

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

Very Reverend

Fr Tim Harris

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6th SUNDAY of EASTER 30th APRIL / 1st May 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

FATHER MAY THEY BE ONE AS WE OURSELVES ARE ONE

Recently we have been reflecting on the farewell discourse of Jesus in the gospel of John chapters 13-17. It happened on the night of the last supper. Now, Jesus has shared a meal with his disciples, washed their feet, given them a new commandment to love as he loves us, and told them of his leaving. He prays to the Father; "may they be one as we ourselves are one" Jn. 17:20-21. If Jesus is praying for our oneness, it means that he knows that there will be a time when there could be disunity in the Church; a time when the human dimension of the Church will crop up. It means also that he is recognizing and rejecting the boundaries and differences that divide us.

Unfortunately, there are divisions everywhere in the world today: within ourselves, our families, the churches, and our country. We live in a world full of divisions – male or female; rich or poor; Christian or Muslim; conservative or liberal; educated or uneducated; young or old; heaven or earth; divine or human; sinner or saved; orthodox or heretic, darkness or light. We could go on and on listing the boundaries that we encounter and all too often establish or promote. They are not just divisions they have become oppositions. These divisions exist not only out there in the world but primarily and first in the human heart. One thing is certain, for every boundary we establish, there is a human being who is created in the image and likeness of God. People with: names, lives, joys, sorrows, concerns, and needs just like us.

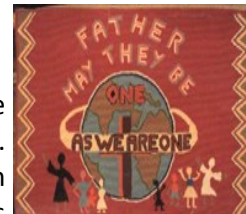
Jesus does not pray for our tolerance, our getting along, or just being nice to each other. He does not even pray that our differences would be eliminated. Instead he prays for our oneness; unity in diversity. He prays that we would be one as he and the Father are one so that our oneness would be the revelation of God's presence in the world. Oneness in the midst of difference becomes a sacramental presence of God's life in the world and this authenticates that the Church is the sacrament of unity and salvation.

That does not mean, however, that we lose our identity or individuality. Jesus does not stop being Jesus and the Father stop being the Father because they are one. The "oneness" Jesus is talking about is more than numerical numbers and quantity. Jesus and the Father are one because they love and give themselves to each other. Oneness is a quality of life – God's life. Jesus' prayer for oneness is ultimately that we would be and live like God.

Oneness is not about eliminating differences. It is about love. Love is the only thing that can ever overcome division. Love is the medicine to the wound of division and segregation. Division is a wound and scandal to the relationship we are expected to live as Christians. The oneness Jesus is talking about is the love of God, love your neighbour, love yourself, and love your enemy. Our love for God, neighbour, self, and enemy reveals our oneness, and the measure of our oneness, our God-likeness, is love. In love there may be differences but there is no division. In love we agree to disagree. May divided families and relationships be one just like the Trinitarian family is one! Amen!

Fr Nicholas Okafor

MOTHERS DAY CHALLENGE: Due to the running of the Mothers Day Challenge on Sunday 8th May, there will be problems with driving to STELLA MARIS CHURCH via HEDGES AVENUE. The Avenue will close at 6.45am and will not re-open until 10.30am. We suggest you attend 5pm Saturday Vigil or arrange to park elsewhere and walk to 7am and 8.30am Masses. PARKING IN SURROUNDING STREETS WILL ALSO BE PROBLEMATIC DUE TO THE EVENT BEING HELD IN PRATTEN PARK OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C
READINGS: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29;
Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn 14: 23-29
FEASTS: Monday 2nd St Athanasius,
bishop, doctor; Tuesday 3rd Sts Philip
and James, apostles
NEXT WEEK: The Ascension of the
Lord; Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9: 24-28, 10: 19-23; Lk 24: 46-53

REFLECTION

In the Gospel Jesus offers his parting gift of peace to his disciples: 'Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you.' The peace of Christ enables us to know we are loved by God, we can always ask for the Lord's forgiveness and that we have a mission to bring this gift of peace to others.

The 'community of love' constituted by Father and Son makes themselves 'at home' – within the hearts of believers. Faith gives us a sense of living constantly this extraordinary at-home-ness with God.

