

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 Nicholas Okafor
Parish Administrator

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Associate Pastor

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Merrimac
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A 18TH/19TH MARCH 2017

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

JESUS MEETS THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Jesus' thirst for us: "Jesus has no need of our works, only of our love... he isn't ashamed to beg a drop of water from the Samaritan woman. He was thirsty. But in saying, 'Give me something to drink', the Creator of the universe was asking for his poor creature's love. He was thirsty for love. Oh, I know, now Jesus is thirstier than ever; among the world's disciples all he meets is ingratitude and indifference, and among his own disciples he finds, alas, few hearts to give themselves unreservedly to him, few to understand the full extent of his infinite love."

St Therese (1873-1897).

The people of Israel, wandering in the desert became thirsty and disillusioned. Where is God? Is God with us? God gives them a sign. Flowing water from a rock. God IS with them, God provides them with flowing water. The Lord IS the flowing water of life. Jesus is the Lord. He is the living water of life, and he offers his life to all who will receive him.

Jesus bypasses Jewish customs in asking the Samaritan woman for a drink. The ensuing conversation prompts the woman to run and tell everybody in the town about Jesus. Her openness and willingness to listen with her heart gives her an inkling that this man could be the Messiah. An unexpected encounter can also transform our lives if we always seek Jesus and the living water he offers us. It is good to ask ourselves:

- ***Have you been in a situation where you felt constrained by established customs or prejudices that seemed unnecessary or unjust to you? How did you react?***
- ***Jesus didn't let such things get in the way of his communicating with a Samaritan woman. Can you draw strength from his example the next time you are faced with a prejudice that is clearly unjust?***

On behalf of my Mother and all my family I would like to give a heartfelt thankyou to everyone for your prayers and messages of support at the passing of my beloved Father, William (Bill) Kelly. I am so grateful for the strength that your prayers and condolences have given us all. Thank you so much. ***Sincerely, Fr Paul.***



Project Compassion: Like many first Australians, Uncle Richard was torn from his family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in the state-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), he suffered violence and pain that haunted his adult years. Now, through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, he is reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their well-being and helps their families. ***Please donate to Project compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing. Lenten envelopes are in all our Churches.***

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6pm every Friday during Lent in Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. All Welcome.



READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

3rd Sunday of Lent;

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8;
John 4:5-42

FEASTS:

Mon 20th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

Sat 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

4th Sunday of Lent;

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;
Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41

REFLECTION:

Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. The symbol of water refers to our relationship with God and represents God's Spirit which comes to us in Baptism.

The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb. The Responsorial Psalm 95, refers both to the Rock of our Salvation and also to our hardened hearts. It reminds us that our hard hearts need to be softened by God through prayer, fasting and works of mercy.

Paul asserts, in the second reading, that Jesus the Savior of mankind poured the living water of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. We need the Holy Spirit to sustain us spiritually, just as we need water to sustain us physically.

The Gospel tells us how Jesus awakened in the Samaritan woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which He had come to satisfy. The water that Jesus promises is closely linked to conversion and the forgiveness of sin. Jesus always has a way of coming into our personal lives. At the end of the long heart-to-heart conversation Jesus revealed himself to her as the Messiah, which in turn led her to have faith in him. Here is a woman who comes to faith and becomes a missionary who brings others to Jesus.

Let us pray for the courage to be witnesses to Jesus and stand for love, truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT TIM HARRIS WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017 AT 10.30AM

EMMAUS HALL, RYAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE, 59 CANTERBURY ROAD, KIRWAN, QLD 4817. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE ON 5572 5433

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.



RCIA – The Rite of Election, St Stephen's Cathedral 5/3/17

During this Third Week of Lent the Church concentrates on those who, after a period of prayer and instruction in the mysteries of our Catholic faith, are to be baptised at Easter. This is the first Sunday of the three Scrutinies – rites for self-searching and repentance that have above all a spiritual purpose (RCIA 128). Today the Scrutiny will en-

courage the elect, through the exorcism 'their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water' as found in the Gospel proclaimed today.

Please continue to pray for **Kanica, Alicia, Skye, Wilko, Phoenix, Carla, Peta, Penelope, Roko, Elina, Janna, Josh, Glenda, Bridie, Paul, Andrew, Katrina, Hayden, Fraser, Archer, Bronte, Ysabela and Nicoline as they continue their preparation.** Blessings, Helen

Children's Sacramental Program – Completion of 2016/2017 Program:

Next Tuesday, 21st March, at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church, 64 children will receive the Sacrament of Penance in the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. The children and their families have prepared for the Sacrament through workshops, prayer and reflection. The children will complete their Sacraments of Initiation with First Eucharist on the 3rd and 4th June, 2017.

Information brochures and enrolment forms for the 2017-2018 Children's Sacramental Program will be available in all churches and parish schools after Easter. The program will begin in July 2017 and children aged 8 and above are eligible to enrol. If you have any questions please contact Helen helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au or you can speak to her at the Parish Office on **Wednesday to Friday 5572 5433.**

AVAILABILITY FOR EASTER SERVICES: Thank you to all the people who have responded with their Easter availability. If you are able to help at the Easter ceremonies please fill in the roster sheets in the church vestries. Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil, Saturday night, are full parish celebrations. Those on the Sacred Heart, St Vincent's and Stella Maris rosters are invited, and encouraged, to assist at these ceremonies. Ph. Helen Wednesday to Friday on 5572 5433 at the Parish Office or email helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au



COLUMBARIUM UPDATE:

Work site Mon to Fri 7am to 4pm.

