

# 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

Helen Goldsmith

Pastoral Ministry

Coordinator

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Parish Manager

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Atrium Assistant

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

### 7th / 8th May 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today is the celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord, which occurs 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead. For Christians the reality of Christ's Ascension is as important as the Resurrection and our Catholic Creeds affirm this: "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead." Jesus ascended bodily into heaven but this does not mean that heaven is somewhere up in space. This was a way of making clear that He was leaving the present mode of existence.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. St. Paul in Colossians 3:1 urges us to live our lives now as if we had already died, had risen, and had ascended with him. In a mystical sense we have done that, in that our Head has done that. In the physical sense it is still in the future.

Recently, Pope Francis gave an explanation of the Ascension as a **deeply consoling reality** on our journey: In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. "He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God."

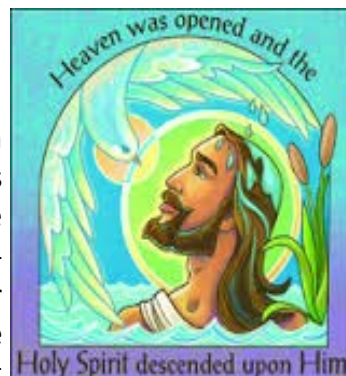
Pope Francis encourages us to entrust our life to Jesus and to let ourselves be guided by him, even when it calls for sacrifice and sometimes requires us to change our plans. Prayer gives us the grace to be faithful to God's plan. In prayer we encounter Jesus, who is with God the Father where he intercedes for ever in our favour, always defending us from ourselves and from our sins! The Apostles understood this and returned to Jerusalem "with great joy." Through faith they knew that Jesus was with them and would not abandon them.

The Ascension is the link in the chain that connects Jesus' earthly life to the life of the Church and tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now with God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone because the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us, defends us and awaits us. That is a **"deeply consoling reality"**.

***This weekend we welcome back Fr Tim from annual leave and a restful, relaxing break. Fr Tim will be in the parish for a short while only until he departs on study leave, attending lectures and workshops at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. As a parish community we wish him safe travels and great learnings in this world-acclaimed centre for Catholic critical-thinking and research.***

***Blessings, Helen***

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS/PHONE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, CAN YOU PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE ON 5572 5433 OR VIA EMAIL [surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:surfers@bne.catholic.net.au) Thank you!



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**READINGS:** Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9: 24-28, 10: 19-23; Lk 24: 46-53

**FEASTS:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima; Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> St Matthias, Apostle

**NEXT WEEK:** Pentecost: Yr C; Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8: 8-17; Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26

**REFLECTION:** *The Gospel and the First Reading recount how Jesus entered the glory of his Father. Today's feast is a part of the Paschal Mystery, a continuation of Jesus' Rising from the Dead, and an assertion that the Risen Jesus Christ is divine. Unlike the disciples with eyes raised to heaven, the Ascension invites us to look to earth, to the people among whom we are called to make present the mission of Jesus. Though Jesus was no longer present the disciples were full of joy and we have many reasons to be joyful and full of hope in our work in the mission of Jesus Christ.*

*The Second Reading completes the message. Even though we must keep our eyes on the earth we know that human life is not enclosed by it. Enlightened by the ineffable mystery of Easter, the faith and hope that we celebrate at Easter are meant to be lived out in every season and every area of our lives. We are to see the world with new eyes. Then everything makes sense.*

*We are invited to join Christ by lifting up our hearts in faith, hope and love, both personally and liturgically and in the many different works of Christian service. We know the power of God's Spirit is very dynamically at work behind the scenes. Joy, prayer, and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we pray that the spirit of joy that filled the disciples might fill our hearts so that our community and our world might know the blessing of God.*

**PRAYER:** *Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your divine love!*

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM 2016-2017

Information brochures and enrolment forms are now available for the new program (based on the Archdiocese of Brisbane Revised Sacramental Policy 2015) in all churches, Parish Office, St Vincent's and St Kevin's schools.

The program will commence on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016** with a compulsory Parent Information Session. To be eligible children must be 8 years of age or older.

If you have any questions please phone **Helen Goldsmith 5572 5433**.



### **MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY**

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration of everyone who seeks to be obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit - the soul of the Church. May is the month which the piety of the faithful is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1). Pius XII ([Mediator Dei](#)) characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult " (no. 182).

Practices which are recommended by the Magisterium for honouring Our Lady during Her month:



**The Rosary** - one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. The Rosary is biblically inspired prayer which is centred on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life.



**Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.



**Consecration and Entrustment to Mary** - Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary"



**Daily Marian Prayers** - such as The Magnificat, Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina), Stabat Mater.

