

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

Parish Priest & Dean

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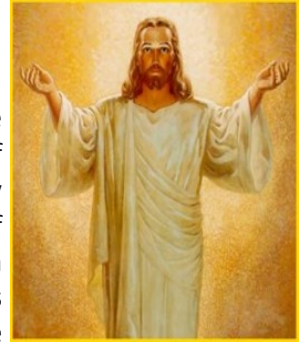
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FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C 19/20 November 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

CHRIST OUR UNIVERSAL KING

This weekend is the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy as well as the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. The closing of the "Door of Mercy" by Pope Francis and the Bishops around the world is not in any way insinuating that the door of God's mercy has closed. The door of God's mercy is like an ocean that can never get dried and is forever open to everyone who is willing and ready to have access to it. What is happening in Rome and all the "Mercy Doors" in the whole world is the symbolic closure of the awareness or the "campaign" of the need for all humanity to recognize and embrace God's mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (the Sacrament of Mercy) will continue to be available for those who are in need of it as usual.



Pope Pius XI instituted The Solemnity of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical *Quas Primas* to acknowledge and celebrate the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of all things. In celebrating this Solemnity, the Church draws our attention principally to one fact: "that the kingship of Christ is in contrast with that of this world". The Kingship of Jesus is not confined to time and space. "His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall not pass away, nor will his empire get destroyed".

In the words of the Second Vatican Council, the kingdom of Jesus will be "a kingdom of truth, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace". Jesus testified to this when he told Pilate "I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth, and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice". The **Kingdom of Jesus** is a spiritual kingdom. His reign will be over the heart of people, not over a geographical entity.

Jesus' Kingship should be the role model of all kings, rulers, and leaders. He cares, loves and lives in peace with his people. He does not rule with military might, or financial strength. Instead, he is a good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. He is a just judge, a compassionate and forgiving King. He is the only king who treats his subjects as brothers, sisters, and friends. He is always ready and close to us, and we do not need any special protocol to reach him. The telephone to the King Jesus is prayer. As we all have different responsibilities in life, Jesus's style of leadership should be our model. We all are called to be servant leaders.

One of the most important goals of today's celebration is, presenting and worshipping Christ as "*the King of the universe.*" However, it is important to note that first, we must individually allow Jesus to reign in our lives and in all situations of our lives. If Christ reigns in every heart, the world will be a better place. So today's celebration challenges us to ask ourselves this very important question: "*Is Christ reigning in my life? Have I given Christ the chance to reign, not only in my life, but also in my family, business and my work place?*"

Blessings, Fr Nicholas Okafor

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. This collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will be taking this up as a **3rd Collection this Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November at all Masses in the Parish.** Fr Tim

READINGS:

Christ the King of the Universe
2 Samuel 5:1-3;
Colossians 1:12-20;
Luke 23:35-43

FEASTS:

Mon 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Tues 22nd St Cecilia, virgin, martyr; Thurs 24th Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs

NEXT WEEK:

First Sunday in Advent;
Isaiah 2:1-5;
Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:37-44

REFLECTION

Today's readings do not allow us to take a shallow view of Christ's reign, confusing earthly power and prestige with the Saviour's divine majesty and goodness. Jesus belongs to the family of David, shepherd and king, but Jesus far surpasses David.

Christ is proclaimed a king, not in a scene of glorious enthronement but as a broken man on a cross in the moment of his deepest humiliation. Throughout Luke's gospel Jesus seeks out and saves the lost, and here a common criminal proclaims the kingdom which Jesus is to inhabit. The compassionate Jesus of Luke's gospel assures him of salvation, just as he had prayed for forgiveness for those who had brought him to this point.

In the second reading to the Colossians Paul links this kingdom with the forgiveness of sins. Paul heaps up different titles that reinforce each other. Christ is the image of the unseen God, the first-born of all creation, the head of his Body the Church, the Beginning, first to be born from the dead. See the kind of king we have, the kingdom we belong to? Compared with him, compared with it, all else fades into insignificance.

We enter our real life – Jesus and his kingdom – each time we take part in the sacrifice and the thanksgiving that is the Eucharist. Jesus' forgiveness and promise are available to all who are open to his message.

