

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

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Assisting Sacramental

Minister

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Merrimac

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C 29TH / 30TH OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

In the Apostolic Creed, we profess "I believe in the Communion of Saints". The term "Communion of Saints" refers to the fellowship which exists among the members of Christ's mystical Body which is the Church.

Our relationship with each other does not end when the cold hands of death snatches away any one of us. We still unite in prayer every time we celebrate the Sacrifice of Mass with our beloved ones who have passed away. In Eucharistic Prayer II the priest says "Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them in the light of your face". The resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his Ascension into heaven is a sure hope that for us Christians our destiny does not end in the four walls of the grave. That is why in the preface for the dead we say "... For your faithful, Lord, life is changed and not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for [us] in heaven".

However, the Church as we all know is made up of saints and sinners, the living and the dead. Therefore, "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth". We believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers. The Church is thus made up of three states: the Church on earth (Church militant), in purgatory (Church suffering) and in heaven (Church triumphant).

The members of the Church triumphant are those who have overcome the temptations and sufferings of this life and are now in heaven enjoying the beatific vision. We celebrate these members of the Church on 1 November every year (All Saints Day).

We are the Church militant; the pilgrim Church. The Church on earth is on a journey, on the "way" to achieve the final end of our human destiny. God created us to know him, love him, serve him and live with him for eternity.

Pope Paul VI in his Apostolic Constitution *Indulgentiarum Doctrina* of 1967 says this about the suffering Church, "In purgatory, in fact, the souls of those "who died in the charity of God and truly repentant, but before satisfying with worthy fruits of penance for sins committed and for omissions are cleansed after death with purgatorial punishments." The unfortunate thing is our brothers and sisters who found themselves in this condition cannot help themselves. They rely on us and the Church triumphant for help. The only way we can help them is by praying for them.

We celebrate these Holy Souls on 2nd November every year. God's choicest blessing, Fr. Nicholas

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES: WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS DAY.

**MASS TIMES ARE: 7.00AM AT STELLA MARIS CHURCH, 254 HEDGES AVE, BROADBEACH
9.00AM & 6.00PM AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, 50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS.**

COME AND PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES and THE BOOK OF LIFE REMEMBRANCES

When you place a request in a **November Mass Envelope** for a Mass to be offered for your deceased loved ones, the priests will take these Special Intentions to the Masses they preside over. **Names from November Mass Envelopes** are not read out individually in the Prayer of the Faithful or mentioned individually at Mass by the Presider. The names that are listed in the **Book of Life Remembrances** are remembered as a group in the Prayer of the Faithful. All Masses in all Churches for the whole of November will be offered with the Souls of the Departed as their Special Intentions.

**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

Readings:

Wisdom 11: 22-12:2;
2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2.2;
Luke 19: 1-10

Feasts:

Tues 1st November All Saints;
Wed 2nd All Souls Day;
Fri 4th St Charles Borromeo,
bishop

Next Week:

32nd Sunday Ord Time;
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14;
2 Thess 2:16-35;
Lk 20: 27-38

REFLECTION

The message in all three of today's scripture readings is about receiving and accepting God's life-changing presence, power and love. In the first reading Wisdom states that 'God loves everything that exists' and that 'nothing could remain unless willed by God'. God's irrevocable fidelity and love looks upon us and sees what we do not see in ourselves. This is a challenge to the funnel-vision by which we sometimes view one another and God's creation. We rarely look at life from any perspective but our own.

Today's Gospel is an account of what happens to a real person named Zacchaeus who lets God love him and show him who he is and who he might be. As a chief tax collector, Zacchaeus was very wealthy and powerful but a friendless and despised man. Jesus saw the desire to change in him. God sees into the heart and sees behind our masks, offering a new future. Zacchaeus, though labelled a sinner, had his vision of reality changed forever through his encounter with Jesus. Furthermore, Jesus restores Zacchaeus's honour in front of the crowd and declares him saved.

Zacchaeus came to see himself as who he really was before God. God is the Lover of life in all of us and leads us gently to newness of life as he did with Zacchaeus.

