

# 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 Peter Dillon**

Parish Priest

### **Fr Nicholas Okafor**

Associate Pastor

### **Fr Paul Kelly**

Associate Pastor

### **Helen Goldsmith**

Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator

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### **Sonya Slater**

Parish Manager

### **Marylou Ayres**

Parish Secretary

### **Pat Kelly**

Parish Assistant

### **Stephanie Santos**

Youth Coordinator

## **SCHOOLS**

### **St Vincent's School**

Clear Island Waters

Phone: 5572 1746

P: Kerry Rowlands

### **St Kevin's School**

Benowa

Phone: 5539 4522

P: Peter Anderson

### **St Kevin's Kindergarten**

Phone: 5564 5910

Director: Michelle Nelson

### **St Michael's College**

Merrimac

Phone: 5530 2722

P: Michael Nayler

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 20TH / 21ST MAY 2017—YEAR A**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### **TIME TO SAY GOODBYE AND A NEW COMMANDMENT**

In this Pre-Ascension period of the Easter Season the church presents us with the readings from the "farewell discourse" of our Lord Jesus Christ in St. John's Gospel. To say goodbye sometimes is a bit hard for the person who is leaving and the people who receive the news. From the readings we observe that the dispositions of the disciples are gloomy, sad and even hopeless because the one they have spent three years with is about to leave them; they cannot let go!

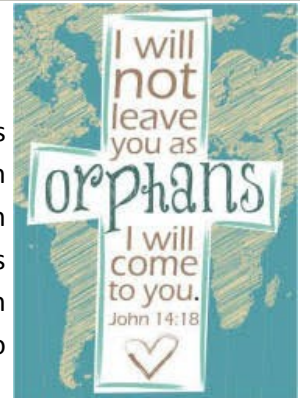
One of the things Jesus left with us as he was about to ascend to the Father is a "vocation of love." "I give you a new commandment; love one another, as I have loved you." People have asked the question 'why did Jesus say: "I give you new commandments 'love one another as I have loved you'. Does that mean that people were not required to love one another before Jesus' time? What is new about this commandment? The answer to these questions is: Love predates humanity because God is love. The Old Testament is full of the need for people to love one another. For example: Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18. Jesus himself quoted these passages in Matt. 22:37-39; Mk 12:29-31. The question then is what is new about this commandment? The newness of this commandment lies in its range and application.

For instance whereas before, the neighbour a Jew was required to love was a fellow Jew, for a disciple of Christ a neighbour is everybody; friends and enemies, people we love and people who love us less. A Jew had no business with the Samaritans. But the story of the Good Samaritan tells us that a Samaritan, a foreigner, is also our neighbour.

Also the Jewish commandment of love was "you must love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus' new commandment says, "Love one another as I have loved you". How did Jesus love us? He made this clear when he said "No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends". This has many implications. Jesus himself showed us the example of this when he died for us on the cross. Love involves sacrifice.

Therefore the new commandment of love that Jesus wants us to live out prevents us from making a choice of who to love and who to hate; it mandates us to love everyone no matter the religion, the colour, the height, the level of education, the nation or continent, the age and attitude.

Thus, we must love in all conditions. We are not meant to choose how to love, whom to love, where to love and when to love. What Christ expects from us is to love one another as he who gave his precious life for us loves us. This is Christ's last commandment as he prepares to go back to his Father who is also Our Father. Let us be children and promoters of love wherever we find ourselves. Let us always be aware that "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him." This makes love the hallmark and trademark of Christianity.



**Fr Nicholas Okafor**

## READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;

1 Pet 3:15-18;

John 14:15-21

## FEASTS:

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Help of  
Christians;

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> St Philip Neri, priest

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11;

Ephesians 1:17-23;

Matthew 28:16-20

## REFLECTION:

*The liturgy this week marks a turn in the season, subtly moving from celebrating the Resurrection to the meaning of living in the Spirit, in a continual engagement in the mission of the church and the transformation of the world. The Gospel makes this clear – the history of the world is now caught up in the power of the resurrection and the truth of the indwelling of God and Christ within us holding us in grace. Our response is obedience to the command to love.*

*The narrative from Acts allows us to see what this looks like. Philip the missionary replicates the presence of Christ by healing, comforting and driving out spirits. Luke connects the power of the Spirit with joy and freedom from physical (paralysis) and spiritual (possession) oppression.*