ADVENT RESOURCES: **SACRED ADVENT** – is an online prayer site by the Irish Jesuits providing daily e-mail prayer during a busy season. Each day invites you to a step-by-step progression of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers. www.loyolapress.com



ARTS AND FAITH - Take a new look at this season of preparation through the lens of Ignatian prayer and sacred art, includes commentary and accompanying Ignatian reflections. www.loyolapress.com

XT3 ADVENT CALENDAR – is a website and app that contains a variety of videos, meditations and podcasts for the Christmas season. There is new content added everyday, including messages from Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, as well as a question and answer forum in 'Ask a Priest'. The app is free. Search for 'Xt3 Advent' in the Google Play store or the App store. **Available November 27.**

PARISH PIETY STORES – a variety of printed resources to encourage a prayerful preparation during the season of Advent. **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS** for Advent/Christmas season, contain a daily reflection on the infancy Narrative of Luke.

Plenty of Christmas Cards, Columban Calendars and Religious Art Calendars. St Paul's Sunday Mass Books for 2017; Daily Mass Book 2017, all available now **St Vincent's and Sacred Heart Churches**. **PLUS** Fr Mac's Puddings - 800gram regular size \$15.00, 800 gram Gluten Free \$23.00 and 1.6kg larger puddings \$28.00

BREAK OPEN THE WORD: If you have ordered a book please collect one from the Co-ordinator this weekend. A small number of books are available for purchase from the office for \$10.

TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Thank you to all those who have already indicated their Christmas availability. If you are available to help at the Christmas Masses please add your name to the sheets in the church sacristies so Christmas rosters can be started as soon as possible.

INVITATION TO ASSIST AND SERVE AS A LITURGICAL MINISTER: We are always seeking new ministers to join our lovely and generous helpers at all churches and Masses. If you would like to serve in this special ministry as either an altar server, reader (Proclaimer of the Word) or Extraordinary Minister of Communion please contact the Parish Office on 5572 5433. Full training and support will be given. Additional ministers for the Christmas season are especially welcome.

WELCOMERS, COLLECTORS, POWERPOINT OPERATORS, PIETY STALL HELPERS, HOSPITALITY CREW: Don't be shy - we need you too!!! Call Helen on 5572 5433 or email helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au

VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS: Centacare Pastoral Ministries supports Catholic Pastoral Care teams in both public and private hospitals in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Pastoral carers are highly valued by hospitals for their contribution to the holistic care of patients, staff and families through spiritual and religious support.

A course is planned for the Gold Coast starting February 2017 to train pastoral carers for both the Gold Coast University Hospital and Robina Hospital.

If you would like to know more please contact: Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries E: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au Mobile: 0428 669 572



Sunday Mass and Sausage Sizzle

All Parishioners, Visitors, Schoolies, Gold Coast Rosies Volunteers and the Rosies Schoolies Volunteers are invited to a special Sunday Mass to be held on 20th November at 10am at St Vincent's Catholic Church, Hamilton Avenue, Surfers Paradise. Mass will be followed with a SAUSAGE SIZZLE. EVERYONE welcome!



PRAYER: Reflect on the words of the Our Father: "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven."

ATRIUM – GATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the work of the Atrium, it often feels that we are in our own little world. And while I am able to share weekly about the little world of the Atrium in the Parish Newsletter, it is often unknown whether those outside that world understand the work that we are accomplishing. It was lovely for me to have a parishioner come up to me in the gym to acknowledge that wonderful things are happening in the Atrium!



As we come to the end of the term, we thank our regular children – those who have been with us for some time (some of whom will move on to Preschool next year) and our newcomers. We thank all the families who have shared six weekly visits with us to prepare for Baptism. All of us have experienced growth and transformation.

The last day of Atrium will be Friday 25th November. Atrium will be in recess until February 2017.

Blessings, Angela Williams

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THIS WEEK AT VENIRÉ

SCHOOLIES

Venire and Vocations Brisbane are teaming up to host an event for year 12s in Surfers.

If you're finishing Year 12 this year (or know someone who is) and will be at Surfers for Schoolies, we invite you to join us to pray about your life after school and your future. Join us for Mass and Adoration and a free feed afterwards.

Time: 5-7pm **When:** Friday 25th Nov

Where: St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise

Connect with us at: www.facebook.com/venireyouth or Steph Santos on 0411 669 876

24th – Venire at Sacred Heart Church 6:30-8:30 pm

27th – Youth Mass & Young Adults Dinner 6pm, Sacred Heart Church

NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY

The Year of Mercy has drawn to a close. A time of thanksgiving and reflection for each of us on that special time.

