

# 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 Nicholas Okafor

Associate Pastor

Fr Regimon Gervasis

MCBS Associate Pastor

Helen Goldsmith

Pastoral Ministry

Coordinator

## PARISH STAFF

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## TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR C

### 21st / 22nd May 2016

### Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

God is a mystery. We can only see God as He really is when we die. As St Thomas Aquinas said "it was much easier to say what God was not than what he is." Julian of Norwich said it differently when she expressed "God is not any of the things we say he is." So when it comes to Trinity: three "Persons" in one God, we are delving into an area where ordinary human language is totally inadequate to express the reality. However, our belief in the Trinity comes from the time of creation "let us make man in our own image and likeness" Gen. 1:26. The "us" there gives us a glimpse of the existence of the Triune God.

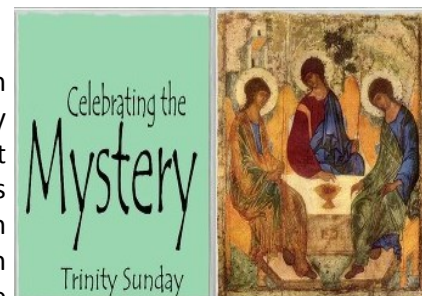
What the doctrine of Trinity tells us is that our God is a God of relationships; He is not an isolated God who has no attribute of relating to others, He is a God who constantly looks forward to having people around him. He does not want us to see Him as a figure up there who hasn't anything to do with us but one who is transcendental and at the same time immanent. We have the privilege to address Him in a familiar and intimate term *Abba father: creator and giver of life*. He is a father who cares, the one who waits for the Prodigal child to return and forgives completely, unconditionally and immediately. He is the Father of truth, the Father of love and compassion, the Father of justice.

When the time came, he emptied himself, took flesh and dwelt among us. He is God the Son. In the Son as a human being, we can see, hear and touch God. We see something of the nature of our God as Jesus heals the sick, identifies with the weak and socializes with the poor and the sinful. He taught us how to live as human beings: how to actualize our human potential. Though humanity killed him that did not stop him from loving us. When he was ascending into Heaven, he promised not to leave us as orphans. He fulfilled this promise by sending us the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost.

We feel the presence of the Holy Spirit everyday of our lives. All the good things we do are motivated by God the Spirit. All our evangelizing work, our hospitals, schools, works of social welfare and charity, our care for the sick, the weak, the oppressed and the outcast – are all the work of God's Spirit moving in and through us. Wherever there is genuine love, there, is the Spirit of God at work. The Spirit leads us to do good and live in harmony.

Holy Spirit helps us to live in unity despite our diversity, speak the language of love instead of hatred, the language of peace rather than war, the language of cooperation instead of competition, the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance, the language of hope instead of despair, the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry, the language of friendship instead of hostility. God the Father in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit helps us to profess one faith, one love and one baptism.

We are to imitate the intimacy, harmony and love that exist between God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit. We are to share this love in our families. We are to be people of relationship, always in need of each other, always there for each other. After all, faith and grace equals relationships! That is what heaven is like. May the Trinitarian family help us in our earthly journey. Amen! Happy Feast of the Trinity!



**Fr. Nicholas Okafor**

## TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR C

### REFLECTION

Each of the readings casts a particular light on the mystery of God. The first invites us to marvel at the creation of God and consider the eternity of the Godhead before creation existed. The identification of Wisdom with Christ leads us to understand that from all ages Christ is, and the loving plan that God had for all creation was in place from the very beginning.

The Holy Spirit, according to Jesus' promise in the Gospel, will teach his disciples everything they were unable to grasp during his time with them. The love of God binds us through Jesus and in the Holy Spirit.

Belief in the Trinity is one of the most basic foundations of Christian faith. The experience of the one God was inherited from the Jewish tradition, yet in Jesus the early Christians had experienced God present with them in the flesh. As the church grew, the actions of the Holy Spirit were recognised. It took many centuries for the mystery to be formulated into words, and these are still totally inadequate to convey such a concept. St Augustine's image of the Trinity as a communion of love (the Lover, the Beloved and the Love which exists between them) is a beautiful analogy.

While words are inadequate to explain the mystery of the Trinity, our experience of God as Father, Son and Spirit has enabled us to have access to God in a personal way that would otherwise be denied us.

What have been significant moments of new understanding and closeness to God for you – turning points in your life? In what ways can you open yourself to God more fully, to develop your personal relationship with the Trinity? How does Jesus embody the love of God for you? How can this experience of God be transformed into reality in your relationships with the people who are close to you this week?

**Prayer: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit..... Amen**

## TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR C:

**READINGS:** The Most Holy Trinity: Proverbs 8: 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

**FEASTS:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Help of Christians; Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> St Philip Neri, priest

**NEXT WEEK:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9: 11-17

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST:** This week 54 children in our Sacramental program were confirmed on Friday night (20th May) by Bishop Joseph Oudeman. These children will be receiving their First Eucharist at the Stella Maris Vigil Mass on Saturday night or Sacred Heart on Sunday at 9am Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers during this special time in their journey of faith.



### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Commencing 26 MAY and concluding on

the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on 3 JUNE.

Please join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sacred Heart Church, or privately at 2.30pm for the nine days of the Novena.

We offer this novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for world peace and the return of refugees to their homeland to live in peace.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**COMMUNION TO NURSING HOMES:** We are in need of **TWO** Special Ministers of Communion to take the Eucharist to **HILLVIEW HOUSE Nursing Home**, Gooding Drive, Merrimac on the **1st Friday of each month at 10am**. If you are a Minister or would like to commence this wonderful Ministry please contact Neil Rogers on **5575 7696**.

