

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

Bishop-Elect

Tim Harris

Bishop of Townsville

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Fr Nicholas Okafor

Associate Pastor

Helen Goldsmith

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Coordinator**

PARISH STAFF

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Pat Kelly

Parish Assistant

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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 Naylor

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th / 26th FEBRUARY 2017—YEAR A

KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS

It is no secret now that I have been appointed by Pope Francis as the Sixth Bishop of Townsville. Since the announcement I have been on a roller-coaster ride asking myself "why me"?

I still ask myself this question but as I said to the Apostolic Nuncio: "I accept with the Grace of God". Yes I have accepted the Pope's appointment and now with God's grace and your constant prayers I will do my very best to love and serve the good and holy Catholic people of Townsville as their Bishop.

Yes, this is a great honour extended to me and by extension it is a great honour extended to you, the people of Surfers Paradise Parish, who have given me so much of your support and encouragement in my capacity as Parish Priest of this wonderful parish. I have worked as hard as I could and hopefully a great deal has been achieved.

These achievements of course belong to God and God has shown his hand in so many ways in this Parish over the years. We are a blessed people who, I believe, give back generously to God what God has given to us.

God has given me so much throughout my 25 years as a priest and now God continues to call me to the fullness of the Priesthood as a Bishop. This is a special office, not of power but of service. Episcopal Ministry is a privilege that must be exercised with great care and diligence. Jesus, the Good Shepherd must be my inspiration and joy as I try to reflect Him as the new chief Shepherd of the Diocese of Townsville.

Thank you for all you have done for me and may our God continue to shine His face upon you.

God's Abundant Blessings,

Bishop Elect Tim Harris

Catholic Diocese of Townsville.



IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING - PARISH CONSULTATION

On **Monday 27th February 2017 from 7.00pm** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, two representatives of the Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, will be present to consult with parishioners about the achievements of the Parish and the challenges facing the parish going forward.

This is an important meeting as the information gleaned will help the Archbishop in discerning who may be suitable to lead Surfers Paradise Parish as the new Parish Priest. **Your attendance is encouraged.**

READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

8th Sunday in Ord Time;

Isaiah 49: 14-15;
1 Corinthians 4: 1-5;
Matthew 6: 24-34

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

1st Sunday of Lent;

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3:1-7;
Romans 5:12-19;
Matthew 4:1-11

REFLECTION: C.S. Lewis said "In the present moment alone freedom and actuality are offered... The Future inflames hope and fear...the thing least like eternity... the Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays."

The challenge of today's Gospel is to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole Earth community and to trust in the goodness and providence of God. That is not always easy and is all a question of balance and of daily attention to the right ordering of our relationships with the material world, with one another and with God. Jesus does not discount the human need for food and drink and clothing for he states explicitly that God knows that we need all these things but preaches something like what St Ignatius Loyola calls 'indifference' to material things. The attitude of 'indifference' is not that one does not care; on the contrary, one cares very much. But one cares to have things and to use things only in so far as they are needed to love and serve God and others for his sake. This involves a very high level of inner freedom — the ability to say 'Yes' only to what is needed. Linked to our attitude to material things, Jesus further urges greater trust and confidence in God's care for us.

Isaiah in the First Reading speaks of Israel as feeling abandoned and forgotten by God in its times of trial. The response comes in one of the most tender passages in the whole of the Bible: "Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you." We are to trust God loves us and not fall into doubt or despair as to the future.

Paul in today's Second Reading gives us another reason for not being obsessed with the future. Here in the present, we simply have too much to do. We are, he says, Christ's servants. And as such, the responsibilities to build up the Body of Christ and to spread the Gospel message of God's love are entrusted to us.

To be fully alive, Fr Tony de Mello also used to advise: "Be yourself. Be here. Be now. You have everything you need to be happy" The kingdom of God, its enjoyment and happiness, are only in the present right here at every moment of every day. Jesus puts the same thing today in different words, "Do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself." God is only to be found in the here and now; he is always available.

Ordination of Bishop-Elect Tim Harris
Wednesday 3rd May, 2017 at 10.30am
Emmaus Hall, Ryan Catholic College Townsville
59 Canterbury Road, Kirwan, Qld 4817

Travel Arrangements:

The Parish Office has provided details of the Ordination to **Kellie Easterbrook at Flight Centre, Q Super Centre (ph. 5527 7560)**. Any parishioners wishing to travel to the celebration are advised to **contact Kellie** if you need assistance in booking individual travel requests.

Planning for the Ordination is underway and I will provide updates as they come to hand. There is much excitement in Townsville and attendance at the Ordination will be in high demand hence the venue of Ryan Catholic College. The College is about 15kms from the city. There is public transport from the CBD but the organisers are also arranging charter buses to transport people from the CBD to the College.

There is no available information as yet to seating arrangements however, I encourage all parishioners who have booked a trip or are planning on attending to notify the Parish Office on **5572 5433 and register your intent**.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 1st March 2017

7.00am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise

9.00am Stella Maris Church, Broadbeach

9.00am & 6.00pm Sacred Heart Church

Clear Island Waters

LENTEN RESOURCES: The 1st of March is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the whole church prepares for Easter. Please find suggestions and resources to focus your spiritual preparation and reflection:

Up from the Waters 2017 Lenten resources, Archdiocese of Brisbane
www.lentenprogram.com

Living Lent Daily: daily scripture reflections, prayer suggestions, articles
www.loyolapress.com

Hope – Lenten Program Catholic Diocese of Wollongong www.dowshop.org.au

Lent Black Book, \$4, Parish Piety Stores

Lenten Prayer Groups – please notify Helen at the Parish Office on 5572 5433 if you are interested in facilitating or attending a Lenten Prayer Group. Groups will commence in the first week of March and will be based on the **Up from the Waters Lenten program**. Cost per participant is \$9 for the book.

