

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

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Pastoral Ministry
Coordinator

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Clear Island Waters
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EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C 26th / 27th MARCH 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
HE IS RISEN!

As I write these few words to you at Eastertime, the news of the Belgium terrorist attack is still sinking in. The news is even more horrifying because on May 20th I will be travelling to Belgium at the invitation of the Archbishop. I will be joining several other people from Catholic Education to complete an intensive course on Catholic identity in Leuven for 16 days. Please pray for me.

Of course Easter changes everything. Christians are people of the Resurrection which means we are people of life **NOT death**. This year as we celebrate Easter in a world full of death, we acknowledge those terrorist attacks but we can't let them have the last word.

Christians are people in all its forms who whilst living in a world where there is a lot of death, cling in hope to something far more edifying which says: "all the graveyards are gone". There is NO suffering or death that can overwhelm the Christian belief that where Jesus has gone we hope to follow. Because Christ lives, we live!

The fact is Christianity is dead without the Resurrection. It makes no sense without the Resurrection. The challenge for followers of Christ is to experience the Easter hope in the great mercy and love of God.

Death you see can paralyse us if we fail to be bearers of the Good News. Christians who are full of doom and gloom are not Christians at all. We simply have to change our name "Christian" if we prefer death to life because doomsayers are not life-giving people.

The Risen Christ this Easter, and every Easter, is therefore our focus regardless of the state of the world. If some people prefer death then we must be resolute in witnessing to life. Imagine ways that we can witness to life and the Resurrection throughout the season and beyond.

Christ needs us to be that witness, for Easter is the celebration par-excellence of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Easter is the climax of Holy Week and announces a time of hope and assurance. It is humanity's turning point from utter destruction to glory and salvation.

No wonder Christians flock to Church at Easter. We all know the emptiness within that yearns to be filled with joy and hope. We hold on to the mystery of death and life with both hands because in our hearts and in our experience death deeply disturbs us. We are in these circumstances happy to sing "Alleluia" for the first time in a long time.

May your Easter be memorable. May it remind us that we celebrate the very foundation of Christianity. Jesus is raised from the dead and is truly Lord. May Easter also convince us that those who believe and are baptised share in this Resurrection to new life.

I pray that "new life" flourishes in all of us this Easter.

God's abundant blessings, Fr Tim Harris

PS: I will be absent from the Parish all of April as I take my annual leave. Fr Nicholas and Fr Regimon will jointly lead the Parish in my absence.



EASTER SUNDAY - Year C

READINGS: Acts 10: 34, 37-43;
Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday of
Easter: Acts 5: 12-16; Apoc 1: 9-
13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31

REFLECTION:

Today we celebrate the mystery of Resurrection. Resurrection is the response by humankind to the command of God for the light to go on. It's not easy to grasp this and so we have Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the beloved disciple reacting in different ways. The darkness of the morning mirrors the inner darkness and challenge that the horror of Calvary and death of Jesus present. It brings Mary and the disciples to the edge of mystery, inviting them to step into the unknown and to risk even more.

When he steps into the tomb Peter has not yet understood "the scripture" but in our first reading from Acts Peter is a man radically reformed through his encounters with the Risen Lord and the house-shaking experience of the Spirit. His relationship with Jesus has been full of pain and joy, cleansing and renewing moments of grace. He bears witness to Christ his hope.

Then there is Paul, completely unaware that his life would soon be "hidden with Christ in God." God's election of him totally surprise Paul and remakes him into the Apostle to the Gentiles, redirecting his passion through grace, so that this new life is revealed to him as Christ his hope.

The life giving encounter with the Crucified and Risen One creates the paradigm for hope. Let us celebrate this Resurrection Sunday by realising our lives too are "hidden with Christ in God" and this is "wonderful in our eyes." Alleluia!

PRAYER:

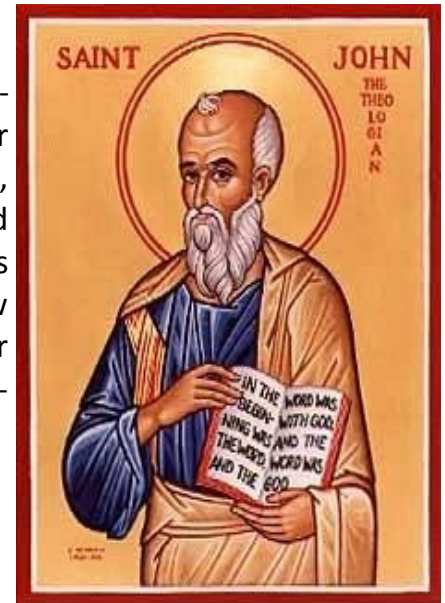
O light of lights, Risen Jesus, enter our hearts with your Good News. Help us to see your presence everywhere as the first light of dawn beams upon our clouded vision. Amen.

THE GOSPEL OF ST JOHN PERFORMANCE AT SACRED HEART

7pm, Friday, 6th of May

The Gospel of St. John is a powerful performance by Donald Macdonald, Australian actor who is fresh from the success of Edinburgh, London and New York. He brings to the Gold Coast a captivating presentation that opens the heart and lifts the spirit. For one show only, come and see the greatest story ever told. \$22 for Adults, \$17 for Seniors and Students.

Please book your tickets online at www.venireyouth.com, or at the Parish Office.



EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

**SEAT OF MERCY FOR
SOUTH COAST DEANERY
SACRED HEART CHURCH,**

50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has designated Sacred Heart Church as a pilgrimage church of mercy. The Holy Door was opened on 12 February and anyone who passes through the Holy Door is able to obtain special graces by: celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation; Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy; profession of faith (Creed); a prayer for the intentions of the Pope (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

Additional Reconciliation times have been made available at Sacred Heart:

Friday from 10.00am to 11.30am and from 5.00pm to 6.30pm

It is encouraged that all the faithful take this opportunity to deepen their spiritual lives in the Jubilee of Mercy.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church this 1st Friday from 7pm Friday 1st April to 7am Saturday 2nd April. All welcome. Enquiries Helen 0421 935 678 or Jim 0424 381 069. "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" MT 26:40



**THE ITALIAN MASS FOR EASTER WILL BE HELD AT THE
USUAL TIME OF 4.00PM AT SACRED HEART CHURCH,
50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS.**

PRAYING THE ROSARY The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of May Winters of Broadbeach Waters, commencing Monday **28th March 2016**. Please phone Maxine or Patrick Sela on 5539 9539 and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. If you can't collect the statue due to transport problems we can deliver the statue to you. **Thank you, Pat & Maxine**

What's happening in the Parish

'Mission and Mercy'

It is absolutely essential for the church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people.
Pope Francis: The Face of Mercy n12



Year of Mercy

Parish Seminar

with noted missiologist

Fr Stephen Bevans SVD



Saturday 30 April 9am-1pm

Aspinall Centre - St Bernard's Parish Hall

4 Klumpp Rd Upper Mt. Gravatt

No cost, morning tea provided

RSVP: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au by Tuesday 26 April

Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE will be held on the 2nd Sunday of Easter **3rd April from 2.00pm to 3.30pm** in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. **ALL WELCOME**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has a Pastoral Care Ministry for the psychiatric area. We are looking for Volunteers to be trained to work within this Ministry.

COULD THIS BE YOUR MINISTRY

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team need mature committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. *The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 4th May to 23rd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm.* We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion of the Course in the various ministries e.g. Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels.



Final date of applications is Friday 22nd April 2016

Please apply now in writing to:

Fr Jim Smith

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or

Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm

Fax (07) 3257 1885

email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

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On the 31st of March, Venire is heading ICE-SKATING! Come and join us as we have a fun social night together. Doors open at 7:30 and close at 9:00pm. Please meet at Iceland in Bundall (15 Strathaird Rd), at 7:15pm. Pay at the door: \$17 Teens \$20 for Adults. Dinner tonight, will not be provided. Wear warm clothes and don't forget your socks! RSVP to Steph on **0411 669 876**. See you then!

LIBRARY NEWS: EASTER JOY! Jean and the Library Team wish you all the grace of this season. Joy is the theme of recent Popes - the joy of knowing Jesus. On display are books to illuminate your vocation of discovering this joy. The writings of Pope Francis overflow with it, he writes in such an easy, down to earth style - so read him now. Also on display are books from some of our most popular authors about the joy they have in their faith.



COUPLES EVENING RETREAT: The Vocation Brisbane Office is holding an evening retreat for young married and dating couples on Tuesday, **12th April from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Vocation Brisbane office space, in the Cathedral of St Stephen's precinct.**

The purpose of this event is to provide young Catholic couples of Brisbane with a welcoming space where they can mingle, eat and converse. It is also an opportunity to receive input from another couple on a topic relating to Catholic married life and relationships.

We are hoping to have no more than 20 attendees but if demand exceeds our capacity for this event, our office will endeavour to host a similar event in the near future. If you are interested in an invite, please contact *Patrick on 07 3324 3353; or for more information, email: ransomp@bne.catholic.net.au.*

ART & CRAFT NEWS: Our Raffle to assist the Youth with getting to World Youth Day in Poland continues. Please purchase a ticket for \$5.00 or a book of three tickets for \$10 or make a donation. To **be drawn at the Youth Mass 6pm SUNDAY 10th April.**

Thank you, Art & Craft Group and Parish Mission Council.

Come and celebrate with us the **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** on **Sunday 3rd April 2016** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. The bus leaves The Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost is \$20 return. For bookings and more information please call *Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Vivian on 5535 9623 or 0406 799 059.* The bus is already filling up, so be quick to guarantee a seat!

Monday to Friday 7.30am to 11.30am during School Holidays at

Sacred Heart Church
PH: 0435 721 258 Catering Options available

OPEN AFTER 9AM MASS EASTER SUNDAY



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART	9.00am Mass STELLA MARIS	9.00am Mass STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION Stella Maris 4.15pm Sacred Heart 5.00pm St Vincent's 5.15pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday Vigil 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am
	SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday Vigil 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm
	ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday Vigil 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

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: Mass 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
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
Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.
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

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office 5572 5433
Marriages: Please contact Parish Office 5572 5433 (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, in
recess till 17th April 2016. **At Stella Maris Church, Children's Liturgy is in
recess during School Holidays.**
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: 2nd Sundays 6pm Sacred Heart. Next Mass 10th April.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma McClean, Patricia Lazaro, Rudolfo Servana, Bishop Ray Benjamin, Ann Lewis (Canada), Susie Khalil, Jose Portes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bozidar Ovcacic, Byron Schreiber, Connie Devlin, Dorothy & Raymond Mullen, Maurice Anthony Frawley, Relatives & Friends of Hooworth Family, J.P.G. (Glen) McCabe, Giovanna Costanzo, John & Eileen Dougherty, Iris Scharenguivel, Deceased members of the Japour Family, Marie Olive Brown.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Neville O'Neill, Kate Needham, Gus Reeves, 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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FOR US TO PUBLISH A NAME IN THIS LIST OF THE SICK YOU MUST HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE PERSON LISTED OR THEIR FAMILY.



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 5575 5433.

CONTACT FORM:

Family Name: _____

Other Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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OTHER: _____

to commence Parish Planned Giving Program

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