

# Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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**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

Fr Peter Dillon

Parish Priest

Fr Paul Kelly

Associate Pastor

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Coordinator

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Merrimac

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST 17TH / 18TH JUNE 2017—YEAR A

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### More Than Words

One of those odd statistics floated across my desk this week. Each day the average man speaks 26,000 words while the average woman speaks 28,500 words each day. While none of us wishes to see ourselves as average and while certain people may be using up the share of others, **I realised how easy it is to go through those thousands of words with little regard for their power for good or bad, for building up or damaging people and their reputations.**

**If we were put on a ration of a thousand words a day how wisely would we use them and how carefully would we order our day.** Who would be the recipient of the best of those words and how cautious would we be with our angry slights or idle gossip. Each day we thirst for words of news or comfort, we glibly ask others how they are going without waiting for the reply, we snap about the slow restaurant service and moan about the **cost of electricity and petrol.**

While the Gospel writers may not have used every word that Jesus spoke, and even though they may have used some poetic licence in recording his messages, **Jesus appeared to be a "wordsmith" in the way that he spoke.** Whether it was a message of compassion or forgiveness, or a chide or a challenge to the scribes, he never belittled or flattered. He went to the heart and spoke from there. Throughout the gospels he uses his words economically and deliberately, aware of their power to change the lives of others.

**No matter what our position or status, our words are capable of great power to empower.** Our expressions of love, to uplift and to heal, all hinge on our ability not just to know the right words but to use them courageously. Show great respect for your words; use them wisely and carefully. **Make sure they express your true intention since they are very difficult to retrieve once they are uttered.**

And that's all I've got to say at the moment . . . . . **Fr Peter Dillon**



**DATE CLAIMER:** On **Friday 30th June at 6.00pm**, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will install Fr Peter Dillon as Parish Priest of Surfers Paradise and Dean of the South Coast. Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

**NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:** A new book called, "**The Beginners Guide to Receiving the Holy Spirit**" is a centre piece of our display in the Library. If someone asked you "are you filled with the Spirit" would you hesitate before giving an answer? This book could be for you! The description for example in Acts (Ch. 1 & 2) does make this Baptism of the Spirit seem a "far-out" event involving five strange new powers and speaking in tongues! But this book uses the experiences of everyday believers, like us, to show how the Spirit leads us to a fuller Christian life. It examines the role of the Spirit in the history of the Church and the renewal which comes from this life changing experience.

Also on display is a big book about **World Youth Day in Australia in 2008.** Wonderful colour picture, the Homilies of Pope Benedict XVI and prayers, will help you re-live that great time, and connect with the theme - which was **Receive the Power.** Also worth borrowing are "The Gift" which discovers the **Holy Spirit in our Catholic tradition** and other books about styles of prayer which connect with the rich gifts of the Spirit.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to open up the Library during the week and at weekend Masses. Can you offer a couple of hours every month? We have **Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am on Tuesday and Friday and on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am and 6pm.**

**WEEKDAY LIBRARY:** If you do find the Library unattended you can come over to the Parish Office and borrow a key to go in and choose another book. We will record your borrowing for you.

## REFLECTION:

In today's first reading Moses reminds the Israelites of God's providence during their wilderness experience. He wants them to remember the special food, manna, God provided for them during their journey. The properties of the manna were intended to teach the people to trust in God to provide for them each day. If they tried to set some manna aside for the next day, it spoilt overnight. Saving the manna was a demonstration of self-reliance rather than trust in God. Moses reminds the Israelites that as their lives become more prosperous they are to remember their times of trial and struggle. He who was capable of nourishing their bodies in the wilderness was able to meet their spiritual needs as well.

John picks up the theme of manna in the Gospel and contrasts it with the new bread of life given by Jesus. In the person of Jesus there is a new Word of God and new bread from heaven. Jesus identifies himself with the elements of our Eucharistic sacrifice, namely, the bread and wine. We feed on Jesus by believing or "taking in" his Word and acting on it, and by believing in and "taking in" his divine presence in the bread and wine. Just as we and the substances we eat and drink become one, so Jesus and those who feed on him form an intimate union.

This is the basic and fundamental meaning of eating the body and blood of Christ, to have a total union with him in our way of thinking and living. Secondly, if we truly belong to Christ, then we become actively participating members of that Body, loving, serving and caring for each other and corporately giving witness to the vision that Jesus gave us to be shared with all people. Thirdly, by partaking in the Eucharist we become the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ sharing our life with others.

Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) to make Eucharist the centre of their lives. There is no division in Christ's Community as he shared one bread and one cup and formed a true community.

The Eucharist is truly a sign of a living community and participation in the divinity of Jesus.

