

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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**ONE PARISH
three churches**

Sacred Heart
50 Fairway Drive,
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St Vincent's
40 Hamilton Avenue,
Surfers Paradise

Stella Maris
254 Hedges Avenue,
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PASTORAL

Very Reverend
Fr Tim Harris
Parish Priest & Dean
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Associate Pastor

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Assisting Sacramental
Minister

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Pastoral Ministry
Coordinator

PARISH STAFF

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Atrium Coordinator

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Clear Island Waters
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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 Nayler

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C 22ND / 23RD OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

HOME COMMUNIONS

Over the last few weeks I have made an appeal for assistance with taking Holy Communion to our Nursing Homes. Several parishioners are now being trained as a result of this appeal. I was delighted to receive such a generous response. The catholic residents will be well looked after in this regard.

I now make an appeal for assistance with private homes. Increasingly the Parish is called upon to take Holy Communion to those who cannot get to Mass and still live at home. Once again the list of people is increasing resulting in additional volunteers being required.

So are you able to assist in this important outreach and Ministry? The scenario would be that a roster would be drawn up specifically for private homes. What happens presently is that parishioners take Communion as required after Mass on Sunday. This arrangement works well but as I say we need more volunteers. As with the Nursing Home Communion visits, we will train all volunteers. Please consider this important ministry. We are happy to speak with any parishioner who feels called to assist in our outreach to private homes.

YEAR OF MERCY RETREAT

The Year of Mercy declared by the Pope is coming to a close. It doesn't mean of course that the Church is no longer in the business of practicing "mercy". The Door of Mercy at Sacred Heart Church may officially close but the fruits of the year surely will continue.

The Pope in declaring the Year of Mercy wanted us all to reflect on the mystery of mercy. He said in fact that our salvation depended on it. Mercy is the supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy, for the Pope connects God and humankind, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

The Year of Mercy has hopefully helped us all to become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. **Once we know the Father's mercy we can become more merciful to others for it is God who asks us not to judge or condemn but to offer love and forgiveness instead.**

Our Parish would therefore like to host a **Year of Mercy Retreat** starting on November 6th from 10am to 4.30pm in Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters. All are invited. What a great way to finish and celebrate the Year of Mercy. Sr Brigid Frawley and Robyn Hunt will facilitate the day. Please ring the Parish Office if you wish to attend on 5572 5433.

God's Abundant Blessings, Fr Tim



All Souls Day

ALL SOULS MASSES

WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS DAY

MASS TIMES ARE:

STELLA MARIS CHURCH, 254 HEDGES AVE, BROADBEACH 7.00AM ONLY

SACRED HEART CHURCH, 50 FAIRWAY DRIVE,

CLEAR ISLAND WATERS, 9.00AM & 6.00PM

COME AND PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

NOVEMBER is the Month we pray for the Deceased.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES FOR THE DECEASED ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCHES

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead....."

2 Maccabees 12: 46

30th SUN IN ORD TIME YR C:

READINGS:

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18: 9-14

FEASTS:

Friday 28th October
Sts Simon & Jude, apostles

NEXT WEEK:

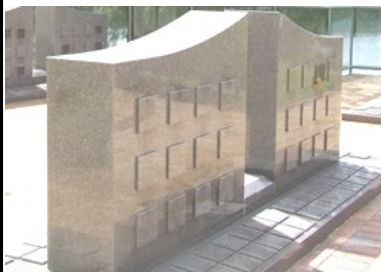
31st Sunday Ord Time;
Wisdom 11: 22-12:2
2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2.2
Luke 19: 1-10

REFLECTION:

Today's texts are an invitation to consider the place of prayer in our lives. Sirach defends God against those who accuse a hearing-impaired God of ignoring their cries. As for Paul there is an even stronger affirmation of God's justice and mercy because his life experience has shaped his spirit. Although abandoned by those whom he had expected to come to his defense, he discovered God was there in everything, rescuing him. Grace carried him through every obstacle. Jesus singles out the tax collector who brings himself completely before God in prayer – utterly exposed. The tax collector's honesty and humility are expressed in a few simple words "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Prayer is about letting ourselves be found, realizing that without prayer we are so utterly lost that we no longer have a sense of direction. It's being with God that matters, even if there is only silence. As we pray we bring our life text into dialogue with the larger scripture of God who discloses to us the perilous path of fidelity which still awaits us in the darkness. And in this utter helplessness we receive the grace of knowing God.

