



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## **Sacred Heart**

50 Fairway Drive,  
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## **St Vincent's**

40 Hamilton Avenue,  
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## **Stella Maris**

254 Hedges Avenue,  
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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr Peter Dillon

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## **20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017 – YEAR A**

## **STICK TO YOUR GUNS**

As demanding as priesthood can be at times I am certain that there is no more consistently demanding vocation as that of parenthood. Particularly in this present age when parenting is so publicly open to scrutiny and where so many contrary values seem to bombard families. Having to guide and instruct children, particularly in their teenage years, when so much is on offer, must surely test even the most confident and capable of parents. When saying "no" is made to sound like "I don't really love you".

Your conviction as a parent may often be at odds with that of your children. This parent/child misunderstanding happens in every era, but recently it seems to be taking a greater toll than in previous generations. It may seem as though you live in different worlds. Your most cherished beliefs and practices may hold little interest for your children. Two of the areas that we hear most about in the context of our faith life in families, are intimate relationships and attendance at Sunday Mass.

Bearing in mind that I don't speak from personal experience as a parent, and that watching from a distance does not always give the truest picture, may I say a few things as gently and as honestly as possible?

If we believe in Christ's teaching as mediated to us through the Scriptures and the Church, I don't think we should compromise for anybody, especially those for whom we are responsible for teaching and nurturing. We hold to the Christian tradition as we received it. We hold to it in faith. We hold to it in love and trust. We believe, as Christians, that sexual relationships are meant for marriage. As safe and pleasant and fulfilling as they may be, we accept that sex and commitment are intertwined.

We also believe that, if we are to worship as a community, in the importance and value of regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Whether it is inconvenient or not, whether it suits our sporting or social calendar or not, this is the day we have accepted as our time of gathering. While there may be times when this is genuinely not possible, there is nevertheless, a strong responsibility to be part of the tradition of our fellow believers. As Catholics we are "Sunday People", the people who gather in community to pray, to share, to listen and to serve each other. When did that get all too demanding for people such that they can only manage Easter and Christmas, if it doesn't interrupt anything else.

This being said, if our children reject these beliefs, we do not respond by rejecting or ignoring them. We have too many faults ourselves to be dismissive of others. Often listening to the perspective of others gives us an opportunity to share ours. Faith is rarely revived when communication and love breakdown. So let us exercise our conviction with compassion, faith with understanding, witnessing with humility. Stick to your guns alright, but don't shoot anybody in the process.

**Fr Peter Dillon PP**

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7|  
Romans 11:13-15,29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

## FEASTS:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X, pope.  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew, apostle.

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Isaiah 22: 19-23  
Romans 11: 33-36  
Matthew 16: 13-20

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Sue and Terry Collins of Robina for the week of MONDAY 21st August 2017. If you wish to take part please contact Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539 to discuss this.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

**A VOCATION VIEW:** It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

**CHERISH LIFE QLD** is open to people of all faith backgrounds. The common bond of our members is the regard for human life from conception to natural death. Our Gold Coast branch is starting monthly meetings. We intend to help prepare our members to defend Life from deceitful and uninformed attacks. Also to become a force to promote Life and counter the culture of death with whatever reasonable means we have. Meetings – first Tuesday of each month (starting 5 September) at 6.30pm. The address is 39-49 McLaren Road Nerang in the Parish Centre for St Brigid's Nerang.

**PRAYERS REQUEST:** The children in the Sacramental Program ask for your prayers during the next 12 months of preparation. Please remember these children and their families as they continue their faith journey through the Sacraments of our Church.

**Notice Anything New?** Hopefully you haven't been too distracted to notice the new-look parish newsletter this weekend. Sometimes familiarity breeds apathy, so we have looked at a new parish logo, designed by two young parishioners from Belinda Gillies Design, who have provided us with a fresh new concept as one of several ways of communicating with our many visitors and parishioners.

For some time now the task of connecting our three Church communities has shown a very positive response, so the idea of "One Parish; Three Churches" is no longer need as a by-line for our parish. People are familiar with participating in any of our mass communities, and people attend which time and location best suits them. Each of our Sunday liturgies is the same in each Church, with ministers and music, hospitality and welcome present in all three places.

The colours and the design of the logo is intended to let parishioners and visitors know that we are an enthusiastic and creative parish, presenting tradition theology in a contemporary liturgical setting. Obviously colours and concepts don't make us the perfect parish, but they do help to remind us to keep connected to the changing ways and means of our society.

If you think there may be more effective ways of presenting articles and issues in any of our communication options (website, newsletter, phone App) please let us know so that we might investigate the possibilities. Hopefully when you see this logo on future signs and publications you will be able to identify this as coming from your parish and that people will associate it with a community you are proud to belong to.

## 4 WEEK RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE – IN FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

A structured program of daily prayer from Monday to Thursday and a Sunday exercise. Retreatants meet weekly to share their experience in spiritual conversation facilitated by a Spiritual Director.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct from 10am -11.30am, St Monica's Church, Tugun. Or 7pm-8.30pm / Sacred Heart Church, Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters. Contact Helen Goldsmith, [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au) or 5572 5433**

## VOLUNTEER COMMUNION MINISTER TO THE SICK REQUIRED

To take the Eucharist to the residents of the **MERRIMAC PARK NURSING HOME** at Merrimac. You will be given all training and someone will always accompany you. If you would like to take part in the wonderfully worthwhile Ministry, your commitment would only be **once every four weeks on a Thursday at 1.30pm.**

This year marks the **103<sup>RD</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.** In our Archdiocese of Brisbane, the annual **Multicultural Mass** will be held at the Cathedral of St. Stephen on Sunday, **27 August, 2:30pm** celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Migrant Chaplains.

