



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## St Vincent's

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## Stella Maris

254 Hedges Avenue,  
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## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 16th / 17th September 2017 – YEAR A

#### Finding God in all Things

Last Friday 65 children celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Brian Finnigan and a further 70 children will celebrate Confirmation on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Children have deep spiritual lives but may not have an adequate vocabulary or tools for expressing this. Part of the sacramental preparation was helping parents to encourage their children to reflect on the movements of the Spirit in their children's lives. Children may quickly become accustomed to, and fond of, this intimate sharing with their parents.

Today I offer the Awareness Exercise to the parish community as a prayerful way to experience an intimate sharing of your life with God, our Father, who is "more intimate to me than I am to myself" (Augustine, Confessions III) and so, to **'find God in all things'**.

The spirituality of this exercise is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. The focus is on the presence and action of God in our lived experience. The content of the prayer is the people, events and circumstances of my daily life. It is through these mediums that one encounters the presence of the risen Lord – like a Lectio Divina on one's own experience. That is, one reads, listens to and meditates on what one's experience has been.

Teresa of Avila writes "there is nothing I understood until his Majesty (God) gave me understanding through experience." We think of Luke 2:19 where the evangelist writes, "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." What things? The things that were happening to her, what she was experiencing. Mary is the great model of praying on our experience.

The theology behind this prayer is that God is always present to us, always addressing us. He is always disclosing himself to us and offering himself in relationship to us. He is always acting in our life. It is incarnational.

The first step is to **pay attention and become aware of God's presence**. Ask God to bring clarity and understanding to your day.

**Review the day with gratitude.** Focus on the joys, delights, gifts, whom you interacted with, the small things – food you ate, sights you saw. God is in the details.

**Pay attention to your emotions.** Reflect on your feelings. What is God saying through these feelings? God will most likely show you ways in which you fell short. Take note of these sins and faults. Look deeply for the implications and what God wants you to consider.

**Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you** to something that God thinks is particularly important. Look at it. Pray about it. Allow the prayer to rise spontaneously from your heart – whether intercession, praise, repentance or gratitude.

**Look toward tomorrow.** Seek God's guidance. Ask for help and understanding. Pray for hope. Ignatius encouraged people to talk to Jesus like a friend. End the prayer with a conversation with Jesus. Ask forgiveness for your sins, protection and help, wisdom for questions and problems you face. Do all this in the spirit of gratitude. Your life is a gift and it is adorned with gifts from God.

**End the exercise** with the **Our Father**.

"There is no doer but he. All this he showed me with great joy, saying "See, I am God. See, I am in all things. See, I do all things". *Julian of Norwich*.

**Blessings, Helen**

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7  
Romans 14: 7 - 9  
Matthew 18: 21 - 35

**FEASTS:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions, martyrs  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> St Matthew, apostle, evangelist; Saturday  
23<sup>rd</sup> St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Isaiah 55: 6 - 9  
Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations to the 65 children from the Children's Sacramental Program who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 15 September in a lovely liturgy celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnigan and Fr Peter. Thank you to Christeen Harth for her beautiful music and singing, Rachel Spackman for assisting with the PowerPoint and the generous parents that helped with the liturgy and welcome. This part of the program will be completed when the remaining 70 children celebrate Confirmation on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.

In the next stage, children will prepare for the Sacrament of Penance in Lent next year and then for First Holy Communion which they will receive at the end of May 2018. As a parish we continue to pray for these children and their families as they journey to a deepening faith and commitment to the Gospel and mission of Jesus.

In addition, 7 High-School students who have been preparing and meeting weekly to complete the Sacraments of Initiation were also Confirmed on Friday night by Bishop Brian and this weekend will receive First Holy Communion. We especially commend and congratulate these young people: **Marcus, Isabella, William, Kai, Corey, Jorja and Drew**, for taking the initiative, consciously and freely, to continue the Catholic Initiation process begun at Baptism by their parents.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, at Stella Maris, Sarah and Jacinta will be received into the Catholic faith at the 5pm Vigil Mass. Both Sarah and Jacinta have been part of the RCIA process for a number of months and participating in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations through attendance and prayer. Reception into the faith for Christians baptised into another faith tradition involves a statement of belief, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please pray for Sarah and Jacinta as they complete the period of discernment and preparation in the next few weeks and for all the other RCIA enquirers who are exploring the Catholic faith within Surfers Paradise parish.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone who is – please phone Helen Goldsmith on 5572 5433 to learn more about the process and resources available.

