

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
of South Coast Deanery*

Fr Paul Kelly

Associate Pastor

Fr Nicholas Okafor

Associate Pastor

Helen Goldsmith

*Pastoral Ministry
Coordinator*

PARISH STAFF

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

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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 Naylor

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **21ST / 22ND JANUARY 2017—YEAR A**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

PASTORAL MINISTRY IN 2017

Welcome to 2017! The Pastoral Team has had a busy start to the year with personnel movements in various ministries and the day to day activities of a parish's sacramental life. While we continue to be guided by the objectives of the Parish Pastoral Plan 2015-2018 (copies in all church brochure racks), our daily efforts are focussed on meeting the pastoral needs of our community. Some of the 2017 focus areas are highlighted below:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): this is a journey of faith and a process where persons are brought into membership of the Catholic Church. Over the last few months we have experienced a large increase in inquiries, particularly from young people, who feel moved to come closer to God and be part of our community. Some of these people have experienced hospitality and friendship from our parish community, schools, or attended a baptism or funeral here and felt drawn to learn more. Pope Francis, through his words and example, has also been inspirational. Please continue to encourage enquirers to the faith through your own lived example, as well as the generosity and kindness for which Surfers Paradise Parish is known. Pray also for the 15 people who are currently responding to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their lives and exploring faith and a relationship with God.

The Atrium: The wonderful work of faith formation for children aged 3-12 will continue this year under a revised schedule and a new co-ordinator, Auceli Blanchard, who will be assisted by Desiree Lawler and parish volunteers. Sessions will be conducted on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Baptism Preparation sessions are also available for children over three years. We welcome and thank Auceli and Desiree for their commitment to this great initiative and encourage more volunteers to assist them. Please phone the Parish Office **5572 5433** to make a booking for your child, register your interest or volunteer to help.

Communion to Nursing Homes and Home Visitation: We had a good response from last year's appeal for more ministers to join this rewarding and much needed ministry. As the need is expected to increase in the coming years, the Pastoral Team continues to focus and encourage further participation from parishioners. Brochures are available in the churches or phone the Parish office on **5572 5433** to volunteer.

Children's Sacramental Program: 2016-2017 Program participants will celebrate the Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 21 March and First Eucharist on the weekend of 3rd/4th June. Please continue to welcome the children and families into the worshipping community during their preparation. Enrolments for 2017-2018 will be accepted from May, with the Program commencing end of July 2017. Children aged over 8 are eligible to commence this year.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) – resumes on 29th January at 9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church. CLOW will be held weekly during the school term. Jayne LoTam has resigned as coordinator of CLOW and the Pastoral Team gratefully acknowledge and thanks Jayne for her contribution over the past two years. We welcome and thank Jasmine and Mary for facilitating the weekly sessions in 2017 and their dedication to this ministry. CLOW is also held at 8.30am Mass, Stella Maris, every second week of the month under the wonderful initiative of Maria. Thank you Maria! All children are welcome to attend.



Ministries

Blessings, Helen

READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

3rd Sunday in Ord Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3;
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;
Matthew 4:12-23

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 24th St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor;
Wed 25th Conversion of St Paul, apostle;
Thurs 26th Australia Day;
Sat 28th St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

4th Sunday in Ord Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

REFLECTION:

The light which Isaiah prophesies in the First Reading and which is quoted in the Gospel comes to us as the Good News preached anew in our day and age. But we are not the passive recipients of it, or uninterested observers. We are called to share in this work.

In the Gospel this week Jesus begins his ministry with ordinary people going about their everyday work. Jesus does not wait till they are perfect but interrupts and invites them to use their skills for a new purpose. Jesus' ministry was to go around teaching, curing disease and sickness of all kinds and proclaiming the Good News. This is 'the kingdom' – the in-breaking of God's steadfast and faithful love.

Like the disciples, we are invited to work in bringing the kingdom to birth. We preach the kingdom by what we do far more powerfully than what we say. We do this when we hold out our hands to someone in need, when we accompany others, when we are the face of God's mercy to our world. When these things happen, as our Responsorial Psalm tells us, we shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

In the reading from Corinthians, Paul warns us of the dangers of division and that our whole understanding of the meaning of Christ for the world will be lost if divisions are allowed to go unchecked. We have many such divisions amongst ourselves that do not give effective witness to the Good News of truth, love and fellowship that Jesus worked for and invites us to share in. Let's remember to act as a light for other people, to draw them to Christ.