Adult Faith Education – Evangelisation: The final session will be held on **Monday 27th February, 9.30-11.30am** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend. Gold coin donation for morning tea.



ALL NIGHT ADORATION: All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday from 7pm Friday 3rd March to 7am Saturday 4th March at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome. Enq: **Jim 0424 381 069** or **Helen 0421 935 678**.
"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Mt 26:40

Prayer: Rest in God alone my soul. (Ps 61: 6)

Atrium

Do you want to play a meaningful role in the faith journey of your child or grandchild? Discover how you can play a practical role in handing on the faith. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd provides an exciting and interactive way of handing on the faith that will captivate the natural curiosity of your child. Come and bring your children, the first session for new children is free.



Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30am to 11:00am
Baptism Preparation (3-8 years old)

9:00am – 10:00am on Saturdays in Term II
starting on the 29th of April.

Please consider volunteering in the Atrium.

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

Venire is a ministry for youth and young adults where we aim to build and foster a community of missionary disciples.

Youth: Thursday 3rd March, 6-8:30pm

Young Adults: Friday 4th, 7-9pm

Summit for Young Adults is a great opportunity to meet other young adults from the Parish, discuss the faith, pray and have a time of fellowship, as we head out for dessert afterwards.

PLEASE RSVP TO STEPH ON 0411 669 876



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The annual World Day of Prayer this year will be held at the Uniting Church, Greenwich Avenue, Robina on Thursday 2nd March 2017. The Service is written by the people of the Philippines. The Service will commence at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments at the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



St Vincent's Primary School: PREP ENROLMENTS 2018

Prep enrolment applications are now being accepted. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2018 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted by the end of February.

FREE MORNING TEA INFORMATION SESSION ON CHANGES IN AGED CARE

Co.As.It. Community Services will be holding a free Morning Tea Information Session on the upcoming changes in Aged Care & how we can support you to remain living comfortable in your own home. We offer services to the general community as well as people of CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) background. We can assist you with funded Home Care Packages, Allied Health Services & Nursing Services at home and we also run daily Social Groups. We invite you to join us and learn more about the changes and our services: **Thursday 2 March 10.00am – 11.30am** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. Reserve your seat by calling 5527 6481.



NEW TIME FOR PARISH ANOINTING MASS ON FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

All Parishioners and Visitors from other Parishes are advised the **from Tuesday 7th March 2017** the starting time for the Anointing Mass at Sacred Heart Church will be moved back to **10.00am**. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Mass is followed by a morning tea in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY: Justice and Healing are the lights that must guide us through these times of the Royal Commission. Books to help you reflect are in the Library. "Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church" and "Violence, Society and the Church" are deep but important books. "Take the First Step - Forgive"; "Healing the Hurting" and "The Spiral of Violence" can help. Also it may be a time to reflect on the beauties of our Church, **the positives in our culture** which can help repair and provide for a better future. This could be a **time to pray** with one of our selection of "Way of the Cross" (Stations), or re-read Desmond Tutu's "No Future Without Forgiveness".

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS. Copies of this booklet to participate in the "Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network" are at the back of our Churches. If you would like to purchase your own copy or copies to share, you can go online at www.clicktopray.org.au or you can phone **1300 728 846** to order by MasterCard/Visa.

Little Black Book's for Lent are available now in the Religious Goods Shops and the Parish Office until sold out, only \$4. Reflections are based on the Passion according to John and begin on February 26, 2017 and end Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Rosina & Frank Smith of Merrimac for the week of **Monday 27th February 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**.

JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE PARISH!

Out and about this week **Bishop-elect Timothy Harris** conducting his final inspection of the Stella Maris gardens; pictured here with **Kevin Copley** resident gardener and Finance Chair.



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**.



MONDAY 27th February	TUESDAY 28th February	WEDNESDAY 1st March	THURSDAY 2nd March	FRIDAY 3rd March	SATURDAY 5th March
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Next Anointing Mass 7 March New time 10am</i>	ASH WEDNESDAY 7AM ST VINCENT'S 9AM STELLA MARIS 9AM & 6PM SACRED HEART	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 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: 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 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. 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.

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—9pm Sacred Heart Church,
1st Friday 3rd March - 7pm to 7am Saturday 4th March.

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 26th February 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Hurley, Mike Farrell, Lara Michelle Kennedy (7yrs), Barry Hannel, Anna Fredericks, Alan Reid, Patricia Anderson, Roland Amir, Fr Dan Moore (Ire), Freda McGrath, Lindsay Burns, Mary Mann, Pat Moore, James (Jim) Ryan, John McFarlane.

ANNIVERSARIES: Colin Becker, Akiko & Masako Matsumoto, Gregory London, Dulcie Lovinsko, Luiza Bragagnollo Garcia, Luis Garcia, George Schreiber.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ruth Fearnley, Maria Nazari, Helen Lindsay, Junko Costigan, Camelia Shamvian, Mini Enriquez, Laurretta Peterson, Junko Costigan, Rosa Maria Santos, Vera McCormick, Jason & Jodie Morphett, Raymond Balkin, Jim O'Brien, Morgan McEniely, 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, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong) Tony Bui, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, John Traynor (UK), 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, Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski (Poland), 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.