## CELEBRATING SENIORS WEEK Thursday 24th August 2017

**Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies** sponsored by the Gold Coast City Council is celebrating Seniors Week with entertainment, morning tea and lunch.

**Guest Speaker:** Senior Constable David Brown on "Scams & Frauds of the Elderly" at 11.am followed by Entertainer Paul Lindenberg in a sing-along. **Date: Thurs 24th August 2017**

**Time: 10. 30am - 1.30pm.** Venue: Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church. **Admission is FREE!** RSVP by 21st August for Catering. Maxine Sela **5539 9539** or Parish Office **5572 5433**

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

At the moment, we are working with the parables about the kingdom of heaven: The Mustard Seed, (Mk 30:32) The Precious Pearl (Mt 13:45-46), and The Leaven ( Mt 13:33).

It's fascinating to see how the children who are already in a relationship with God enter into the Mystery of the Kingdom wondering about the power of growth!

Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30am to 11:00am.

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## BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL GROUP

The Bold and the Beautiful Friendship Group will join the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies at the Parish Hospitality Centre to celebrate Seniors Week on 24th August from 10.00am. Morning tea and lunch are included. 12 places have been reserved. If you wish to attend please ring the office on 5572 5433 or Maxine on 5539 9539

## THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

welcome you to join **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** at a luncheon in the Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom, Level 5, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on **Thursday, 31 August 2017**, 12-2pm, with extended networking to 3pm. Cost \$120 (incl gst) includes two course luncheon with beer, wine and soft drinks.

**Guest Speaker:** ACU Professor Paul Carding, Former voice consultant to the Royal Shakespeare Company, UK and world expert in human voice. Contact Colleen Keating 33243201 or [acp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:acp@bne.catholic.net.au) to purchase your ticket. For more information visit our website [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

**SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES** would like to thank most sincerely all Parishioners and visitors who attended their Fashion Parade last Saturday. The event was another great success and all proceeds after costs will be given to the Parish to support the work of the Parish.

**IRISH DANCING CLASS** Mon 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Casey Hall, 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters. Ages 3+ yrs.

## COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ

7:00am—3.30pm **Monday to Friday**

Catering options available. Phone: **Café 0435 721 258**

## VENIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Come along to Venire for a night of fun games, free dinner, talks, discussion and prayer. Deepen your faith and meet others on the same journey.

**Thursday nights 6-8:30pm in the Hospitality Centre**  
**RSVP to Steph 0411 669 876**

### Young Adults Bible Study

Next Bible Study: 228th of August

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 **0411 669 876**

**QUO VADIS** Weekend is offered to young men considering the priesthood. Hosted by Vocation Brisbane and Holy Spirit Seminary, **Quo Vadis Weekend is held 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017** Holy Spirit Seminary. To register for the weekend, **contact Adam Burns by email: [burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au).**

## 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 you can check the website at [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosi.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosi.org.au)

**ADVENT MUSIC WORKSHOP:** Holy Spirit Seminary **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Facilitated by Sr Ursula O'Rourke, Michael Fitzpatrick and the Maroochydoore Music Ministry Team. Designed for anyone engaged in music ministry. Come and join us for a day of fun and new music! **Only \$15pp.**

*For further information, please contact James Robinson, Education Officer Liturgy Brisbane 3324 3322 or via email to [robinsonj@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:robinsonj@liturgybrisbane.net.au)*

## MEDITATION & ECO-SPIRITUALITY REFLECTION DAY

"Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things". (Pope Francis).

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September from 10am—2.30pm.** Registration 9.45am in Parish Hospitality Centre, CIW. Morning tea is provided; BYO lunch. Donation \$5 (Optional). Bookings to [bernadette.stewart2@bigpond.com](mailto:bernadette.stewart2@bigpond.com) or phone 5520 7242.

Website information: [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ferdinand Zaar, Rita Munari, Antonio Bianchi, Joseph Duong, Samir Moussa, John Byrne, James Harris (Bp. Tim's Father).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joe Farrell, Patrick Glen McCabe, Patricia Medway, Jane Bird, Gloria heal, Cliff Keinert, Maria Victoria Fava, Savary & Francis Muthu.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** James and Helen Lindsay, Brian Tyrrell (Melb.), Joan Maher, Sarah Clancy, Trish Keevers, Michelle Macdonald, Bernadette Lewis & Gerald Theron (Capetown) David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Sr Sponsa Gosciek, Angelina Elsey, Mary Ann Boehme, Imelda Rundell, Jacqui Jaafar, John Thomas, Joanne Mooney, Julie Stapleton, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Kelly Haddad, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Kevin McCormack, Raymond Bridge (Syd), Theresa Curran (UK), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, Diana & David Weldon, Dr Michael Tracey, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Ray Balkin, Steve Wayt, Anne Zappa.

## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
21 <sup>st</sup> August	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	24 <sup>th</sup> August	25 <sup>th</sup> August	26 <sup>th</sup> August
7am ST VINCENT'S	9am SACRED HEART NEXT ANOINTING MASS 10AM 5th September	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
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 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).

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:** Phone Butch & 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 - 7pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Saturday

2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRYS

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.**