

# 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 Paul Kelly**  
Assisting Sacramental  
Minister

**Helen Goldsmith**  
Pastoral Ministry  
Coordinator

## PARISH STAFF

**Sonya Slater**  
Parish Manager

**Marylou Ayres**  
Parish Secretary

**Pat Kelly**  
Parish Assistant

**Angela Williams**  
Atrium 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**  
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Director: Michelle Nelson

**St Michael's College**  
Merrimac  
Phone: 5530 2722  
P: Michael Naylor

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 3rd / 4th DECEMBER 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

## Christmas in our Parish

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

**IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** After 7am Mass St Vincent's, Surfers Paradise

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** After 9am Mass Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** After 9.00am Mass Stella Maris, Broadbeach

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** After 9.00am Mass Stella Maris, Broadbeach

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** After 7am Mass at St Vincent's, Surfers Paradise

After 9am Mass at Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters

No Sacrament of Penance the night of Christmas Eve or prior to Christmas Day Masses



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Saturday 24 December



**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Sunday 25 December

Stella Maris, Broadbeach:	5.00pm Christmas Vigil
Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters:	6.00pm Christmas Vigil
St Vincent's, Surfers Paradise:	6.00pm Christmas Vigil
Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters:	8.00pm
Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters:	Midnight

Stella Maris, Broadbeach:	7.00am
St Vincent's, Surfers Paradise:	8.00am
Stella Maris, Broadbeach:	8.30am
Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters:	9.00am
St. Vincent's, Surfers Paradise:	10.00am

**THERE WILL BE NO 6PM SUNDAY CHRISTMAS MASS AT SACRED HEART**

## READINGS:

Second Sunday in Advent:

Isaiah 11:1-10;

Romans 15:4-9;

Matthew 3:1-12

## FEASTS:

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> St Ambrose, bishop,  
doctor; Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> The  
Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

## NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10;

James 5:7-10;

Matthew 11: 2-11

## REFLECTION

*Today's readings are a beautiful theological conversation between the Hebrew Scriptures, the Epistle and the Gospel. The readings are unified by attention to the meaning of living in unity within the reign of God and also an interweaving of the Holy Spirit into these texts.*

*The first reading describes the new world that has dawned. Isaiah introduces a ruler infused with the spirit and embodying the gifts of the Spirit, ruling a society united in God, attentive to the plight of all and at peace.*

*Paul reminds us that the promises once made indeed have come and he encourages all to live within the way of the promises. God has brought diverse peoples together in Christ and it is this unity that is the glory of God. It is the example of Christ Jesus and what the reign of Christ looks like.*

*In the Gospel, Matthew introduces us to the reign of God. John the Baptist poses a direct and confronting challenge to prepare for the reign of God, "the way of the Lord." This week we ask for the grace to understand what separates us from our neighbours, what attitudes create disunity in our families and communities, where there might be a lack of fruitfulness and any actions that amount to chaff. John the Baptist's call is a timely reminder to "repent" or change our hearts so we can celebrate more fully Christ's presence in the world.*

**Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**THE FOLLOWING NOTICES ARE NOW URGENT!**

**PLEASE ADVISE OF YOUR AVAILABILITY!**

# URGENT

**TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** Thank you to all those who have already indicated their Christmas availability. If you are available to help at the Christmas Masses **please add your name to the sheets in the church sacristies so Christmas rosters can be finalised as soon as possible.**

**INVITATION TO ASSIST AND SERVE AS A LITURGICAL MINISTER:** We are experiencing a shortage of ministers at all churches and Masses. If you wish to serve in this special ministry as either an altar server, reader (Proclaimer of the Word) or Extraordinary Minister of Communion please contact the Parish Office on 5572 5433. Full training and support will be given. Additional ministers for the Christmas season are especially needed.

**WELCOMERS, COLLECTORS, POWERPOINT OPERATORS, PIETY STALL HELPERS, HOSPITALITY CREW:** Don't be shy - we need you too!!!

Call Helen on 5572 5433 or email [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au)

To Mr John Lochowiak, Chairperson,

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council

I send cordial greetings and best wishes to you and the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the visit of Saint John Paul II to Alice Springs. I assure you of my spiritual closeness as you reflect on the many ways in which Almighty God has blessed your community through that historic visit.

This anniversary affords me the happy opportunity to express my deep esteem for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for your ancient cultural heritage. Uniting my voice to that of Saint John Paul II, I encourage you in his words: "Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost." For when you share the noble traditions of your community, you also witness to the power of the Gospel to perfect and purify every society, and in this way God's holy will is accomplished. I pray that this occasion will provide an opportunity to deepen your love for Christ and for one another, offering a convincing and tangible sign that we are "no longer strangers and sojourners, but...fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God"(Eph 2:19).

Commending you and all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the intercession of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord. **From the Vatican, 29 November**



**ADVENT PRAYER – SECOND WEEK:** We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires. Each morning, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "Lord, I place my trust in you."

The grace we desire is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: **"Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please Lord, come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me."**

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.**

**ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Our Christmas Liturgy was celebrated last week. The children were invited to wear something that reminded them of someone from Luke 2:1-20. How beautiful to see angels and a shepherd in our midst! We processed singing "Come, Lord Jesus!" We changed the colours to white. We sang together and recalled prophecies from Isaiah, Micah and Numbers. When asked who was the Light they proclaimed enthusiastically, "JESUS!"