Sacred Heart Columbarium The new columbarium is complete so it is



now time for those who have reserved a niche to come in and finalise the balance. Please phone the Parish Office to arrange an appointment. There are approximately only one third of the niches left so if you have been thinking of reserving one please call me to make an appointment/enquiry on 5572 5433. **Sonya Slater, Parish Manager**

ANOINTING MASS UPDATE:

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE NOVEMBER ANOINTING MASS WILL BE MOVED TO TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 11AM DUE TO THE RUNNING OF THE MELBOURNE CUP ON THE 1ST TUESDAY.



Reach out. Give life.

Our parish will conduct the Catholic Mission Church Appeal on November 5-6

On World Mission Sunday, the Gospel talks about the differing attitudes of two people praying in the Temple. One is proud and self-righteous while the other keeps his eyes averted, beats his breast and asks for forgiveness from God. In this Year of Mercy, and with the Catholic Mission appeal approaching, we ask that you will give, in that same spirit of humility and authenticity, to support missionaries and their work around the world. Your generosity will show that, like St Paul writes in the second reading, you are "running the race to the finish". Thank you, in anticipation for your kindness. *David McGovern, Diocesan Director*

CARING FOR CREATION - Shaping the Future of our Planet

Irish Columban Fr Sean McDonagh is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness on the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. Sean is the author of numerous articles and nine books. "A FREE EVENT" led by Fr Sean is taking place on **Thursday 3 November: 6pm-8pm** at **Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane Cathedral Precinct**. Enquiries Mike Humphrys: humphrysm@bne.catholic.net.au
For more information contact Evangelisation Brisbane: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3440 to register your interest.

Irish November Remembrance Mass - Gold Coast

The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ) invites you to our Annual November Remembrance Mass, which will take place on Sunday 13 November at 12 noon in Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough Street, Southport.
Come and join with other members of the Irish Community on the Gold Coast in praying for the peaceful repose of deceased relatives and friends. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards – an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends
IASAQ is part of the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme. Our primary mission is to assist any Irish or Irish Australian persons in time of need or distress.
For further information please contact Association Co-ordinator on 0432 087 328.

PRAYER: *My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am doing your will does not mean that I am actually doing so But I believe the desire to please you does actually please you. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. (Prayer of Thomas Merton)*

ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

There are many different ways members of the Parish can contribute to the Atrium.



As a **Catechist** - Catechists undergo formation, make or source materials, prayerfully prepare the atrium, assist the children in each session.

Session helpers are essential to the smooth running of the Atrium. No training is required. Session helpers assist catechists during sessions by helping children when needed, replenishing consumable resources, and generally assisting. We thank those who have been helping!

Those with specific skills - woodwork, varnishing, painting. All instructions provided.

Donors of money - The Endrody family generously provided money to set up the atrium, and this bequest was finalised at the end of last year. Donations can be for any amount and can be for specific materials or towards the 6 to 9 room. It would be especially helpful to receive further funding to enable this work to continue.

Blessings, Angela Williams

atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES

On behalf of the **SPCL** I would like to thank most sincerely all Parishioners for their support of our High Tea which was held, so very successfully, on Saturday 8th October. All of the funds raised will go to the Parish to support the wonderful work of the ATRIUM and other charities.

ART & CRAFT GROUP: Our recent stall resulted in takings of \$1,168 with our thanks for your wonderful generosity. The Missions will receive \$500 and the balance will contribute to our expenses. Our next effort for Parish needs will be the **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** beginning on the weekend of **19/20 November** at all three churches and being drawn on **17th December**. We look forward to meeting you there.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS: 25-27 NOVEMBER 2016.