The range of little books for the year can still be borrowed and can still inspire us - **parables, sacraments, celebration, saints and corporal works** - all of mercy!

You will be also considering Advent at this time and the Library offers great resources for study, self-directed retreats, simple prayer time and enrichment of the soul.

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: We will start

selling tickets in our **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** this weekend and continue for 4 weeks at all three Churches. There are 10 GREAT PRIZES! Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The Raffle will be drawn on 18th



December at the Sacred Heart 9am Mass and winners will choose their prizes as drawn. We look forward to meeting you at this activity for the Parish.

PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of the Coutinho Family of Broadbeach Waters for two weeks commencing **Monday 21st November 2016**. Please phone **Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. **Pat and Maxine Sela**.



TO KATHY ORME — *Teacher extraordinaire at St Kevin's Primary School is celebrating 40 years as a Teacher. We extend heartfelt congratulations and thanks to Kathy for her dedication to the children of the Parish.*

The Tribe Friendship Group had their last outing for the year last Sunday - a picnic at The Spit, held under the shade of the trees on a very hot day. It was a lovely day! **Merrill**.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

We will meet on Thursday 24th November for lunch at Jupiter's Casino "Food Fantasy". Seating opens at 11.30am. All Welcome. **Please bring your Jupiter's membership card!** Leona Kelly 5538 7070

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS:

Caritas Australia Global Gifts are once again available, spanning the range of Caritas Australia's development programs available for purchase, from water, food and agriculture to healthcare, education and emergency relief. Gifts can also be made to entire communities. Supporters can select their gift amount, making it possible to tailor gifts to suit any budget, see www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts.

FRANCISCAN MESSAGE: OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB.

Anxious to reveal the great LOVE, HUMILITY and POVERTY of THE Son of God, born in a stable, Francis devised a plan. In 1223, in a mountainside cave above Greccio, Francis created a replica of the cave of Bethlehem with some hay, an ox and an ass. Villagers from the town below wound their way up the mountainside carrying lighted torches and singing joyfully. Midnight Mass was celebrated. This simple Nativity scene, a LEGACY OF ST. FRANCIS, was spread throughout Europe by his Franciscan Brothers.

Next Franciscan Gathering, Wednesday 23rd November, 12.30-3.30pm, Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. Sr. Clara Condon

INVITATION TO CURRENT & PAST PARISHIONERS TO A SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR TOOWONG PARISH CENTENARY

In the care of the Jesuit Fathers 1916 ~ 2016: Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Toowong and Australian Jesuits at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen, Brisbane on **Saturday 3rd December at 12noon.**



COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ 7.30 to 3.30pm

Monday to Friday. Phone Lauren on **0435 721 258**

If you are interested in catering options.

MONDAY 21st November	TUESDAY 22nd November	WEDNESDAY 23rd November	THURSDAY 24th November	FRIDAY 25th November	SATURDAY 26th November
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Next Anointing Mass will be on 7.02.2017</i>	9.00AM 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 (On Leave)
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 **4 December** 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: In Recess until 2017
Bridge: Monday 12.30pm. Parish Hospitality Centre.
SPCL: In Recess until Tuesday 7th February 2017
Friendship Day in recess until Thursday 16th Feb 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 Levels. 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 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
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 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Reginald Slattery, Elizabeth Mary Rose, Bruce Barry Buckley, Ken McDonald (Murwillumbah), Sr Joan McGinley RSM, Adleen (El) Radecki, Moira Winifred McLellan, Elisa Gallo, Beth Cobham (NZ), Gerald Henderson, Patricia (Pat) Lawler(Hobart), Conceicao Nunes.
 Angelina Elsey, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Mary Mullahy, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong), Tony Bui, Karen Gard, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, Samir Moussa, John Traynor (UK), Werner Empen, Shirley O'Brien, Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, Michelle Coyle, Colleen O'Shannassy (Colac, Victoria), Fr John Milliken PP of Stanmore, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Lunandi, Ian Finlayson, 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, Mike & Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Fr Dom Cremesco SVS, Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong.
ANNIVERSARIES: Remedios Solatan, Alan Bond, Shirley Shephard, Stanislaw Horoszko, Eve Barry.
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Andy Brown,
Have you thought about leaving a legacy?
 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.