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE:

Faith & Miracles, Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm St Bernard's,  
4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.  
Contact Maureen Allison **0403 002 199**

## JOB VACANCY! SACRED HEART 9AM MASS SUNDAY

We are currently looking for kind, generous people to learn/assist with the Overhead Projection of the words for the responses and music at **Sacred Heart Church at 9am Mass on Sundays!**

This job is **PERFECT for you!** All applicants will be fully trained and well compensated with many, many prayers and heavenly blessings!

Our alternative will be **NO** overhead words for responses and Hymns for the **WHOLE month of October!! YOU CAN DO IT!**

## TOWARDS the MARRIAGE VOTE by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

It's possible to oppose same-sex marriage in ways that are respectful and open-minded. But in an ideologically conditioned world of "all or nothing" or "black and white," those who oppose same-sex marriage are often denigrated in an attempt to discredit or silence them. There's a violence in this, which is resistant to the truthful debate we need.

A former Federal minister once claimed that truth counts for little in Australian politics. That may be so. But truth surely counts for much when a society and its political leaders are making decisions about something as fundamentally important as marriage. That's why the claims made by those pushing for same-sex marriage are an unreliable basis for a decision which is much more than political. This debate is about the meaning of marriage, and that's why it's important that everyone have their say in the postal vote. I'll be voting No, not because I wish ill of any kind on those in same-sex unions who have the same need for love and the same right to happiness as anyone else. I'll be voting No because I think it's the only way available of affirming values which are fundamental to true human flourishing and of guarding against unwanted consequences in the long term. A No vote may seem negative but, in a debate where things have rarely been what they seem, No is Yes and Yes is No.

There are many forms of love - parent/child, siblings, friends, carers and so on. But not all are nuptial. In fact, only one form of love is nuptial - the love of man and woman which is free, lifelong and open to children. Other forms of love may indeed be love and often are. That means that they have value, yes; but it doesn't mean that they are or could become marriage.

It's true that all human beings are equal. But that doesn't mean they are the same. Same-sex marriage ideology implies that equality means sameness. But it doesn't. I may be different, but I'm still equal. Marriage policy has almost always 'discriminated' against certain people: parents can't marry their children, brother and sister can't marry, those under age can't marry. Nor can people of the same sex. That doesn't make them any less equal.

*You can obtain a full copy of the Archbishop's letter from the front of each of our Churches this weekend.*

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:



We celebrate having completed our term 3 working with the children in the Atrium!

We, the Catechists, wish to thank the children for their participation and, also, their families for their support and encouragement of the Catechesis for their children.

It has been a blessing, and great joy seeing them growing in confidence and participating in such a prayerful way in the Liturgies, singing and prayer time.

Little by little they are falling in love with Jesus the Good Shepherd!

“Jesus is our good Shepherd and He knows my name”. (Aleksander). **Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30am to 11:00am.** To learn more, please email [atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

## FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

Many people enjoyed our exciting day on Eco-Spirituality and the Pope's letter, **Laudato Si'**. The Library was there with an extensive display of the books we have about the subject. In 1990 Sean McDonagh wrote, “The greening of the Church”, in which he called for a theology which revived the covenant traditions of care for creation with which to fulfil Jesus' call to “have life to the full”. Catholic writers like Thomas Barry, Charles Birch and John Dear also took up the challenge. Pope Francis' letter now sets a new tone in our Church about the environment. Our display in the Library includes prayers; biography; guides to living simply; poetry and even a book of “blessings for animals”. Be connected!!

**BOOK CLUB will be at noon on Tuesday Sept 19 in the PHC**

## THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

Will be meeting for lunch at the Italo-Australian Club, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters on **Thursday 28th September at 12noon.** All Welcome. Phone Leona 5630 8206.