*We gain a larger perspective from the Letter of Peter who centres the Christian life on hope. It recognizes there must be good manners among those who are joyful and there will also be suffering in the form of misunderstanding, slander or rejection. Peter advises holding Christ dear in our hearts, maintaining hope and shining forth with the example of Christ himself.*

**FEAST OF ST KEVIN WHOLE SCHOOL MASS:** Parents and Parishioners are invited to attend this special Feast Day Mass to be held at **9am on Thursday 1st June in Chalahn Hall, St Kevin's School, 312 Benowa Rd, Benowa.** A Morning Tea will follow the Mass. All Welcome. **Please RSVP: 5539 4522**

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

**2017 National Pilgrimage:** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

**Commencing in Melbourne on 8 November, travelling through Victoria & South Australia, and concluding in Sydney on 18 November 2017.**

**COST EX BRISBANE:** \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$610.00

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact **Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845** or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au)



**THE ANCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE - CHORALFEST** is only weeks away! The event will be held at Brisbane Grammar School, Queensland, Australia **from 30 June to 3 July 2017.**

Workshops, rehearsals and sessions across the four days will offer so much across all areas of singing, teaching singing, rehearsing with choirs, organizing choirs, and much more. **This event takes place every 2 years and it is the perfect opportunity to develop even further as a musician.** Check the website for further details: [choralfest.org.au](http://choralfest.org.au). Or contact the National Office [anca.choralfest@gmail.com](mailto:anca.choralfest@gmail.com) or **03 9254 1041.**



## VENIRE YOUTH RETREAT: SEEK

Join 60 other youth from across the Gold Coast for 4 awesome days up in Mt Tambourine. There will be plenty of games and activities, inspiring speakers, live music, and memories you'll keep for a lifetime.

**When:** 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 :

**Who:** High-schoolers and recent school leavers: **Cost:** \$250: **Registrations close 11<sup>th</sup> of June!**

Register now at [www.venireyouth.com](http://www.venireyouth.com)

Email [hello@venireyouth.com](mailto:hello@venireyouth.com) for any questions.

## Coming Up at Venire...

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Venire for High Schoolers - 6-8:30pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Youth Led Mass + YA Dinner—6pm Sacred Heart

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Summit for Young Adults—7 – 9:30 pm

## PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

The youth are hosting a fun night of trivia open to the Parish. Come along for a great night!

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS FOR SALE**

**8 TRIVIA ROUNDS**

**FOR ALL AGES**

**TEAMS OF 8**

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

**6pm, FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE in CASEY HALL**

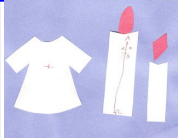
RSVP your team by purchasing a ticket at the Parish office or emailing [hello@venireyouth.com](mailto:hello@venireyouth.com)  
Limited seats, must pre-buy tickets!



## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM 2017-2018

The Children's Sacramental Program for **2017-2018** will commence in August 2017. Enrolments are now being taken for children who are baptised Catholic and have turned 8 by August 2017. Information brochures and enrolment forms are available in all churches, on the parish website and the school offices of St Vincent's and St Kevin's primary schools.

Completed enrolment forms, along with copies of the birth certificate and baptismal certificate are required to be submitted to the parish office by **10 July, 2017**. If you have any enquiries please phone Helen Goldsmith 5572 5433 (Wed-Fri) or you can email [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

In the Atrium we have been presenting works to the children relating to the Sacrament of Baptism. We celebrated the Baptism Liturgy of Light as a continuation of the Easter season. The light of Jesus seen in the Paschal candle, this light is within us - to be a light in the world. Jesus gives it as a gift to all those who come close to Him.

*“How beautiful it is to have our own candle shining so brightly, and to know that on the day of our baptism a very special light was enkindled in our hearts. What a precious gift!*

*Could we have lighted our little candles if the paschal candle had not first overpowered the darkness? Could we have this light in our hearts if Christ had not first given it to us?”*

*Sofia Cavalletti*

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

**Baptism Preparation (3-8 year old)**

**9:00am to 10:00am on Saturday**

To learn more, please email [atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

**DAY OF PRAYER:** The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18-40 years. **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 9am-5pm at Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. Cost: \$10 (Includes lunch).** For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

**6th Sunday of Easter - Year A  
A VOCATION VIEW:**

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.