Each candle of the Advent wreath was lit – for hope, love, joy, peace and the Christmas candle for Jesus. We searched for the hidden baby Jesus – wrapped in the first week of Advent - and while singing together "We're waiting for Jesus like Mary" and recalling the words "... you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger" placed Him lovingly in the waiting manger.

Each child was invited to bring a figure to place on the Nativity table, and we sang "O Come let us adore Him!" Each child was then invited to choose their favourite work within the Atrium to present to the baby Jesus. We concluded by singing for Jesus' birthday!

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**THIS WEEK AT VENIRÉ**

8<sup>th</sup> – 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

**End of Year Deanery Christmas Party**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**6-9pm Sacred Heart Church grounds**

*Celebrate the end of year with us! Come dressed up as a movie character and hang out with youth from across the Gold Coast.*

*There will be live music, BBQ, games, photo booth and more.*

*Open to all high schoolers and young adults.*

*Please RSVP by 9<sup>th</sup> of December*

**Contact Steph on 0411669876**

Or connect with us at: [www.facebook.com/venireyouth](http://www.facebook.com/venireyouth)

**PARISH PIETY STORES:** A variety of printed resources to encourage a prayerful preparation during the season of Advent. **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS** for Advent/Christmas season, contain a daily reflection on the infancy Narrative of Luke.

**Plenty of Christmas Cards, Columban Calendars and Religious Art Calendars.** St Paul's Sunday Mass Books for 2017; Daily Mass Book 2017, available now **St Vincent's and Sacred Heart Churches.**

**PLUS** Fr Mac's Puddings - 800gram regular size \$15.00, 800 gram Gluten Free \$23.00 and 1.6kg larger puddings \$28.00.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM**

Children are invited to take part in the Choir at the 6pm Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Christmas Eve.



**But we need to rehearse! So come to Sacred Heart at 9am each Wednesday from 7th to 21st December inclusive. All Welcome!!**

**ART AND CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Continues for the next two weeks and will be drawn at the 9am Mass on 18th December.

We need lots more ticket buyers to meet our goal of \$5,000 for the ATRIUM and other Parish resources. Donations are also welcome. *Thank you.*

The Art and Craft Group closes Wednesday 7th December and will re-open on Wednesday 25th January 2017.

The monthly meeting of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites will be held at *Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters* at 10.30 am on **Sunday 11th December, 2016.** The theme of our meeting will be: *'Celebration of Christmas'*. Visitors are welcome. There is no fee but please bring a plate to share over a light lunch.

Please contact Norm Harding **0421 125 575** ([ave.olmc@outlook.com](mailto:ave.olmc@outlook.com)) to confirm your attendance.

**NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY**

St. Jerome said, "when we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us". This could be a keynote for our Library! There is nothing quite like **A Book!** A little display by our door features some of our ever-popular ones! Novels (great for a holiday read); books with colourful illustrations; tiny little books you can read at a sitting with a cup of tea and great old favourites - which may surprise you when you read them again. We welcome you to come and **borrow a book!**

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of the Coutinho Family of Broadbeach Waters for week of **Monday 5th December 2016.** Please phone **Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week. **Pat and Maxine Sela.**

**Celebration of Fatima Day on Tuesday 13 of December at Marian Valley. Bus will leave Sacred Heart at 8.15am (Qld time). For bookings please call Viviane on 55359623.**



**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ**

**WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FROM FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2016 AND WILL RE-OPEN LATE JANUARY 2017**

*We with all our loyal customers a Wonderful Christmas*  
**From Lauren, Nikki, Kimmy and all the Crew.**

**VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS: Centacare Pastoral Ministries:** A course is planned for the Gold Coast starting February 2017. Please contact: Judy Norris **Mob: 0428 669 572** E: [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

MONDAY 5th December	TUESDAY 6th December	WEDNESDAY 7th December	THURSDAY 8th December	FRIDAY 9th December	SATURDAY 10th December
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART <i>Next Anointing Mass will be on 7.02.2017</i>	9.00AM 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  
**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](mailto:paterignacio@yahoo.com)  
**Maronite Rite:** Saturday 7.15pm Sacred Heart  
Phone: 3394 4994 St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

**Art & Craft: Final Day 7th December**  
**Book Club:** In Recess until 2017  
**Bridge:** Monday 12.30pm. Parish Hospitality Centre.  
**SPCL:** In Recess until 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 Levels. 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 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. **Final 29th November. In recess until 7th February 2017 0428090703.** Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) will continue 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 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: Christmas Eve - 8.00pm Sacred Heart Church**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elizabeth Hall, Andy Brown, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Bagan, Anna Guilia Dipold, Janick Ware, Nalin Sena, Mary Mullahy, Youhanna, Elizabeth (Betty) Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield Topalov, Pat Harvey, Dora (Wollongong), Tony Bui, Karen Gard, Crisante, Kelly Sutherland, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, Samir Moussa, 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, 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Trevor Toohey, Beth Green, Owen Louis Ryan, Kevin Brennan, William (Bill) Howe, Isabel Ariba, Arsenio Aribal, Apolonia Villarosa, Laurencia Albiso, Fabian McCarthy.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Carmelia Shamovian, Maria Nazari, Baby Ollie

**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.**