## MARIAN VALLEY:

Please come to the Marian Valley on **Saturday the 30th of September** and help the Filipino Community celebrate the re-dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, at 7.45am and then pickup again at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with **Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maris Cassar, Antonia (Tony) de Ruyter, John Bottos, Trisha Keevers, Veronica Moore, Carmela Parente, Robert Hanley, Olga Camara.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Neville Coorey, Ante Trosic, Eileen & Mervyn Kreis, Shaun Saxon, Henry Henнге, Ceasario Mendoza, Esmeraldo Couto, Aurora PB De Farias, Jose De Farias, Veronica Goncalves, Elaine Presswood, Tom Killin, Keith Smith, Lee Cross, Margaret Netting.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** James Daly, Charlotte Wienand (Capetown), Shaun Van de Reede, Murray Downes (NZ), Bob Francis, Michelle Krijnen (NZ), Fr John Milliken, Anne Zappa, Jooy & Madison, Tony Bui, Betty Hillesheim, Michael Dwyer, James and Helen Lindsay, Brian Tyrrell (Melb.), Joan Maher, Michelle Macdonald, MaryAnn Boehme, Angelina Elsey, Bernadette Lewis, Gerald Theron (Capetown), David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Imelda Rundell, Joanne Mooney, Julie Stapleton, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Kevin McCormack, Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, David Weldon, Dr Michael Tracey, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Ray Balkin.

## NO VENIRE ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF SEPTEMBER

However, join us for a school holiday outing on Thursday the **28<sup>th</sup> of September** as we go to Go Ashmore Bowling! \$21 for 2 games, shoe hire and a pizza, from 6 – 9pm. Please RSVP by the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to Steph at [hello@venireyouth.com](mailto:hello@venireyouth.com)

## YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study: **18th of September**

Fortnightly Bible Study and connect group for those who are 16-25.

**Meet in the youth office on Monday night from 6-8pm.**

Bring along your bible, journals and snacks.

**Please RSVP your interest to Steph on 0411 669 876**

## SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY

**10am to 1.00pm Thursday 21st September**

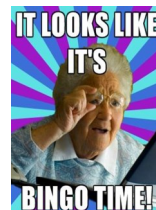
in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters.

Usual Fun and Cards of your choice.

**\$5 entrance incl Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes.**

**All Welcome**

**Contact Irene Ross 55 621 260 for more information.**



## PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of *Glarry and Rudi Camara of Benowa* for the week of Monday 18th September. If you wish to take part please contact Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539 to discuss this.

## divinaQ YOGA:

Join Divina for 60 minutes of hatha vinyasa style flow. Classes are to start on **THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER** and will be held outdoors each Thursday **at 6AM** on the Atrium Lawn at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

\$10 per session. For more details: [divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga](mailto:divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga) or find us on [Facebook.com/divinaQyoga](https://www.facebook.com/divinaQyoga).

## AN INVITATION

to attend a Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the **St Ita's Church Centenary Mass Celebrations, Pope St, Dutton Park.** Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **15th October 2017 at 10am.** No RSVP required.

**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ:** 7:00am—3.30pm **Mon to Fri**

## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 18th September	TUESDAY 19th September	WEDNESDAY 20th September	THURSDAY 21st September	FRIDAY 22nd September	SATURDAY 23rd September
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART  10am Anointing Mass 3rd October	9am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART ST VINCENT'S CHURCH		Saturday Evening 5pm Saturday Evening 6pm Saturday Evening 6pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7am & 8.30am Sunday 9am & 6pm Sunday 8am & 10am

### MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

**Polish:** Sunday 12noon 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.

### GROUPS:

**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 3rd October 2017

**FRIENDSHIP DAY** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 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:** Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

**Marriages:** (Min 6mths notice required). Phone 5572 5433

**Benediction:** 1st Friday 7.30am St Vincent's Church

#### Children's Liturgy:

Sacred Heart Church: Sunday 9am Mass (during School Term only - Final this term Sunday 10th September).

Stella Maris Church: 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

**Christian Meditation:** Tuesday 10am & 6pm (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

**Couples For Christ FFL:** Please phone Butch and Mini 0424 583 1689

#### Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: Monday & Friday 6am, Thurs 9.45am

Sacred Heart Church: Tues 9.30am, Friday 7pm-9pm

1st Friday - 8pm Friday 6th October to Sat 7th October .

**Carmelite Spirituality:** 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. Meeting Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Rosary:** St Vincent's Church: Sunday 7.15am and Monday & Friday 6.25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesday & Friday 8.25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesday 8.25am, before Mass

**Venire Youth Mass:** 6.00pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.**