

# Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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## 4th SUNDAY of EASTER 16th / 17th APRIL 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### AMORIS LAETITIA "The Joy of Love"

The highly anticipated Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the gifts and challenges of family life is here with us. It was published by Pope Francis on April 8 and is called "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"). The exhortation is the outcome of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today, hosted at the Vatican in 2014 and 2015. These synods gathered hundreds of bishops from around the world, of which Archbishop Mark Coleridge was in attendance.

The document could be summarized as the Holy Father's call for all of us in the Church to reach out with compassion and mercy to wounded families and persons living in difficult situations. It is noteworthy to say that no changes were made on the Church's doctrine and discipline in the document because a post-synodal apostolic exhortation, by its very nature, does not propose new doctrine and discipline. What the document does is to stress the importance of pastoral sensitivity in dealing with the difficult situations many married couples and families of today face. Describing the document Archbishop Mark says, "Pope Francis has spoken as a true pastor who really knows the human heart and is well aware of the pressures now facing marriage and the family". It is not by chance that this document was published this Jubilee Year devoted to mercy.

This clarion pastoral, compassionate and merciful call of the Pope to all the clergy, religious and laity of the Church is more evident and conspicuous in Chapter 8 of the document titled "Accompanying, Discernment and Integrating Weakness". This chapter is very sensitive and must be read with every amount of carefulness and openness. It deals mainly on the divorced and civilly remarried. On this the Pope accentuates, "Although she (the Church) constantly holds up the call to perfection and asks for a fuller response to God, "the Church (the Church as a family of families) must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence, like the beacon of a lighthouse in a port or a torch carried among the people to enlighten those who have lost their way or who are in the midst of a storm. Let us not forget that the Church's task is often like that of a field hospital" (AL 291). This is what the Pope calls the "logic of pastoral mercy".

On unions between homosexual persons, Pope Francis reaffirms the traditional Catholic teaching, 'We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration' (AL250). 'Only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life' (AL52).

Cardinal Schönborn called the document "a great catechesis." "You can take chapter by chapter, passage by passage, and work through it in the parish, in the communities. It's a great, great catechesis on marital and familial love. And I think that's a source we can use for our pastoral work."

As it is with most documents of the Church, some people received some of the proposals of the exhortation with mixed feelings. However, as Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth said, the exhortation is a "beautiful and stirring reflection on love and the family" that challenges pastoral ministry to be more "missionary" and to engage with the "concrete reality" of parishioners' lives. "We cannot rush our interpretation of what we have here," he emphasized. "We don't want to be taking bits and pieces of them without taking them in context."

Fr. José Granados vice president of the John Paul II Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. advised that the exhortation must be read in "doctrinal continuity." "If there are doubts or some paragraphs remain unclear, the correct interpretation is that in accordance with the constant teaching of the Church."

FR NICHOLAS

### INSTALLATION OF CEILING FANS

**SACRED HEART CHURCH WILL BE COMPLETELY CLOSED FROM MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2016  
UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY ON THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016.**

**ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL MASS WILL BE OFFERED  
AT STELLA MARIS CHURCH AT 9.00AM.**

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS WEEK**

## 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

### Fr Regimon Gervasis

MCBS Associate Pastor

### Helen Goldsmith

Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator

## PARISH STAFF

### Sonya Slater

Parish Manager

### Marylou Ayres

Parish Secretary

### Pat Kelly

Parish Assistant

### Angela Williams

Atrium Coordinator

### Shannon Morrison

Atrium Assistant

## SCHOOLS

### St Vincent's School

Clear Island Waters

Phone: 5572 1746

P: Kerry Rowlands

### St Kevin's School

Benowa

Phone: 5539 4522

P: Peter Anderson

### St Michael's College

Merrimac

Phone: 5530 2722

P: Michael Naylor

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**READINGS:** Acts 13: 14, 43-52;  
Apoc 7: 9, 14-17; Jn 10: 27-30

**FEASTS:** N/A

**NEXT WEEK:** Fifth Sunday of  
Easter: Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5;  
Jn 13:31-35

### REFLECTION

*The story about Paul and Barnabas highlights what happens when people feel compelled to defend the purity of their faith and are not willing to even remotely imagine that the Lord may have other ideas (v. 45). The Jews react angrily and expel Paul and Barnabas. Undeterred by their intimidation and refusal to listen Paul and Barnabas turn to the Gentiles and are filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. Joy can coexist even with tears, disappointment, and the pain of the injustice suffered.*