PRAYER:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

PRAYER THIS WEEK – BEGIN A RENEWED PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

When speaking to the youth in Brazil, Pope Francis said:

"Father, are you asking us all to pray? I ask you all ... do I pray? Do I speak with Jesus, or am I frightened of silence? Do I allow the Holy Spirit to speak in my heart? Do I ask Jesus: what do you want me to do, what do you want from my life... Speak continually with Jesus, in the good times and in the bad, when you do right, and when you do wrong. Do not fear him! This is prayer. And through this, you train yourselves in dialogue with Jesus, in this path of being missionary disciples. By the sacraments, which make his life grow within us and conform us to Christ. By loving one another, learning to listen, to understand, to forgive, to be accepting and to help others, everybody, with no one excluded or ostracized."

Ask for the Grace: Dear Jesus, let me begin a renewed personal encounter with you.

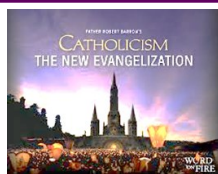
Pope Francis, ***"And the Lord tells us: the first task in life is this: prayer. But not the prayer of words, like a parrot; but the prayer, the heart: gazing on the Lord, hearing the Lord, asking the Lord."***

Get involved with Jesus: Read the daily Gospel. Meet the passionate man who was compassionate to others.

Talk to Jesus: The more attracted you become to Jesus' style, the more you will want to tell him that. Have an ongoing brief conversation with Jesus at various points in the day, making connections between what you are drawn to in Jesus and what is going on in your life.

You will find yourself enjoying these conversations very much and with them will come powerful graces; **Joy** – it will show and our lives become more attractive and inspiring to others; and **we become like Jesus**, caring about the people he cares about.

Blessings, Helen



Adult Faith Education – Catholicism:

The New Evangelisation

How do we proclaim the Gospel with creativity and innovation?

Where is the Church alive with a renewed spirit?

New Adult Faith Series will explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture and is based on Bishop Robert Barron's **Word on Fire** lectures. Topics of interest include cultural obstacles, attitudes and questions of faith and morality.

Sessions will be held over three weeks on

Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th February, 9.30-11.30am

in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church,
50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Participation is welcome at any or all sessions which will feature a different weekly theme.

Gold coin donation for morning tea. **Enquiries phone the Parish Office 5572 5433**

AIRCONDITIONING AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH:

As Parishioners are aware the Parish has installed air-conditioning at St Vincent's Church. Overwhelmingly it has been well received. A few questions have been asked about the settings given that some find it either too cold or too warm. I therefore have taken advice from the professionals who advise that 24° is the reasonable level. The system will therefore be set at this level. It is impossible to satisfy everyone of course. **Fr Tim Harris**

INVITATION TO INNER PEACE IN DIVINE LOVE:

Based on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, this retreat in daily life is for anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God. You pray daily at home and meet once a week for spiritual conversation. **Infant Saviour Church Meeting Room, Burleigh Heads Tuesday February 7, 14, 21, 28 & 7 March; 10am to 12 noon.** Cost \$30 for book. Contact: Chris Kennedy **0412 270 828**; Lynne Head-Weir **0409 198 545**; Helen Goldsmith **0412 894 356** or email to **helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au**



ATRIUM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Welcome back to a new year in our Parish Atrium - where a child can fall in love with God. Come and bring your children, the first session for new children is free. Sessions will recommence on **Monday 30th January, Friday 3rd February and Saturday 4th February**. Monday and Friday sessions will run from **9.30am to 11am** and Saturdays from **9am to 10.30am**.

Baptism Preparation for 3yrs to 8yrs of age

Sessions will be held on **Mondays and Fridays from 11.30am to 12.30pm** and **Saturday from 11am to 12 noon** throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer to assist at the Atrium you will be most welcome! atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS: You are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11:00am, in **St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba**, on **Sunday 12 February, 2017** to celebrate your marriage with other couples in the Deanery. Information: Sue & Bren Milsom, milsoms@outlook.com **5522 4880**, or Rhonda and Denis Debono **0421 368 258**.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Alice Shamoun of Clear Island Waters for the week of **Monday 23rd January 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** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. If you are unable to collect the Statue yourself due to transport problems we can bring it to you. **Pat and Maxine Sela**.

COMMUNION MINISTER TO THE BUPA NURSING HOME MERRIMAC

We require a Minister of Communion to take Eucharist to the residents in **Bupa at Merrimac** once per month at **9.30am on a Thursday**.

All training and assistance will be given. Please contact the Parish Office on **5572 5433** if you would like to join this most worthwhile Ministry.