## A MESSAGE FROM SR BRIGID FRAWLEY:

Thank you all so much for coming to celebrate my Golden Jubilee with me on Saturday night.

It was wonderful to have such a prayerful and joy filled Eucharistic celebration together. It was great, too, that so many waited to share in the cup of tea afterwards. This will be a special memory to treasure for the rest of my days.

**Blessings and deep gratitude. Sr Brigid Frawley.**



Surfers Paradise staff and parishioners acknowledge and congratulate **Sister Elvira Sesta**, of the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and long time member of the Stella Maris community, for receiving an *Order of Australia medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to secondary education in Queensland.*

Sr Elvira has been a teacher at St Rita's Clayfield since 1960, serving as Principal for nearly 20 years and now as a Religion teacher.

**Congratulations Sr Elvira – we are proud of your achievement!!**

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6: 51-58

**FEASTS:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious; Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs; Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Nativity of St John the Baptist

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:** 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Angelina Elsey of Mermaid Waters for the week of **MONDAY 19th June 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**.

## Corpus Christi - Year A

**A VOCATION VIEW:** That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.



**BO SANCHEZ & ARUN GOGNA ON GOLD COAST:** The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Grand Feast on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017. The theme is "Moving Forward in Christ Jesus". The event will be held at the Southport Church of Christ, cnr Olsen Ave and Griffith Way, Southport. Mass starts at 4pm. Admission is FREE. Contact Francis Gueco at 0438 310 461 or email [kikodok@yahoo.com](mailto:kikodok@yahoo.com)

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP: 2017 National Pilgrimage:** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage. **Commencing in Melbourne on 8 November, travelling through Victoria & South Australia, and concluding in Sydney on 18 November 2017.** Contact **Sister Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845** or **Sister Annie Bond 02 8912 4818**, or at [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset, your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Our next week end will held **4 to 6 August 2017**. **Venue:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside). **For details:** Maria and David Murphy, 3342 1456, [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)



You are invited to the **Teams Oceania Conference** on 1st & 2nd July 2017 Marist College, Ashgrove: **MARRIAGE BEYOND THE WEDDING – You're not alone on this journey.** For the full program, flyer & prices go to Teams Oceania website: [www.teamsoceania.com.au](http://www.teamsoceania.com.au) and **click on upcoming events. You can also go to [www.trybooking.com/256672](http://www.trybooking.com/256672)** to book.

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet at Broadbeach Bowls Club, Surf Parade for lunch at 12noon on Thursday 22nd June. All Welcome.

Phone Leona on 5630 8206.





### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We celebrate having completed our second term working with the children in the Atrium! Our time spent with two groups – Monday and Friday morning – has been such a joy, with the children growing in confidence and participating in such a prayerful way in the liturgies, singing and prayer time.

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS:

A new Baptism Preparation group will commence on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00am to 10:00am this will run for six weeks.

If you would like to have your 3 – 8 year old child Baptised please contact us.

#### ATRIUM SESSIONS:

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)

## Venire Movie Night!

If you're a high schooler, come and de-stress with us at Venire as we kick back and watch a movie! We're going to set up the projector, whip out the popcorn and relax with a funny film.

BYO bean bag or pillow!

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

6 – 8:30pm in the Hospitality Centre

Please RSVP to Steph on 0411 669 876

The monthly meeting of the **Gold Coast Lay Carmelites** is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters** at **10.30am**. Our next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. All are welcome. There is no fee but please bring a plate to share over a light lunch. Please contact Norm Harding **0421 125 575** [ave.olmc@outlook.com](mailto:ave.olmc@outlook.com) to confirm your attendance or to make enquiries generally.

### SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES

will again have the pleasure of presenting

#### A PORTOFINO FASHION PARADE

on **Saturday 12th August at 1.00pm**

in **Casey Hall, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.**



Admission is \$15 with a delicious afternoon tea and lucky door prizes which includes a \$50 gift voucher from Portofino Fashions.

Come along and enjoy a great afternoon of fashion and friendship. Please contact **Irene Ross on 5562 1260 for tickets**. Please **RSVP no later than Friday 28th July**.