*The second reading has been written to encourage persecuted Christians to persevere with patience and firmness. Those who in this world have endured hardships and persecutions and gave their lives for others, as did the Lamb, are the winners to God.*

*In John's Gospel, Jesus presents himself as the expected shepherd but the good shepherd that John speaks of is not a sweet and tender image. Jesus is not afraid to fight until he gives his life for the sheep that he loves. Their salvation is not guaranteed by their docility or their loyalty but by his initiative, his courage, his gratuitous and unconditional love. Today's Gospel says that it is not we who take the initiative to follow him. He is the one who calls: "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me". Jesus does not promise success, triumphs or victories. He asks for the gift of self, the sacrifice of life. And yet—he assures—this is the only path that leads to eternal life.*

**PRAYER:** *Jesus, Good Shepherd, we seek your consolation and protection as we follow you on our journey to your promised kingdom. Amen.*

**The World Day of Prayer for Vocations** coincides with Good **Shepherd Sunday** on **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. It's a day when we as a Church community remember the Lord's instruction to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) We especially pray for our youth and young people as they consider the call to ordained, married, single or religious life.

You can find resources at the Vocations Brisbane website [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The third session of the Adult Faith Formation for Liturgical Ministers will be held in the **Parish Hospitality Centre on Wednesday 27th April 6.30pm - 8.00pm**. I invite all the participants in the recent course on Liturgical Ministry, held at St Monica's, Tugun, to attend this session. We will be bringing together the learnings from the series into the parish context.

I also invite all other parishioners, currently involved in Liturgical Ministry as either Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Sacristans, to attend and be involved in discussions on parish guidelines for liturgical ministry.

RSVP: Helen Goldsmith ph. 5572 5433 [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au)

### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY DAY THURSDAY 5 MAY

**Registrations are required no later than Friday 29 April. Please RSVP to Rina Wintour on 0400 332 120 or [rwintour@internode.on.net](mailto:rwintour@internode.on.net)**

### STELLA MARIS THURSDAY 9AM MASS: CAN YOU HELP?

We need a parishioner to open and prepare **Stella Maris Church for 9am Mass every Thursday**. Please phone Helen at the Parish Office on 5572 5433.

### APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "AMORIS LAETITIA"

*Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love' was released on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and continues from the previous Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 'The Joy of the Gospel.' It is in harmony with the current Year of Mercy as it clearly displays the logic of pastoral mercy and encourages all "to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy." (*Amoris Laetitia*, n. 5).

Very dear to my heart is how Pope Francis' Ignatian spirituality influences *Amoris Laetitia* through the repeated use of the word 'discernment' and the basic understanding that God works with each human person individually in the context of the wider Church; that we are all sinners loved by God. Francis speaks of discernment as respect for the individual's experience. He calls the Church a "family of families" and emphasises that the Church is to 'accompany' individuals and families in a "Love (that) is shown more in deeds than in words."

It is "an incredibly fragrant bouquet of Scriptural exegesis, moral exhortation, theological analysis, spiritual discernment and pastoral reflection." Read it online or purchase a copy through St Paul's Bookstores, Amazon, etc.

**Blessings, Helen**

**ANZAC DAY MASS at SACRED HEART CHURCH 9AM on MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2016**

**DATE CLAIMER SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 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**, finishing 3.30pm; at **St Thomas' Catholic Church, Camp Hill**. Car park entrance Stephen Street. **Info Juliette Sfeir 0415 666 037 – Paul 0417 104 460.**

### 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

Do you want to play a meaningful role in the faith journey of your child or grandchild?

Discover how you can play a practical role in handing on the faith. *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* provides an exciting and interactive way of handing on the faith that will captivate the natural curiosity of your child. The Montessori-inspired teaching tools show immediately how your child will be captivated and inspired.

Located in-between Sacred Heart Church and Casey Hall, the Atrium is specifically designed to provide the facilities required for this dynamic and engaging form of faith development.