Construction of the new feature wall in the columbarium has begun this week. If you wish to visit your loved ones please visit after 4pm. More information on this wall including pricing is being finalised. To date there are a number of parishioners interested in this wall as it will accommodate double niches.

Third Sunday of Lent - A

A VOCATION VIEW: Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water.

Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.



CRAFT NEWS: Thank you to all the generous people **who have already bought tickets or made a donation.** Our ticket sellers will be there for you over the next three weekends. They hope to meet you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ - 7.30am to 3.30pm Mon to Fri. Catering is available for your function. Ph Lauren **0435 721 258.**



Atrium

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd we provide a sacred space called 'an atrium' where children explore the wonder of God.

Come and bring your children, the first session for new children is free.

Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30 to 11:00.
Baptism Preparation (3-8 years old)

There will be a new set of sessions commencing on Saturday 29th April from 9am to 10am.

Let us pray for the children who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil ceremonies.

Please consider volunteering at the Atrium:
atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of **Mary and Joe Sanders** of Burleigh Waters for the week of **Monday 20th March 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**.



Please come and join us at the **Marian Valley** to celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph on March 20th**. The bus will leave from the normal pick up point at Palm Beach at 7.30am then from Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$20 per person return. Please call **Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madelaine Zammit on 5529 1573 or 0405 252 367** to secure your seat.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS WORKSHOP SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2PM UNTIL 5PM.

We have another workshop planned for **SUNDAY 26TH MARCH AT 2PM** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

If you are in **ANY MINISTRY** in the parish and **HAVE NOT** attended this workshop in the last two years **THEN YOU MUST ATTEND.**

It is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and we stress the importance of your attendance to this workshop.

Please RSVP by 23rd March to 5572 5433

GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY: It is always sad to say "good-bye" to a Library volunteer, but we thank God for their generous and faithful service. On Saturday evenings **Julie Anne** has opened the Library at Sacred Heart Church and extended a welcome to borrowers coming to the 6pm Mass. Thank you so much Julie Anne for your ministry and all blessings for the future.

During Lent a favourite devotion is **The Way of the Cross**. A varied and useful selection is available from the Library for you to use at home. Personal ones from Popes (including Francis) and Saints, as well as illustrated ones and some for children. Make your selection today!

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

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!



Venire is a ministry that provides an opportunity for young people across the Gold Coast to get connected with other young people who share the same faith, inviting them to find their identity in Christ; empowering them to know, to love, and to serve the Lord. Come along and be a part of our community!

23rd – Venire at Surfers Paradise Parish, 6 – 8:30pm

24th – Venire at Coomera Parish, 6-8:30pm

26th – Youth Mass and Young Adults Dinner Sacred Heart Church 6pm

If you would like any more information about these events or to come along to any of them, please contact Steph on 0411669876 or www.facebook.com/venireyouth

SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB 16th year in the parish. **Beginners classes commencing soon.** Come and join in the fun and social atmosphere. No previous experience necessary. *Good for your memory.*



Classes Monday 12 noon. Call Cheryl 5538 8821



The **Bold and The Beautiful** friendship group will meet for lunch & Irish celebrations at the **NewLife Uniting Church Cafe** 4 Greenwich Court, Robina **at 12noon on Thursday, 23rd March 2017**. All welcome.

EUTHANASIA: Paul Russell and Bill Muehlenberg, prominent interstate speakers will be at our next event. An opportunity not to be missed, controversial and timely, includes book launch. **Cost: \$10 – with light meal. Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hospitality Centre When: 6:30pm Sunday 2 April. RSVP: Fiona on 5578 1513 or 0457781513 (Cherish Life – Gold Coast Branch)**

BURLEIGH HEADS PARISH - POSITION AVAILABLE

Invites applications for the part-time position of Personal Assistant (30 hours per week: Mon to Friday)

The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated ability in providing reception services and administrative support to the Parish Priest, Associate Priest & Business & Finance Manager.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others. A willingness to work within the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church. *Specific responsibilities include:*

The day-to-day running of the parish office including reception, general office responsibilities, banking, database entry, document preparation, photocopying and filing.

To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to howellk@bne.catholic.net.au Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. For more information contact Rev Ken Howell on 5576 6317 or howellk@bne.catholic.net.au

Applications close on Monday 27th March 2017. Remuneration will be in accordance with the Clerks Private Sector Modern Award 2010 and commensurate with the applicant's skill and experience.

MONDAY 20th March	TUESDAY 21st March	WEDNESDAY 22nd March	THURSDAY 23rd March	FRIDAY 24th March	SATURDAY 25th March
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Anointing Mass</i> <i>New time 10am</i> <i>4th April</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.

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 7th April - 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 26th March 2017

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 April 2017

Friendship Day Thursday 16th March 2017

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. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

RECENTLY DECEASED: Earl Simpson, Helen Lindsay, Junko Costigan, Camelia George Tischer, William (Bill) Kelly, Ann Shamvian, Mini Enriquez, Laurreta Niblett, Rae Maree Colahan, Ruth Peterson, Junko Costigan, Rosa Maria Fearnley, June Curtis, Jim Ryan, Richard Santos, Vera McCormick, Jason & Jodie George Tischer, Patrisha Mitchell, Les Morphet, Raymond Balkin, Jim O'Brien, Harvey, Sandi Matsumoto, Samir Morgan McEnieny, Ann Reich (Syd), Moussa. Anne Donaldson, Irmgard (Joan) Graz, Carmelia Shamovian, Baby Ollie Hall, Andy Brown, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong) Tony Bui, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, John Traynor (UK), Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, Michelle Coyle, David Long (Vic), Fr John Milliken PP Stanmore, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Lunandi, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning, Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Dorelle Muller, Michael Kearney, Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong.

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.

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