

# 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**

*Fr Peter Dillon*

*Parish Priest*

*Fr Paul Kelly*

*Associate Pastor*

*Helen Goldsmith*

*Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator*

## **PARISH STAFF**

*Sonya Slater*

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*Marylou Ayres*

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*Parish Assistant*

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## **SCHOOLS**

*St Vincent's School*

*Clear Island Waters*

*Phone: 5572 1746*

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*Benowa*

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*Phone: 5564 5910*

*Director: Michelle Nelson*

*St Michael's College*

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*P: Michael Nayler*

**13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
1st / 2nd JULY 2017—YEAR A**

## **AND THEY'RE OFF . . .**

Sometimes when I look at the congregation after communion has been distributed, it seems that a quarter of the seats are now empty, people have vanished out the door. Communion seemed to be the signal for the exodus. They got what they came for, so they high-tail it to their car at such speed as to create the impression that they just remembered they left the iron on or the bath running. Some of the Formula 1 pit crews could learn valuable lessons on grid starts from some of our post-communion parishioners starting their engines.

All of these are good people, I'm sure, but it would have been better if what they had on their minds was participation not departure.

We come to Mass each Sunday for several reasons. We gather as Christians to celebrate the most momentous events in human history – the death and resurrection of Christ. We come winding our way from different places and circumstances to give congregational expression to our common faith. And we gather round the table of the Lord to receive food for life's journey, to receive his body and blood, to be in the closest possible union with Christ and with one another. It's really big stuff that is happening there and it deserves some focus and reverence.

Going to Communion is not a neutral exercise. It's not just something we do as a matter of course. It is not something that takes place in a moral vacuum or an action that we perform independently of our lives outside of Church. If the food from heaven that we receive is God's gift to us, then the way we receive that food should be our gift to God. What we have just received should feel heavy on our hands since what we are offering is our nearest shot at connecting what we do in Church with what we do outside – and that exercise surely takes more time than it takes to get from the communion line to the Church door. Communion is a challenge to good living that we cannot cynically ignore. If we aren't expected to be saints to receive communion then we should at least try to be repentant sinners. Communion is not a prize for being good, as much as a support for the person who seeks to be genuinely better.

None of us can come blamelessly to the table of the Lord, but we shouldn't come shamelessly either.

So next time you are tempted to eat and run just ask yourself,

"What have I done, am doing or will do to deserve what has just happened?"

"Why is my need to get home more pressing than staying with my faith community to receive yet another blessing?"

"Is what I am rushing to, more important than staying a few minutes to say thanks for the sacrifice?"

"Is picking up a loaf of bread on the way home as significant as the bread I have just consumed?"

**Fr. Peter Dillon**



## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time;  
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16;  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11;  
Matthew 10:37-42

## FEASTS:

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> St Thomas, apostle

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time;  
Zechariah 9:9-10;  
Romans 8:9, 11-13;  
Matthew 11:25-30

## REFLECTION:

*The common thread that I will pick up in the readings today is that of 'welcome'. Welcome and hospitality is provided by the Shunamite woman to Elisha which foreshadows the promise contained in the Gospel for 'anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me, welcome the one who sent me.' The theological dimensions of this statement are profound: the stranger who stands before us comes not simply as an emissary and representative of Christ but of the Father who sent Christ into the world. In dealing with this person we are dealing with God.*

*The basic gestures of hospitality, offered by the woman to Elisha out of respect for a man of God with no thought of reward, receive a wonderful reward – the gift of new life. So too, according to the Gospel, even a simple gift of a cup of cold water does not go unnoticed by the Giver of All Life.*

*The challenge for us as followers of Christ in the First World is the desperate situation of millions of our fellow human beings displaced and on the move, lining up at frontiers or hostile borders. In contemplation of this mass movement the words of Christ may not seem so far away and inapplicable.*

**Prayer: Lord, I ask for the grace to see your face in all those I meet, especially those in need. Amen**

**CHANGES TO MASS PARTS:** Mass Parts will change to the Mass of St Francis from this weekend. Prior to Mass starting we will be practicing these new melodies for about 10 minutes to allow everyone to hear the tunes.



**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Rachel and Kemal Coutinho for the week of **MONDAY 3rd July 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**.



**SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS: 1st Tuesday of the Month:** The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Tuesday 4th July at 10am** in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend. Stay on afterwards for light refreshments in the Parish Hospitality Centre hosted by the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies.

**All SPCL members are asked to bring a plate to share. The Monthly Meeting of the Surfers Paradise Catholic Ladies will be held in the afternoon.**

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."



**ALL NIGHT ADORATION:** All night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Sacred Heart Church this 1st Friday **from 7pm Friday 7th July to 7am Saturday 8th July**. All welcome. Enquiries: *Helen 0421 935 678*. "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" *Matthew 26:40*.

**POSITION VACANT – PARISH ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT:** Applications are open for a position at the **COOMERA CATHOLIC PARISH**. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish administration assistant for 8 hours a week. Finance & MYOB experience is desirable.

For additional information please visit the **Archdiocese of Brisbane website** <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/andto Careers>.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

## COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND AGED:

**A Workshop for all involved in the Communion Ministry to Nursing Homes, Hospitals and Private Home Communion will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10am in the Parish Hospitality Centre. Morning tea provided.**

Fr Peter would like all involved to attend this meeting to discuss the future sustainability of this ministry. Your attendance is important. **Could you please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**



Please join us for **Fatima Day at the Marian Valley, Canungra on the 13th of July 2017**. The bus leaves 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am and Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. To book your seat on the bus please call **Paula Groom on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline Zammit on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573**. Please book early as seats are selling fast. The cost is \$20 return.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

At the present time, the Atrium is in recess due to school holidays.  
We will resume on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Atrium Sessions:**

Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30am to 11:00am.

To learn more, please email [atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

**NEWS FROM SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LIBRARY**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has long been a source of quiet, gentle but powerful life in our Parish. There are many books in the Library which could be useful and even beloved companions to this contemplation.

A new book we have is "In The Presence". It provides the perfect guide to the history, practice, and meaning of this tradition. In a series of brief, accessible, and theologically rich essays, Sr. Joan Ridley connects the private devotion of Eucharistic Adoration to Eucharistic spirituality and common worship, combining traditional significance with the best in contemporary theology.

**WEEKDAY BORROWING:** Don't forget, you can come into the Parish Office during office hours to borrow the Library key so you can borrow your next Library book.

**SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES**

will again have the pleasure of presenting

**A PORTOFINO FASHION PARADE**

on **Saturday 12th August at 1.00pm**

in **Casey Hall, 50 Fairway Drive,**

**Clear Island Waters.**



Admission is \$15 with a delicious afternoon tea and lucky door prizes which includes a \$50 gift voucher from Portofino Fashions.

Come along and enjoy a great afternoon of fashion and friendship. Please contact **Irene Ross on 5562 1260 for tickets.** Please **RSVP no later than Friday 28th July.**

**ST IGNATIUS PARISH TOOWONG'S ANNUAL**

**WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY**

**Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm**

Stuartholme School Chapel.

St Ignatius Parish Toowong is very pleased to be able to continue to hold this annual event as a legacy of the work of Fr Peter Quin sj. More details will follow soon.

**SPIRITUALITY GATHERING: THURSDAY 20TH JULY AT CURRUMBIN**

**ECOVILLAGE:** Rob Cosgrove from Evangelisation Brisbane will present a session on **Faces of Mercy, of Compassion, of Justice: An opportunity to reflect on the lives of women and men who have faced the challenges of their time with mercy, compassion and justice.** Some of these 'faces' are well known: Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen; other faces have been obscured in the mist of time or geography, Sophie Scholl, Blessed Sára Salkaházi SSS, Fr Kevin Dillon PP. Morning tea 10.00am and Rob's session 10.30-12.15pm. Invite all your friends, all welcome. Enquiries to: Rina Wintour, Phone: **0400 332 120.**

**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ 8:00am-12.30pm Mon to Fri School Holiday Times.** Catering options available. Phone: **Parish Office 5575 5433**

**WHAT'S ON AT VENIRE**

We'll be back next week the 6th of July.

