

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,
Surfers Paradise

Stella Maris
254 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

PASTORAL

Very Reverend
Fr Tim Harris
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Clear Island Waters
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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
18th / 19th June 2016

BCE Leuven Project



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY PROJECT

As many of you would know I have just recently returned from Belgium where I attended an Intensive on enhancing **Catholic School Identity**. Four priests from the Province of Queensland and 25 executives from the respective Catholic education offices gathered to reflect on what it means or doesn't **mean to be Catholic today, especially in schools**, where students and teachers and parents are more religiously, culturally and ideologically diverse than perhaps ever before.

The project that was explained to me is an **attempt to assess a school's current state of affairs in terms of Catholic Identity**. At present over 1000 Catholic Schools in Australia, Belgium, the US, the UK, the Netherlands, France, and the Philippines are involved. **The project is based in sound theology and the Traditions of the Church**, but appreciates the situation we all find ourselves in. The Catholic School, for all sorts of reasons, is not what it was 50 years ago for example. Parish / School relationships were far closer than they are today. Again we must be very careful to not present too simplistic reasons as to what has changed except to say that the secular society, religious diversity, and contemporary culture are strong forces that can either be intelligently engaged with or dismissed in a kind of "fortress mentality". That is to say we refuse to dialogue with the world and put our heads in the sand.

We may not like "secular" society but it's here to stay and our schools need to be supported in this dialogue to ensure that a Catholic Identity remains in the midst of these challenges.

The Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome recently noted that **"the finest gift that Catholic education can make to a school is that of witness"**. The project seeks to underpin a school's ability to satisfactorily witness to the Catholic faith. The project uses research instruments in each participating school to comprehensively evaluate the facts on the ground. The project operates on the conviction that it is better to know rather than to assume what capacity there is internally for identity building.

Now this is just a taste of what I have been exposed to over the last weeks. I will speak about it more. Suffice to say anything of substance, like this project, that helps our Schools to adapt and respond to religious diversity and secularisation is worth taking seriously. Remember we need intelligent responses today to new realities not reactionary narrow ones. Reading the signs of the times and acting accordingly is the way forward. The project I have now studied offers a way forward.

Good to be back with you .

God's abundant blessings, Fr Tim

12TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

READINGS: Zec 12: 10-11, 13:1; Galatians 3: 26-29; Luke 9: 18-24

FEASTS: Tues 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious; Fri 24th Nativity of St John the Baptist

NEXT WEEK: 13th Sunday; 1 Kg 19: 16, 19-21; Gal 5: 1, 13-18; Lk 9: 51-62

REFLECTION: Jesus was a question mark for many people. His message confused and frightened them. Jesus' disciples recognised their Master as the long-awaited Messiah. But it is not enough to recognise Jesus as the Messiah or to be filled with wonder and compassion at his suffering, death and resurrection. We are called to be followers, to deny self and to take up our cross every day.

This does not mean we go out of our way looking for pain and trouble. It means accepting what comes into our life and positively and constructively seeing God's love and grace in every experience, even the most painful. The words of Jesus are addressed to us. We are called to give ourselves 'every day', in the concrete circumstances of our lives, to all that Jesus stands for, knowing that in our self-giving it is his life-giving 'cross' that we are taking up with him.

Our first reading helps us understand the Christ event which comes at the price of suffering on the cross. Zechariah looks forward to a final healing in which those who suffered for justice will be remembered in awe and reverence: 'They will look upon the one they have pierced'. Paul's letter to the Galatians continues to unfold the consequences of being saved by faith in Jesus Christ.

The way in which followers of Jesus pick up their cross and follow the Lord is a matter of the heart, the interior spirit and love.

PRAYER: May the Lord enlighten us with the truth of the gospel. May we recognise Christ's face in every human being. May we be strengthened with courage to work for justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH SCHOOLS



ST MICHAEL'S FOUNDATION DAY MASS



ST KEVIN'S SCHOOL MASS



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL MASS



Our parish schools occupy an important place in our community and have a great presence and reputation in the regional area of the Gold Coast. Catholic schools like ours offer a unique educational and developmental experience which forms the child or young person as a person of integrity, faith and compassion in order to live fulfilling, faith-filled lives.

The Parish Leadership Team acknowledge and congratulate the efforts of teachers, students and parents for the beautiful liturgies which were celebrated in the last 2 weeks and the prayerful and reverent way students participated in these sacred celebrations. As a community we give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom. We thank our schools for the passion, love and sacrifice of all who work to ensure a Catholic education for our children.

We pray that our Catholic schools, today and tomorrow, will continue their work in God's mission, spreading the Joy of the Gospel so we may know and love the world as God's creation, cherish justice, live life in response to God's call, and serve to ensure the common good in society, now and into the future. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CAN YOU HELP? We encourage all our parishioners to share their gifts with the parish community. We are especially calling for Liturgical Ministers and Volunteers at all Masses at STELLA MARIS, ST VINCENT'S and SACRED HEART.

