000 will be going to flood affected areas**.
RAFFLE WINNERS: Julie O'Brien, Des Larance, Mark King, Faith Howell, John Marchmont, Mike Ryan, Samuel, Dr P McCarthy, Justin King, and Therese Dawson.
 Congratulations to all!

Easter Sunday - Year A
A VOCATION VIEW: You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.



Please join us at the Marian Valley, Canungra, for the wonderful feast of **Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd of April 2017**. The bus will leave 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am and leave Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. To book your seat on the bus please call **Paula Groom on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950** or Madeline Zammit on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. Please book early as seats are selling fast. The cost is \$20 return.

The Queensland Choir is heading to the new Sunpac Centre in Sunnybank for its First concert for 2017 on **Sat 29th April at 7.30pm**. **BOOK NOW - LIMITED TICKETS:** Adults \$40/\$35 Conc. Children/Students \$15. Ph3323 9650 sunpac.net.au

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL Friendship Group will meet for lunch at **12noon on Thursday 27th April** at **Kampung Malay Restaurant, Cnr Robina Parkway and Markeri Street, Robina**. All Welcome.

Children's **IRISH DANCING CLASS** Mondays **3.30pm to 4.30pm** in **Casey Hall**, information, call **Linda on 0407 370 047**.

MONDAY 17th April	TUESDAY 18th April	WEDNESDAY 19th April	THURSDAY 20th April	FRIDAY 21st April	SATURDAY 22nd April
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Anointing Mass</i> <i>New time 10am</i> <i>2nd May</i>	9AM STELLA MARIS	9.00AM STELLA MARIS	7AM ST VINCENT'S 9AM SACRED HEART	<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 C/- 3252 2200

Italian: Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support
and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass in our Parish is on 1st October 2017 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: Each Wednesday 9am to 12noon in PHC

Book Club: 3rd Tuesday of Month at 12 noon in PHC

Bridge: Mondays at 12noon Parish Hospitality Centre

SPCL: Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Friendship Day Thursday 20th April 2017

Parish Choir Practice: 8.30am 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. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

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: Sunday @ 9am Mass Sacred Heart Church (during
School Term only). **Stella Maris Church @ 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday**

Stations of the Cross: 6pm every Friday in Lent at Sacred Heart Church

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts
0428090703.

Christian Meditation Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room). Contact Parish Office

Couples For Christ FFL: 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—9pm Sacred Heart Church,
1st Friday - 7pm to 7am Saturday 8th April.

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

Venire Youth Mass—6.00pm Sunday 23rd April 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED: Francesco Posa, Maria Nazari, Sr Eileen Jones RSVM, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Willie Twyford, Joan Smith, Lynn Maree George Bonet, Maria Shen, Helen Lunandi, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning, Blond, Olimpia Percuoco, Cecilia Teresa Lindsay, Junko Costigan, Camelia Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, White, George Bonet, Edward Eric Shamvian, Lauretta Peterson, Rosa Maria Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Rhoades, Gaye Hope, Samir Moussa. Santos, Vera McCormick, Jason & Jodie Tracey, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Morphett, Raymond Balkin, Jim O'Brien, Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Morgan McEnieny, Ann Reich (Syd), Dorelle Muller, Michael Kearney, Anne Donaldson, Irmgard (Joan) Graz, Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski Carmelia Shamovian, Baby Ollie Hall, (Poland), Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Andy Brown, Monica Bailey, Louie Kazzi, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong) Tony Bui, Armstrong. Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, John Traynor (UK), Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, David Long (Vic), Fr John Milliken PP Stanmore,

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Magee, Jim Rawlings, Kathleen Lenehan, George & Gloria McLeod, John Henry Purcell, Anthony, Trevor & Granville Cardoza, Kath McMonagle, Shane McLoughlan, Wilhelm Crszewski, Nancy Posa, Antoun Chrestophi, Relatives & Friends of Hooworth Family,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Steve Wayt, Ozzie Mazzei, Rose Arthurson, Brandon Watson, Claire Keefe, David Long (Vic),

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?
Phone the Parish Office on **5572 5433**

CONTACT FORM: Family Name: _____

Other Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

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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 info.