If you have changed your contact details in the past two years could you please contact the Parish Office to update your details. Thank you. [surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:surfers@bne.catholic.net.au) or on 5572 5433 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm.

**Attention UQ students! The UQ Newman Catholic Society (est. 1921) is always looking for new members! Visit our website [newmancatholicociety.weebly.com/](http://newmancatholicociety.weebly.com/)**

**SIGNS AND WONDERS: CCR NATIONAL CONFERENCE from 1 – 3 July at St Leo's College, St Lucia, with international speakers and Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Registration ends 10/6**

### 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

### ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**“Spirit of the Living God - fall afresh on us!”** Our children and their families have celebrated Pentecost with a special Liturgy in our Atrium. The Holy Spirit's action was very much present – each chose their own “gift”; red was used in the prayer area; each child's “little light” shone in their candle and in their joyful voices singing!



On Saturday afternoon, Shannon and I spent a wonderful time at the CGS Confirmation Retreat held at Graceville! Forty-one children were in preparation at the session we attended. Three groups, from Corinda Graceville Parish, spent three hours in Retreat at their Parish Atrium. The children's response and enthusiasm was inspiring and to see them immersed in the CGS works was a beautiful experience!

Thank you, Anne Delsorte, for the opportunity to share this time with everyone involved! Such a beautiful way to celebrate Pentecost!

[atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Nini Inez of Labrador, commencing Monday **23rd May 2016**. If you need help to collect the Statue we can assist you. **Thank you.**

**Sacred Heart & St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops have lots of gifts for CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION!**

**THE BOLD & BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** is meeting for Lunch at **12noon** on **THURSDAY 26th MAY** at the **GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**, 20 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. ALL WELCOME! **LEONA** on **5538 7070**.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** The coming of the Holy Spirit and what happened next is told in The Acts of the Apostles, which can be read all at once like an exciting history. Check out the display in the Library from books about the “Gifts of the Spirit”, “The Spirit in the Life of the Church” and “What Are They Saying about Acts”. We also have many books examining the “Sacred Writings of St Paul” one of the heroes of this era.

**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL:** Come and celebrate with Southport Catholic Parish and Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **this Sunday 22nd May**, at Aquinas College, Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore **from 9:30am. All Welcome!**



### COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ

7.30am to 3.30pm Mon to Fri

Catering Options available for your function. **0435 721 258**

### VENIRE'S ANNUAL RETREAT

# Arise

27<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016

4 DAYS. 50 FRIENDS. MT TAMBORINE.

We are so excited to announce that the annual Venire retreat is back on this year! Retreat is filled with great speakers; live music; a whole range of exciting games and activities; an opportunity to reconnect with God; experience the Sacraments; and have an all round memorable experience.

**When:** 27<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Where:** QCCC Centre, Mt Tamborine

(255 Beacon Rd, North Tamborine, 4272)

**Cost:** \$150

**Who:** High Schoolers and Young Adults (12 – 25 year olds)

If you would like more information about retreat and to register, contact Steph at [vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

**CRAFT NEWS:** Our weekend STALL resulted in **\$1,070** being added to our support for the Parish in gratitude for the use of the Hospitality Centre and its facilities. We are most grateful to our Parish Community especially those who purchased items or donated items, making the stall a great success. Unsold items have been donated to St Vincent de Paul. We would love to see you visit us on Wednesdays for a “cuppa and a chat”. Morning Tea is between 10.30am and 11.00am. Hoping to welcome you.

*The Art and Craft Group*

### FRANCISCAN GATHERING: WHAT WILL YOU HAVE ME DO?

Back in Assisi, Francis waited in solitude and prayer for the Lord's promised direction. The thought of the poor Christ would often overwhelm him, but poverty and the sight of the lepers were loathsome to Francis.

He resolved to espouse Lady Poverty, to surrender all to his heavenly Father. Before the Crucifix in the half-ruined Church of San Damiano, Francis received his answer, “Francis do you not see that my Church is falling into ruin, REPAIR MY HOUSE.” Francis began an active life caring for the lepers and repairing San Damiano until on the feast of St. Matthias, he realised that he too was being commissioned to go out and preach the Kingdom, to “repair the Lord's House”.

Next Fraternity Meeting, **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30 to 3.30pm**. Infant Saviour Church, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. Everyone is welcome. Sr Clara Condon.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am Sacred Heart <i>Next Anointing Mass 11am 7th June</i>	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
<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 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](mailto: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:** 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](mailto:nicolecalvinopilates@gmail.com)

**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 22nd May 2016**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dale Hurst, Anthony George Howard, Brian Maher.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Ursula Gabbett, Pat Rainbird, Gerard (Gerry) Sammut, John Zervos, Barry Toomey, Luba Milicevic.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Kathryn Geldard, Pat Burton, Valda Martin, Andreas Lunandi, Kate Needham, Ian Finlayson, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning, Monica Bailey, Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey,

Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Theo Farr, Therese Brake, David Weldon, Dorelle Muller, Michael Kearney, Mike and Barbara Farrell, Fr. Trevor OGS, Zenaida Osborne, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Fr Dom Cremesco SVS, Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong, Dolly Roberts & Gerald Theron (Cape Town), Joan Wienand, Bruno Andreetta, Ron Cadd, Bernadine Lewis (Capetown SA), 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?**

- 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.**