But while the Gospel radiates the calmness, peace and reassurance that we all need so much, the First Reading reflects the areas of difference and conflict that are bound to arise when even the church community comes face to face with new problems and new questions. Such conflicts, when properly handled, are necessary, even desirable for our church community if we are to have a deeper understanding of the real meaning of God's love and peace.

The second reading also addresses the situation of church community. Real community is like that of the New Jerusalem, a city whose temple and light is provided by the presence of God and the Lamb – an assurance of the sense of divine indwelling communicated in the Gospel.

God speaks to us through changing situations, in both calm and conflict, in the nitty-gritty. It is through our church community, with all its faults, that the Spirit continues to speak through each and every one of the members of Christ's Body. "The Helper (Paraclete), the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name will teach you everything..."

PRAYER: Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with your peace. Light the fire of love in us that we might become signs of your peace for the sake of the world. In your peace renew the face of the earth. Amen

THE MONTH OF MAY: During May the Church honours with special love Mary, Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desire and hopes wholly to be. (SC 102, 103)



CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM 2016-2017

Information brochures and enrolment forms are now available for the new program (based on the Archdiocese of Brisbane Revised Sacramental Policy 2015) in all churches, Parish Office, St Vincent's and St Kevin's schools.

The program will commence on **Tuesday 12th July, 2016** with a compulsory Parent Information Session. To be eligible children must be 8 years of age or older.

If you have any questions please phone **Helen Goldsmith 5572 5433**.

PARISH GUIDELINES FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD

If you are involved in a Liturgical Ministry please collect a handout from the Mass Co-ordinator detailing the revised parish guidelines. It is important that all Ministers read and familiarise themselves with these guidelines in order to continue to serve the worshipping community in the 'spirit of liturgy' and a 'correct and orderly manner' (CSL 29). Please contact **Helen on 5572 5433** if you have any questions, need a refresher course or wish to volunteer for a liturgical ministry.

PARISH WEBSITE The Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish website has been updated and given a fresh look with new images, clearer and simpler text and forms and downloads, as required, that enable you to complete and email from the comfort of your home! Information is up to date and will continue to be added to in order to communicate to the world all about our amazing parish!! I invite you to browse the site on: www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

PARISH APP Thank you for the great response and positive feedback on the Parish App. We have had nearly 200 downloads which is an excellent take-up. If you want to keep in touch with Parish happenings, daily readings, Vatican news etc then download the App to your phone or tablet. Instructions on how to do this are located at the bottom of this page.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE: The Columbarium Master plan has been approved by the Council. We are currently looking to add two niche walls in the coming months. Expressions of interest are welcome. Phone Parish Office 5572 5433. Currently we have 55 people already interested in the Columbarium. We will be in contact with these inquirers shortly. *Sonya Slater, Parish Manager*



SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS First Tuesday of the Month: The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Tuesday 3rd May at 11am** in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are usually picked up please let Doug and Lois know you are coming to this Mass by calling them on 5630 8293 or 0419 724 181. Stay on afterwards for light refreshments in the Parish Hospitality Centre hosted by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies. **All SPCL members are asked to bring a plate to share.**

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



THE PARISH ATRIUM has been fully funded for the past three years through a bequest. At the commencement of this year (2016) this funding reached its completion. Through the generosity of the benefactors, we have been able to achieve the task of birthing an Atrium, of which we are very proud. The fruit of this is that God's Grace has touched the lives of almost 200 children and their families.

We began this year with a budget of \$0, but continue to be very hopeful to be able to continue with this wonderful work!

Please consider making a donation or becoming a benefactor towards the work of faith formation for young children, in the Parish Atrium. For more information contact Angela Williams at atrium surfers@bne.catholic.net.au or on 5572 5433. You can also visit our Facebook page:

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

ALL NIGHT ADORATION: All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for **First Friday 6th May** will begin **AFTER** the one act play "The Gospel of St. John" at *approximately 10pm* at Sacred Heart Church. Adoration will continue through to Saturday 7th May until 7am. Enquiries: **Helen 0421 935 678** or **Jim 0424 381 069**

PRAYING THE ROSARY The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Pat and Maxine Sela of Broadbeach, commencing Monday **2nd May 2016**. If you need help to collect the Statue we can assist you. **Thank you.**

FATIMA DAY: Celebration of Fatima day on **13th of May** at Marian Valley. For bookings please call Viviane on **55359623**.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: Come and celebrate with Southport Catholic Parish and Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **22nd May**, at Aquinas College, Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore from **9:30am**. This celebration will include a "free feast" with food from over 13 countries being served at no cost. There will be an assortment of colour and cultural richness, reflective of the ethnic diversity which make the South Coast Deanery so magnificent. Children will perform traditional music and dance, and the Archbishop will be available to say G'day. So please come along and be part of the celebration. All inquiries to Southport Parish Office, 5510 2222.