**\*90 minute sessions are held weekly during term time.\***

**\*Baptism preparation for children aged 3+ years.\***

For further information, please email Angela Williams at

[atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

[facebook.com/Catechesis-of-the-Good-Shepherd-Tibor-and-Vera-Endrody-Atrium](https://www.facebook.com/Catechesis-of-the-Good-Shepherd-Tibor-and-Vera-Endrody-Atrium)



## Youth and Young Adults

Come along to Veniré this Thursday as we begin a two-part series on the Mass. We might participate in it every Sunday, but what does it all mean? Join us every Thursday as we gather, eat, discuss and pray together as a community. We love meeting new people, so if you've never come before we hope you might make it to a night, we would love to get to know you. Veniré goes from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Parish Hospitality Centre. Please RSVP for catering purposes via **Steph 0411669876** or [Facebook.com/venireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

### FR TIM HARRIS invites you to THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Tickets are on sale **NOW!** \$15 for adults, \$10 concession /children. Bring the whole family and your friends to witness this powerful presentation by acclaimed actor Donald Macdonald.

**FRIDAY 6th MAY AT 7.00pm at SACRED HEART CHURCH**

Doors open at 6.30pm. Light refreshments available!

Please contact the Parish Office 8.30am to 5.00pm from Monday to Friday to purchase by Credit Card/Eftpos, cash or cheques payable to Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** We thank all the kind folk who support the Library with material for our "Donation For a Book Deal". These funds enable us to purchase new books! In order that these shelves can remain a tidy part of our Church, may we request that donations of books, magazines & media be left in the Parish Office or the Library. Thank you all again!



**IN THE RACKS** at the back of our Churches are free copies of Justice Trends from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. Be informed about their statements on "Saying NO to Nauru"; workers rights and Pope Francis' words on "Indifference" and how to "Win Peace": We can all make a difference!



**PRAYING THE ROSARY** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Sharyn & Aaron Lucas of Broadbeach, commencing Monday **18th April 2016. Thank you, Pat & Maxine**



### SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY

**10am to 1.30pm**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 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



**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.



**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ**  
Mon to Fri 7.30am to 3.30pm  
Sacred Heart Church  
PH: 0435 721 258

**Come and enjoy a great breakfast  
and stay for lunch!**

**ART AND CRAFT GROUP: EASTER RAFFLE!** Thank you to all those people who assisted in making this event very successful. The funds raised, \$7,335 will ensure members of our Youth Group have a wonderful World Youth Day in Poland.

*Prize winners were as follows:*

1. Television - Sarah
2. Royal Pines Stay - Warren
3. Entertainment Pack - Dot
4. \$100 Gift Voucher - Heather
5. Art Work - Daniel
6. Kitchen Set - Pam
7. Baby Set - Shirley
8. L J Hooker Gift Hamper - Christine
9. Satchel & Jig Saw - Helen.



**CLIMATE CHANGE INDUCED RELOCATION:** This gathering is hosted by the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in collaboration with Friends of the Earth. It will take place in the Aspinall Centre, St Bernard's Catholic Parish, cnr Klumpp & Logan Rds, Upper Mt Gravatt, on Thursday 21 April, 7 – 8.30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to the Commission's Office by **Monday 18 April** to [lawrencep@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lawrencep@bne.catholic.net.au) or on **3324 3451**.

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet for lunch on **Thursday 28th April at 12 noon** at the Robina Tavern, **227 Ron Penhaligon Way, Robina**. All Welcome! Leona **5538 7070**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sacred Heart Closed 7am ST VINCENT'S	Sacred Heart Closed 9.00am STELLA MARIS	Sacred Heart Closed 9.00am STELLA MARIS	Sacred Heart Closed 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
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH</b> 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](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 **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](mailto: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 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

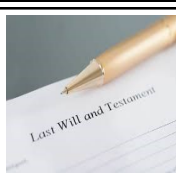
**Youth Led Mass:** Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. **Next Date To Be Advised**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gerry Landrigan, Kerry Copley, Jaiden Glen Brooks, Susie O'Gorman, Jan Brockwell, Brian Hodges, Neville O'Neill, David Anthony Evans, Josephine Nicholson, Jose Portes.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anthony, Trevor & Granville Cardoza, Kathleen Lenehan, Jim Rawlings, Angela & Diego Randazzo, John Henry Purcell, Christopher Dimaio, Santo Senior & Santo Junior Dimaio, Anne Vinodhini Vincent.

**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, Bruno Andreetta.



**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?**

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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 information.**