HOSPITALITY AT 9AM MASS SACRED HEART CHURCH: We are looking for more Volunteers to assist with the set-up and serving of tea/coffee/cordial **after the 9am Mass**. You will only be rostered for one Sunday per month. Your role will include setting out the tables before Mass then being at the tables as soon as Mass is finished, and clearing away afterwards **Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist us**.

NEWS FROM GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

Maybe among your new year resolutions was one to spend **time with Jesus in contemplative prayer**. Be encouraged by the many great modern writers who have shared their wisdom on this task with us through their books. There is a whole section in the Library on **How to Pray** (Dewey number 248.3). We have selected books for a display which are by the masters - John Main, John O'Donohue, Thomas Green, Anthony de Mello, Sr. Wendy Beckett and more. They write in an accessible way for our times, and I am sure you will find a soul-mate among them!

Come into the Library and take a look now.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!



2017 is going to be a huge year for Venire, and we want you to be a part of it! Venire brings high schoolers from across the Gold Coast together as we grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, and make friends and have fun while we are at it.

Venire starts back on Australia Day: Thursday the 26th of January from 6-8:30pm. We're starting that little bit earlier for just this week as we have a welcome back BBQ. Dinner is free! Please RSVP to Steph – 0411669876

Please see below an advertisement for an assistant to the Deanery Youth Coordinator

The South Coast Deanery is seeking applications for a part-time position to be an assistant to the Deanery Youth Coordinator. The successful applicant will **work 20 hours a fortnight**, and will be responsible for the following:



- Provide administrative support to the Deanery Youth Coordinator, through record keeping, filing and organisation
- Develop, promote and facilitate in programs and activities that reach out to the entire Deanery community
- Support in running a regular young adults group (18-30) that involves social aspects, discussion and formation
- Identify potential leaders within Parishes and work collaboratively with the Coordinator to recruit and train new leaders
- Support in running monthly leadership training and formation for youth leaders in the Deanery
- Coordinate the publication of a quarterly Deanery newsletter.
- Explore Fundraising opportunities within the parishes of the South Coast Deanery.

Applications Close: Friday 29th January 2017.

Commencement Date: Monday 13th February 2017.

For further enquiries regarding this vacancy including a copy of the position description, email vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Stephanie on **0411 669 876**.

Applications to be submitted with a covering letter, a current resume outlining your suitability for the position and should include 2 referees with one preferably being from a Parish Priest. All applications to vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Introduction to Italian classes will start on Tuesday 7th February from 6.30pm and on Friday 10th February at 10 a.m. Other levels are also available. Run by Dante Alighieri Society, at 18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. For further information: www.dantegoldcoast.com.au or phone Giovanna 5539 5528 or Rita 5527 0797.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.

NO BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL GROUP FOR THIS MONTH

MONDAY 23rd January	TUESDAY 24th January	WEDNESDAY 25th January	THURSDAY 26th January	FRIDAY 27th January	SATURDAY 28th January
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Anointing Mass 11am Tuesday 7th February</i>	9.00AM STELLA MARIS	9.00AM STELLA MARIS AUSTRALIA DAY Parish Office Closed	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 January 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.

Art & Craft: In Recess until 25th January 2017

Book Club: 3rd Tuesday of Month at 12 noon in PHC

Bridge: Mondays at 12noon 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. **In Recess till 31/1/17**

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: 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**

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts
0428090703. In recess until 7th February 2017

Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) continuing on. 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 **3rd February - 7pm to 7am**
Saturday 4th February.

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **In Recess until 19th February 2017**

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 22nd January 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED: Karen Gard, Derek, Betty Walton, Michael Sheedy, Mary Marsh (USA), Lia Maher, Margaret Corney, Phillip Taplin, Marie Elizabeth Dobes (NZ), Pearl Behrendorff.

ANNIVERSARIES: Connie De Certo, Kathleen Power, Harold Alexander, Ted Llewellyn, Joe Borg, Gloria Klaasen, Peter Bernardi, Stan Hancock.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Betty Walton, Ann Reich (Syd), Brian Tyrell (Melb.) Anne Donaldson, Irmgard (Joan) Graz, Carmelia Shamovian, Maria Nazari, Baby Ollie Hall, Andy Brown, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Mary Mullahy, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wol-gong), Tony Bui, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, John Traynor (UK), Werner Empen, Shirley O'Brien, Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, Michelle Coyle, Colleen O'Shannassy (Vic), Fr John Milliken PP 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.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?
Phone the Parish Office on **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 info.