**Year of Mercy Retreat Day 6 November 2016 Sacred Heart Church - ALL Welcome
10am to 4.30pm – Bookings essential by 2 November – Parish Office 55 725 433**

Let's go *Beyond the Open Door* preparing ourselves to continue our celebration of the Year of Mercy, continuing to reach out to each other, as a church community, in mercy and forgiveness, continuing to allow our hearts and minds to be open to the pouring of God's love, mercy and compassion into our very being so that we are open to allowing the Love of God to flow through us to each other, to those in need of God's mercy and love both in our homes and in the places we share and communicate with others. It is through Christ and in Christ that we are moved to mercy - mercy guides us - mercy calls us - mercy is inscribed in our hearts – let us prepare ourselves by giving ourselves the luxury of this time at our Parish Retreat.

Morning/Afternoon Tea and Lunch Provided! Bring yourself and perhaps a hat as we will be encouraging you to take advantage of the whole church precinct, our lovely lake area and other shady spots in the grounds, Church, Casey hall or hospitality room.

We are excited about the day and being able to share with you in this way – Mercy blessings to all!
Brigid and Robyn



Reach out. Give life.

**OUR PARISH WILL CONDUCT THE
CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL
ON NOVEMBER 5-6**

In the context of the Catholic Mission appeal, which will occur on the **weekend of Nov 5/6**, Steven Dude – the face on our appeal poster and envelope - is a modern-day equivalent of Zacchaeus. Steven displays the same conviction as the tax collector: not that he has "robbed" his fellow Papuans, but he does want to see right relationships restored, within families and between couples and he wants this to happen because of what he has learned from the Sisters of Mercy, about Jesus. On behalf of all the people of PNG who will benefit because you will be providing Steven and the people of PNG, with a "glimpse" of Jesus, through the Sisters of Mercy, please give generously when the appeal takes place.

*David McGovern, Diocesan Director
Archdiocese of Brisbane*

PRAYER AND FAITH

It's great to be back after a short break which included experiencing a pilgrimage to Mejugorje in Bosnia. A pilgrimage is always significant, not least because it challenges the pilgrim, both physically and spiritually but also because Christians are always on a pilgrimage in this earthly life until we reach our eternal home with God. Mejugorje is a town that caters entirely for the Christian pilgrim.

It is primarily a place of constant prayer through the Sacraments and traditions of our Catholic Church. Holy Mass is said in many languages, every hour, commencing at 6am. The English Mass at 10am was concelebrated by over 20 priests from English speaking countries and full to overflowing with people every day. Confession is available in all languages and there are constant queues at the 70 confessional booths. Adoration, recitation of the rosary and Stations of the Cross are encouraged.

A significant experience is to trek to the apparition site on a rough, unmarked path covered in large jagged stones. It is suggested to pray silently with the heart while walking. The walk took me about 45 minutes in the 'bush' and I often wondered if I was going the right way as it was very solitary. However, upon turning a corner I was emotionally affected by the sight of a massive crowd of people of all ages – small children, young couples, the middle aged and seniors, in silent prayer at the apparition site. I had an overwhelming sense of the extraordinary grace we have received through faith and, through faith and prayer, the ability to express our love for God and gratitude for all his goodness.

We are very blessed in Surfers Paradise parish with our priests, the availability of daily Mass, nine weekend Masses, regular Reconciliation and beautiful churches for silent prayer. Let us give thanks to God for our faith and his abundant mercy. **Blessings, Helen**

PRAYER: Prayer: Lord, bring to completion what you have begun in us.

ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

It was a pleasure to attend the third Gathering Day for the Pastoral Ministry Association in the Archdiocese, last week. The speakers were Kym Keady, who spoke about "21st Century Families - Understanding Current Culture", and Sue Thomas, who spoke about "Self Care for Pastoral Workers".

Both inspiring women shared valuable information! Both topics were also very relevant to me within my area of work. These Gathering Days are a wonderful opportunity for those working in ministry to share and support each other, as well as professional development.

Thank you to Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish for inviting me to present the Rite of Illumination - at St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba, and Calvary Church, Miami - to children and families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a privilege to "share the Light" and be witness to the parents sharing this light with their children.