**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Trish Thompson of Mermaid Beach for the week of **MONDAY 22nd May 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**.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATIONS AND PROCESSION** will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Proceedings will be led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. For further information please go to: [www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com)



**THE CHURCH RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS** have lots of cards and gifts for First Communions. The children of the Parish will celebrate their First Communions in June so you can start shopping now for a gift for them to remember this important time in their lives.

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**.



**NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST  
CATHOLIC LIBRARY**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE!** Change to Library week-day opening times! The Library will now be open on **1st Friday of the month and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9am to 1.00pm.**

Our **weekend times** before and after Mass are **unchanged**. We do try to have the Library opened by our wonderful volunteers! But sometimes this is not possible. If you are a "weekend borrower" would you consider joining the **Library Ministry**. It only involves one hour per month and full training and support is given. Contact Jean via the Parish office and you will be warmly welcomed.



**ART and CRAFT GROUP NEWS:** Our next activity will be the **Crafty Art Show at Robina Art Gallery, to be opened by Fr Peter Dillon at 10.30am on Wednesday 24th May. The Show will continue until 5th June.** Proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul organisation.

The **BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will be meeting for lunch at **Mike's Kitchen, Gooding Drive, Merrimac at 12 noon on Thursday 25th May.** All members and friends are welcome to attend.



**The Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland Invites you to a morning of meditation, information and discussion on**

**BEING IN THE PRESENT MOMENT**

**When:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017; **Time:** 9.30am when morning tea will be served. Please bring your own cup. **Where:** Uniting Church, Warner Hall, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm. **Programme:** 10am till 12.30pm. **Lunch:** If you wish to stay after the session till 1.30pm, BYO lunch to have in **covered** area next to Hall. **Suggested donation:** \$10-15. There will be a clearance sale of books, CD's and videos. **For information please contact Gabby – [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au); 3711-4227 or 0488 592 770**

**KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS EVENT:** Hear what is happening. Experience part of the Kairos Inside program. Offer your support. Become involved. All welcome. **1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Saturday 27 May Auditorium 1, Church of Christ 178 Springwood Road Springwood.** Contact [kiwacol@kairos.org.au](mailto:kiwacol@kairos.org.au)

**Centenary of St Joseph's School Corinda – Saturday 27 May 2017**

Past pupils, parents, staff and the present community are invited to join in celebrating this event. The **day begins with Mass at 10:30am** followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.

**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ** 7:00am—3:30pm Tuesday to Friday  
Catering options are available for your function.  
Phone: **Parish Office 557505433**

MONDAY 22nd May	TUESDAY 23rd May	WEDNESDAY 24th May	THURSDAY 25th May	FRIDAY 26th May	SATURDAY 27th May
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass 10am 6th June	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
<b>NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am &amp; 8.30am</b> <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am &amp; 6.00pm</b> <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am &amp; 10.00am</b>				

**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](mailto: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 of the Month.**

**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 - **7pm Friday 2nd June to 7am Saturday 3rd June.**

**Carmelite Spirituality:** 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW  
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Meeting Sunday 21st May.**

**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 28th May 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 6th June 2017**

**Friendship Day Thursday 15th June 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Tobone (Malta), Deris Howell, Josephine Tansey, Ross Patrick Hickey, Monica Horn (Sth Africa), Nancy Mary Denaro, Imre (Henry) Masa, Jeanette McCormack, Nola Rita Lawrence, Patricia Dussek, Georgette Haddad, Frederic Tala, Michael Kirby, Maria Olsen.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Ursula Gabbett, Veronica Bond, Gerald Sammut, Elizabeth London, Aurelio Duazo, Antonio Boncan the Third, Zoilo Boncan, Donald Thomas, Rose O'Sullivan, Calvin Rose, Antonio

Tanquintic, Clarita Manabat Lopez, Pat Rainbird, John & Maria Zervos.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Kevin McCormack, Raymond Bridge (Syd), Theresa Curran (UK), Tony Bui, Helen Lindsay, Patricia Sulzberger, Rachel Raines, Fr John Milliken, Brandon Watson, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, Sean Weldon, David Weldon, Paul Beck, David Long (Vic), Dr Michael Tracey, John Lofthouse, Daniel Farrugia, Michelle Coyle, Monica Bailey, Ray Balkin, Steve Wayt, Kevin Kealy, Anne Zappa.

**Please note: All names will be removed from the sick list at the end of each month. Please call us if you wish to renew names on this list.**

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

**Would you like to receive the Parish Newsletter each week via email? If so, please contact the Parish Office and advise your current email address for our Parish Data Base.**



**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.**