There are many ways you can contribute – Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Reader, Welcomer, Collector, Data Projector, Music Ministry, Altar Server, Hospitality, Children's Liturgy. Full training will be provided.

Don't be shy. I used to be shy too!! Please contact Helen Goldsmith: phone 5572 5433, email helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au or complete one of the forms in the sacristy or back of newsletter to indicate your interest.

GOLD COAST AIRPORT MARATHON: On **SUNDAY 3RD JULY**, Hedges Avenue, Broadbeach will be **CLOSED FROM 4AM UNTIL 12NOON** for the running of this race. Parishioners are advised that if they wish to attend Mass at 7am or 8.30am they are only able to walk to the Church, there will be no vehicles allowed onto Hedges Avenue. Thank you again for your patience!

UPDATE ON THE SACRED HEART SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Works are progressing on schedule and it is important to note that this project is being funded entirely through the generous donations of parishioners. Thank you to these people for enabling us to enhance our worship space and give our church an elegance and beauty appropriate for the largest Catholic church on the Gold Coast.

On the 3rd of July Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be dedicating and blessing Sacred Heart Church and the new liturgical furniture, which coincides with the church's 30 year anniversary!

In a liturgy similar to the dedication to Stella Maris, Archbishop Mark will sprinkle the church, walls and people with holy water. He will anoint the altar by pouring chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners, and anointing the entire table of the altar. After the anointing of the altar, the Archbishop and Fr Tim will anoint crosses on the four pillars of the church. The altar will be incensed and prepared for the Eucharistic celebration.

This is a wonderful and historic event for our church. Everyone is welcome and please put the date in your diary now. You are invited to stay and share a cuppa and celebratory cake after the Mass.



INVITATION

**DEDICATION OF SACRED HEART CHURCH,
BLESSING OF NEW ALTAR, TABLE OF THE WORD
& TABERNACLE, AND 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MASS
CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
SACRED HEART CHURCH
SUNDAY 3RD JULY, 2016 AT 9AM.**

ATRIUM - CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Please pray for our nine children nearing completion of their Baptism preparation this term. Time spent with them is very rewarding!



It would be wonderful to offer CGS formation days in our Parish! Formation Days are being offered by Graceville Atrium for Level 1 Part 1 (3 to 6 years) on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th August. I Look forward to hearing from anyone who may be interested in attending Graceville, or gathering a group of six or more people to arrange days there in the future.

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THIS WEEK AT VENIRE: 23rd Veniré at Surfers Paradise Parish, 6:30pm: 24th Veniré at Coomera Parish, 6pm: 24th - Youth Band will lead the music at St Stephen's Cathedral for *Vocations Leaven Hour*, 5pm. **Steph 0411669876**

Two of our young adult leaders, **Christopher Williams and Alice Mabbutt**, who met at Venire are getting married and would love to extend an invitation to anyone in the parish who is interested in celebrating their Nuptial Mass with them. **The Nuptial Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday the 2nd of July.** The couple will be at the entrance of the Church greeting those attending the Nuptial Mass *from 3pm.*



THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP: We will meet for lunch at **12noon on Thursday 23rd June** at the Surfers Paradise Golf Club. Contact Leona on **5538 7070.**

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Maria Savio of Merrimac, commencing Monday **20th June 2016.**

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FASHION PARADE SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 1.00PM for a 1.30PM START Admission \$10 A Delicious Afternoon Tea is included! For Inquiries contact Irene Ross 5562 1260

FRANCISCAN GATHERING: Next Fraternity Meeting, June 22nd, 12.30-3.30pm, Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. All Welcome. Sr. Clara Condon.

LIBRARY NEWS: A lovely selection of **new books** for you are in the Library now! Popular author, Scott Hahn's **"The Lamb's Supper"**; Joan Chittister on prayer in **"The Breath of the Soul"** and Michael Whelan offers **"A Friendly Guide to Prayer"**. Historians will like **"The Biblical Basis for the Papacy"** and **"The Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls"**. We also have **"The Lord's Prayer for Children"** and a workbook of games for Children's Ministry plus a lot more! Come into the Library and be inspired now!

BOOK CLUB: Members are reminded that our monthly meeting is on Tuesday 21st June.

Last Sunday afternoon **THE TRIBE FRIENDSHIP GROUP** spent an enjoyable afternoon playing mini golf at a local mini golf course. Even though the weather was not perfect we had a lovely afternoon with lots of laughs.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am Sacred Heart <i>Next Anointing Mass 11am on 5th July</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
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: Monday, Tuesday 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
Youth Led Mass: Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. **Next Date 28th August**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teck Lee Lim (Anthony), Fr. Trevor OGS, Jean Burgess, Maria Silverstri Fiorenza, Louis Joseph, Mavis Tacey, Esperanza David, Baudelino Acosta, Dot Meekin, Gary Cochrane, Judy Gilliland, Theo Robert Farr, Keith Patrick Hoolihan.
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, David Weldon, Dorelle Muller, Michael Kearney, Mike and Barbara Farrell, 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, 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.

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 information.