Blessings, Angela Williams
atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

ALL NIGHT ADORATION: All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday 4th November at Sacred Heart Church from 7pm to 7am Saturday 5th November. All welcome. Enquiries can be made to : Jim 0424 381 069 or Helen 0421 935 678.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" MT 26:40

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Sheila Symons of Benowa for two weeks commencing **Monday 31st October 2016**. Please phone **Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. All you have to do is to say the Rosary to Our Lady. It is not necessary to invite people to your home. If you are unable to collect the statue due to transport problems we can deliver the statue to you.

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: Our next event is the **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** beginning on weekend of 19th/20th November and continuing for 4 weeks at all three Churches. There will be 10 GREAT PRIZES! Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

The Raffle will be drawn on 18th December at the Sacred Heart 9am Mass and winners will choose their prizes as drawn. We look forward to meeting you at this activity for the Parish.



**POSITIONS VACANT
 SACRED HEART PIETY SHOP**
 Urgently needed helpers before and after all Masses, Ph Parish Office **55 725433**

THIS WEEK AT VENIRÉ

3rd – Veniré at Surfers

For high schoolers! Join us for a night of fun and laughter, make new friends, and be empowered to know, to love and to serve the Lord. Dinner is free

4th – Summit for Young Adults

If you are between the ages of 18-35, join us for a great night where you can meet other Catholic Young Adults, and deepen your faith through discussion, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and dessert. We start at 7pm in the Hospitality Centre.

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 **HOST HOME/ACCOMODATION NEEDED FOR SCHOOLIES WEEK BEACH OUTREACH . Please contact Chris Da Silva at cdasilva@restoreculture.com**

NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY

The library will **NOT** be open on Nov 1 (Melbourne Cup Day). The Anointing Mass has been transferred to **Tuesday November 8th**. Return books can be left at the Parish Office. You can always find spiritual reading in our **Read & Return Trolley**, located at the back of the Churches. The material from these trollies can be borrowed and returned at any time. St Jerome, the patron of libraries said, "When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us"

The **Archdiocese of Brisbane** will host a prayer service for the **Jubilee of Mercy for Prisoners** on Sunday **6 November at 2PM at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie**. All are welcome to join ex-prisoners, their families and friends as well as members of organisations and groups supporting prisoners and helping in the rehabilitation of ex-prisoners .

IRISH DANCING CLASS Call Linda on 0407 370 047.



LEARN FRENCH TODAY: Children from Grades 2 to 6 on **WEDNESDAYS** from 3.15pm to 4.15pm, at **ST KEVIN'S SCHOOL, 292 Benowa Road, Benowa**. **First lesson is free and study materials provided.** For information, contact Amelie on **0404 304 011** or email to frenchbychoice@gmail.com



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 31st October	TUESDAY 1st November	WEDNESDAY 2nd November	THURSDAY 3rd November	FRIDAY 4th November	SATURDAY 5th November
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART <i>Anointing Mass</i> CHANGE TO 11am 8 NOVEMBER	FEAST OF ALL SOULS <i>STELLA MARIS</i> 7.00AM ONLY <i>SACRED HEART</i> 9.00AM & 6.00PM	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 27th November**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alan Wallace, Sena, Mary Mullahy, Gerald Anning, Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Rosario Nocal, Charlotte Chaudet, Henderson, Evelyn, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Elsmore, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Gaetawra Cutayar, Stephen John Hatfield (Wollongong), Tony Bui, Mooney, Denise Tracey, Ron Perry, Schreck, Antonia Merlino, Gerald Karen Gard, Elisa Guzzo, Bernadette Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin (Syd), Ritchie, Conceicao Nunes. Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Dorelle Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, Samir Muller, Michael Kearney, Mike & Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Fr Dom Cremesco SVS, Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong.

ANNIVERSARIES: June Butler, Alan & Veronica Bond, Relatives & friends of Hooworth family, Merv Hutley, Juan, Corazon & Angelina Pacheco, Mello Scharenguivel, Estepan Delanchean, Avo Vardanian, Mary Wylie, Bill Weise.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Angelina Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Lunandi, Ian Finlayson, Gus Reeves, Annette

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.