**CARE & CONCERN - A wonderful tradition of Parishioners helping the sick and elderly to get to and from their medical appointments is in need of new volunteer drivers to swell their ranks. If you are able to offer an hour or two a week, fortnight or monthly they would be very grateful. Please phone the Coordinators on 0474 211 908 to find out what is needed for you to register as a Volunteer Driver.**



#### Annual Conference 24<sup>th</sup> June

We are opening our doors wide. A new format, new venue, much reduced cost and exciting international, interstate and local guest speakers. All welcome to our

**'Reclaiming the Culture of Life'** Conference 2017.

**When: June 24<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm** (Register from 8.30), Conference

**BBQ 6pm. Where: QB Centre - 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne**

Cost: Free to new members, \$20 pensioners and students, \$30 full cost. To Register: Phone: **Chris Da Silva 0433 775 429** or 3871 2445. Online: [www.cherishlife.org.au/conference](http://www.cherishlife.org.au/conference)

**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ 7:00am—3:30pm**

**Monday to Friday**

Catering options are available

Phone: **Parish Office 5575 5433**



**INAUGURAL INVITATION** to PNG Expat Families, Relatives, Friends and Communities of Oceania to Blessed Peter ToRot's Feast Day Mass and Shrine Chapel Foundation Stone Laying on **Sat 8th July at Marian Valley Canungra**, commencing with **Confessions at 10am**, followed by Rosary and **PNG traditional dress High Mass at 11am**. BBQ at 12noon and a Procession at 1pm to bless the site and lay the Foundation Stone. Information at [samanthaseeto@hotmail.com](mailto:samanthaseeto@hotmail.com)

**Discere Discernment Day Retreat:** Vocations Bne is running a day for young women and men who are keen to explore a vocation to priesthood or religious life. All young women and men 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017. 9am-5pm @ Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St, Ormiston. Contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508**

**Ignite Youth are holding a Young Adults' Retreat** and we would love for you to join us! Who: School leavers – 25yo. **When: 7-9 July**. Where: The Log Cabin, Natural Bridge. Cost: \$120. For more details or to register, head to [igniteyouth.com/yaweekend](http://igniteyouth.com/yaweekend). Phone : 3217 5199. E: [brigid@igniteyouth.com](mailto:brigid@igniteyouth.com) | [facebook.com/igyouth](https://www.facebook.com/igyouth)

**YOGA:** Enjoy the health benefits of an hour-long yoga lesson in a friendly environment on **Tuesdays at 10.45am in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. First Tuesday is in Casey Hall.** For women of all ages, nurtured by Ruth, an experienced and caring *International Yoga Association accredited teacher*, with traditional stretching, breathing and relaxation. Cost is **\$10 a session**. **For more information please call 0421 338 110.**

**SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB:** Celebrating 16 years in the parish. **Beginners classes available.** Come and join in the fun and social atmosphere. No previous experience is necessary. *Good for your memory.* **Mondays at 12 noon.** Call Cheryl on **5538 8821**.

Children's **IRISH DANCING CLASS Mondays 3.30pm to 4.30pm** in **Casey Hall, Clear Island Waters.** Ages 3+ yrs. For further info call Linda on **0407 370 047**.

MONDAY 19th June	TUESDAY 20th June	WEDNESDAY 21st June	THURSDAY 22nd June	FRIDAY 23rd June	SATURDAY 24th June
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART NEXT ANOINTING MASS 4TH JULY	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
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am &amp; 8.30am</b> <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am &amp; 6.00pm</b> <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am &amp; 10.00am</b>				

**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](mailto: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 4th July 2017**

**Friendship Day Thursday 20th July 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 of the Month.**

**Christian Meditation:** Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts  
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 Friday 7th July to 7am Saturday 8th July.**

**Carmelite Spirituality:** 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW  
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Meeting Sunday 18th June.**

**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 30th July 2017**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Annette Anning, Sean Weldon, Rossario Barbaro, Elsa Vaccara Hoerler, Neville Nielsen, Gerald Junck, Marie Hayden, Michael John Adamson, Mary Dean, Kevin Murphy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rainer & Reuben Empen, Anthony Lim, Marcella Muir McCarey, John Peter Birks, Charles & Catherine Lawrence, Errol & Mary Gill, Francesco Albergo, Vincenza Occhipinti, Michele Basile, Antonia Mancini, Rafael Bahamondes, Marie & Arthur English, Kel Hamilton, Roy Jackson, Frank Stephens, Roy Joseph, Beryl Morton, Peter John Noonan.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Imelda Rundell, Balkin, Steve Wayt, Anne Zappa. Jacqui Jaafar, David Boulton, John Thomas, Joanne Mooney, Julie Stapleton, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Kelly Haddad, Margaret Borg, Peter Wayne Borg, Eunice & Geoff Harrison, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Patricia Ceravolo, Kevin McCormack, Raymond Bridge (Syd), Theresa Curran (UK), Tony Bui, Helen Lindsay, Patricia Sulzberger, Rachel Raines, Fr John Milliken, Brandon Watson, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, David Weldon, Paul Beck, Dr Michael Tracey, John Lofthouse, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Michelle Coyle, Monica Bailey, Ray

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

**Would you like to receive the Parish Newsletter each week via email?**  
If so, please contact the Parish Office and advise your current email address for our Parish Data Base.



**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 info.**