The Capuchin Friars invite young men (18-35) who have been thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to come for a Live-in weekend retreat to reflect on God's call in their lives and their response to that call. **Starts 7:30pm Friday** at Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and **concludes at 3pm on Sunday**. Cost is **ONLY \$30**. There will be **Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice**. So if you're discerning, come along!

You must register so please Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052.

THIS WEEK AT VENIRÉ

27th – Veniré at Surfers

28th – Veniré at Coomera

4th – Summit for Young Adults

If you would like any more information about these events or to come along to any of them, please contact Steph on 0411669876

IGNITE SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is on from the 12th – 15th January and is a great way to start the high school year. 200 students from across the East Coast of Australia head up to Mt Tambourine for 4 incredible days, filled with huge outdoor games, live music, new friends and inspirational talks. Get an early bird ticket **before Nov 6th**.

Register online at rego.igniteyouth.com/summercamp

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Pam and Darrell Cramer of Carrara for the week of **Tuesday 24th October 2016**. Please phone Maxine or Pat Sela on **5539 9539** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. **Pat and Maxine Sela**

NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY

Note our **NEW TITLE** which reflects the Diocesan and local outreach of this Ministry. The Parish is keen to encourage the **healing and companioning Ministry to the elderly** (see newsletters 8-9 and 22-23 October).

Our display shows off the resources that are available in books to help you on this path. Titles such as “The Compassionate Visitor”; “May I Walk You Home”; “Saints to Lean On” and “Holding Hands with God” - all by great modern authors in this field. They will provide you with sound advice and inspiration.

The **Bold and the Beautiful Friendship Group** will meet for lunch at **KAMPUNG MALAY, Cnr Robina Parkway & Markeri Street Robina on Thursday 27th October at 12 noon**.

All welcome. Leona Kelly

IRISH DANCING CLASS Call Linda on 0407 370 047.

‘PEACE AND ALL GOOD’ This month we celebrate **St. Francis**, we celebrate his spirituality of PEACE, of JOY, of COMPASSION, of SIMPLICITY. Next **Franciscan Meeting October 26th**, 12.30 to 3.30pm, Infant Saviour church, Park Road, Burleigh

THE MYSTERY OF RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD WITH JOHN REILLY SJ

Saturday 20 November, 2016 from 10am – 3pm. Suggested donation \$35, BYO lunch.

Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Bardon. Bookings ph. 3368 2450



COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ 7.30 to 3.30pm
Monday to Friday. **THE CAFÉ WILL CLOSE AT 10AM ON MELBOURNE CUP DAY—1ST NOVEMBER.**
Phone Lauren on **0435 721 258**

MONDAY 24th October	TUESDAY 25th October	WEDNESDAY 26th October	THURSDAY 27th October	FRIDAY 28th October	SATURDAY 29th October
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART <i>Anointing Mass</i> CHANGE TO 11am 8 NOVEMBER	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7AM ST VINCENT'S 9AM SACRED HEART Year of Mercy Reconciliation 10am to 11am Only	<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

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: Monday, Tuesday sessions. Casey Hall. Phone
Nicole 0420 301 379 or at 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
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. **Next Date 23rd October**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Spiteris Tabone & Family, Sr Teresa Shanahan RSM, Ivy Eliza Devlin, Eileen Roulent, Craig Blanch, Br John Cleary Inez Wockner Christine O'Leary, Conceicao Nunes.
ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Jones, Hugh Shephard, Enzina Mellino, Theodora Sklavos, Michele Ferraro, Greg, Bruce & Gib McPhie, Vincent Netting, Betty Neilsen, Jesuraja Yema Nadar.
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Angelina Eley, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Gerald Henderson, Evelyn, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong), Tony Bui, Karen Gard, Elisa Guzzo, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, Samir Moussa, Raymond Ayoub, Sammy Ayoub, 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, 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, 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?
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.