**UPCOMING YOUTH SPORTS TOURNAMENT!**

**Sunday 16th of July**

The "POWERED FESTIVAL" includes a mixed sport (touch and ultimate frisbee) competition for Junior and Open teams during the day and a Combined Youth Mass in the afternoon. This is open to all Parishes and youth ministries in the Brisbane Archdiocese. **We (Venire) are going to be entering TWO teams, a junior (under 16s) and open team. If you'd like to be a part of this fun day, then please get in contact with Steph on 0411 669 876 or [hello@venireyouth.com](mailto:hello@venireyouth.com).** We'll be training on Saturday mornings, let us know if you want to be part of our team!  
#VenireVictors

**EOFY SALE**

**RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS**

**SACRED HEART & ST VINCENTS**

Selected items only,  
marked with orange spot,  
have been reduced for quick sale.

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Buy some goods today!**



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP: 2017**

**National Pilgrimage:** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage. **Commencing in Melbourne on 8 November, travelling through Victoria & South Australia, and concluding in Sydney on 18 November 2017.** Contact **Sister Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845** or **Sister Annie Bond 02 8912 4818 / [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au)**



**YOGA:** Enjoy the health benefits of an hour-long yoga lesson in a friendly environment on **Tuesdays at 10.45am in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. First Tuesday is in Casey Hall.** For women of all ages, nurtured by Ruth, an experienced and caring *International Yoga Association* accredited teacher, with traditional stretching, breathing and relaxation. Cost is **\$10 a session.**

**For more information please call 0421 338 110.**

Registration is now open for the 2017 ACMRO **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PASTORAL CARE IN A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY**, *Cast into the Deep* which will be **held at the Melbourne Campus of the Australian Catholic University on 19-20 July this year.**

I would strongly encourage everyone involved or interested in ministering to migrants, refugees and multicultural communities in parishes and wider communities to register for this very worthwhile conference. Full details on the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office website:

[www.acmro.catholic.org.au/5th-national-conference/home](http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/5th-national-conference/home)

**SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB:** Celebrating 16 years in the parish. **Beginners classes available.** Come and join in the fun and social atmosphere. No previous experience is necessary. *Good for your memory.* **Mondays at 12 noon.** Call **Cheryl on 5538 8821.**

MONDAY 3rd July	TUESDAY 4th July	WEDNESDAY 5th July	THURSDAY 6th July	FRIDAY 7th July	SATURDAY 8th July
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	10.00AM SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS	9AM STELLA MARIS	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
<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 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 October 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](mailto: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 4th July 2017**

**Friendship Day Thursday 20th July 2017**

**Parish Choir Practice:** 8.30am 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 of the Month.**

**Christian Meditation:** Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts  
0428090703.

**Christian Meditation 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—9pm Sacred Heart Church,  
1st Friday - **7pm Friday 7th July to 7am Saturday 8th July.**

**Carmelite Spirituality:** 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC, CIW  
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Meeting Sunday 15th July.**

**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 30th July 2017**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cath Price Butler, James William Fuller, Anthony Brandon Watson, John Ashby, Paul (Ashgrove) Olegario De Brito Meira, Lim. Kiely, David Weldon, Paul Beck, Dr Teresita R. Warque, Jack McDonald, **THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Angelina Eley, Michael Tracey, John Lofthouse, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Michelle Paul Patrick Reeves, Annette Anning, Irene Cappellazzo, Mary Ann Coyle, Monica Bailey, Ray Balkin, Rossario Barbaro. Boehme, Imelda Rundell, Jacqui Jaafar, David Boulton, John Thomas, Steve Wayt, Anne Zappa.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bartolo Di Losa, Joanne Mooney, Julie Stapleton, Carole Stratigos, Tootsie Ware, Albert Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Kelly Garske, Joan Enright, Mary Wylie, Haddad, Margaret Borg, Peter Wayne Percy Felsman, Matthew Hoare, Borg, Eunice & Geoff Harrison, Edwin Catherine & Frank Tierney, John Ware, Nalin Sena, Patricia Ceravolo, Sheedy, Ted Woodhead, Aurora P.B. Kevin McCormack, Raymond Bridge De Farias, Jose De Farias, Veronica (Syd), Theresa Curran (UK), Tony Bui, Goncalves, Esmeraldo Couto, Maria Helen Lindsay, Patricia Sulzberger, Giacomo, John Schreiber, Trevor Rachel Raines, Fr John Milliken, Cardoza, Mary Morrow, Teresa

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?**

Phone the Parish Office  
**5572 5433**

**Would you like to receive the Parish Newsletter each week via email? If so, please contact the Parish Office and advise your current email address for our Parish Data Base.**



**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.*