LIBRARY NEWS: How exciting it will be to hear the drama of St John's Gospel in our Church! This is the most poetic and theologically dense of the Gospels. You may be interested to explore why the various Gospel accounts vary and how each is unique. Books to read include "Who Wrote the New Testament"; "Great Themes of Scripture" by Richard Rohr; "Greeks, Romans and Jews" and other scripture guides. We love you to borrow books, and to return them to us! Others will enjoy them too! Please check and return any over-dues now. Thank you.



Thursday evening from 6.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre. For more information call Steph **0411669876** or facebook.com/venireyouth

Donald macdonald's
Powerful Presentation of



FRIDAY 6TH MAY AT 7PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH

TICKETS \$15
CONCESSION/CHILD \$10
UNDER 5 FREE

PURCHASE ONLINE
www.venireyouth.com

At the Parish office 5572 5433
Or at the Door on the Night

ART and CRAFT NEWS: We will be holding a STALL on the weekend of **14/15 May** at all Masses at Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to *donate your own hand-crafted articles for sale* they would be gratefully received at the Parish office or at our meetings on Wednesday mornings when you would be most welcome to stay for a "cuppa and a chat" with the group. We also hope to see everyone at the stall.

Many thanks from the Art & Craft Group and Joy L'Huillier.

INVITATION TO PARISH VOLUNTEERS IN ALL MINISTRIES AND NEW PARISHIONERS

To coincide with National Volunteer Week 9 - 15 May, 2016 the Parish Mission Council invites you to a

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Friday 13 May, 2016, 5.30-7pm. Casey Hall.

Guest presenter Hubert Auffret,
Head Sommelier at Dan Murphy's.

We wish to acknowledge the generous contribution of our parish volunteers who help us do what we need to do. Every volunteer is there because they want to be. They are talented, committed, faithful people who have stepped up to be part of the parish community. Our parish is much richer by their gift of time and talent and we celebrate their commitment!

We also invite all our new parishioners. Come and enjoy our hospitality and welcome to the parish.

RSVP Helen Goldsmith helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au
Or phone the Parish Office on 5572 5433

OZCARE PARKWOOD GARDENS is calling for volunteers to help out. If you are able to help call **Joanne on 5500 2465**.

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ 7.30am to 3.30pm Mon - Fri

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am Sacred Heart	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	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 St Joseph's Prayer Group: 1st Wednesday 9.30am Sacred Heart Church Youth Led Mass: Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. Next Date 8th May 2016
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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**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Thomas Ashby, Theo Farr, Therese Brake,
Malone, Johnny Glennon, Ramsis David Weldon, Dorelle Muller,
Boctor, Margaret Fulton (Northern Michael Kearney, Mike and Barbara
Ireland), Jose Portes. Farrell, Fr. Trevor OGS, Zenaida
ANNIVERSARIES: Bruce, Greg & Gib Osborne, Marian Komorowski
McPhie, Rodney Kerr, Kath Ryan. (Poland), Fr Dom Cremesco SVS,
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Andreas Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne
Lunandi, Kate Needham, Gus Reeves, Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep
Annette Anning, Monica Bailey, Sage Armstrong, Dolly Roberts & Gerald
Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Theron (Cape Town), Joan Wienand,
Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Bruno Andreetta, Ron Cadd,
Tracey, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Bernadine Lewis (Capetown SA),
Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John 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? <input type="radio"/> REGISTERING IN PARISH <input type="radio"/> SACRAMENT ENQUIRY <input type="radio"/> YOUTH <input type="radio"/> PRAYER REQUEST <input type="radio"/> ROSTER AVAILABILITY <input type="radio"/> OTHER: _____ <input type="radio"/> 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.
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