During May, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, you are invited to contemplate the face of mercy, Jesus, through Mary. Through her example, Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone. May she continue to be a source of comfort and strength to us as she turns "her merciful eyes upon us, and makes us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus." (MV 24) **Blessings, Helen**



**ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY 14TH MAY**  
**9.00AM TO 11.30AM**

**EXPLORE our friendly learning Catholic community.**

**There will be the Principals Address, Enrolment Information, Guided Tours, Faculty Display, Performances, "Super Science Show", Air Force Cadets, Coffee Shop & Sausage Sizzle! EVERYONE WELCOME**

### **PARISH APP**

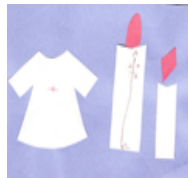
Stay in touch with the Parish, receive notifications, access the parish calendar, daily readings, ministries and services.

**Download it to your phone or tablet now:**

1. Using your phone or tablet, search for "Surfers Catholic Parish" in the **Apple App** store or **Google Play Store**, then click install.
  2. When the App installation completes, please remember to click "Allow Notifications" so we can keep you informed about Parish events and activities.
- If you have any questions or need help downloading the app, please feel free to ask Helen to assist.

## PARISH MINISTRY AND GROUPS

### ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



In the Atrium we have been presenting works to the children relating to the **Sacrament of Baptism**. We celebrated the *Baptism Liturgy of Light* as a continuation of the Easter season. The light of Jesus seen in the Paschal candle, this light is within us - to be a light in the world. Jesus gives it as a gift to all those who come close to Him.

*"How beautiful it is to have our own candle shining so brightly, and to know that on the day of our baptism a very special light was enkindled in our hearts. What a precious gift!*

*Could we have lighted our little candles if the paschal candle had not first overpowered the darkness? Could we have this light in our hearts if Christ had not first given it to us?"*

*Sofia Cavalletti*

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

## *Youth and Young Adults*

*Veniré is a ministry that provides an opportunity for young people across the Gold Coast to get connected with other young people who share the same faith, inviting them to find their identity in Christ; empowering them to know, to love, and to serve the Lord.*

### *This Week at Veniré*

**11<sup>th</sup>** Visit to St. Augustine's Primary School, Currumbin

**12<sup>th</sup>** Veniré at Surfers Paradise Parish

**13<sup>th</sup>** Veniré at Burleigh Heads Parish

**15<sup>th</sup>** Ignite Live (Mass and Youth Rally) in Brisbane

**If you would like any more information about these events or to come along to any of them, please contact Steph on 0411669876**

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** Come and celebrate with us the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on **Saturday 21st May 2016** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. The bus leaves Sacred Heart Church, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.00am. **The cost is \$20 return.** For bookings and more information please call Paula on **0402 930 918 or 5582 7950**. The bus is already filling up, so be quick to guarantee a seat!

**PRAYING THE ROSARY** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Trish Thompson of Mermaid Beach, commencing Monday **9th May 2016**. If you need help to collect the Statue we can assist you. **Thank you.**

**FATIMA DAY:** Celebration of Fatima day on **13th of May** at Marian Valley. For bookings please call Viviane on **55359623**.

**Sacred Heart & St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops have lots of gifts for CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION!**

**THE BOLD & BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** is meeting for Lunch at **12noon** on **THURSDAY 26th MAY** at the **GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**, 20 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. **ALL WELCOME!** For more information please call **LEONA** on **5538 7070**.

**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL:** Come and celebrate with Southport Catholic Parish and Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **22nd May**, at Aquinas College, Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore **from 9:30am**. This celebration will include a "free feast" with food from over 13 countries being served at no cost. There will be an assortment of colour and cultural richness, reflective of the ethnic diversity which make the South Coast Deanery so magnificent. Children will perform traditional music and dance, and the Archbishop will be available to say G'day. So please come along and be part of the celebration. All inquiries to Southport Parish Office, **5510 2222**.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Pope Francis' Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia** is a wonderful document! Accessible, deeply pastoral and inspiring. It covers so much - marriage to the elderly - no one is forgotten. We have copies on order, but you may browse an on-line copy in the Library or on your own device. A special display picks up on some themes of the document. We welcome again a past volunteer, **Lynda Marshall**, back to the Library Team. Thank you for joining in this Ministry Lynda! Come in and meet Lynda on the 5th Sundays at Sacred Heart. Check the **Read and Return Trolley** at Sacred Hear and St Vincent's Churches for a fresh selection of books to borrow at any time.

### INVITATION TO PARISH VOLUNTEERS IN ALL MINISTRIES AND NEW PARISHIONERS

To coincide with National Volunteer Week 9 - 15 May, 2016 the Parish Mission Council invites you to a

#### **WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT**

**Friday 13 May, 2016, 5.30-7pm. Casey Hall.**

Guest presenter Hubert Auffret,  
Head Sommelier at Dan Murphy's.

We wish to acknowledge the generous contribution of our parish volunteers who help us do what we need to do. Every volunteer is there because they want to be. They are talented, committed, faithful people who have stepped up to be part of the parish community. Our parish is much richer by their gift of time and talent and we celebrate their commitment!

**We also invite all our new parishioners. Come and enjoy our hospitality and welcome to the parish.**

**RSVP** Helen Goldsmith [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Or phone the Parish Office on 5572 5433



**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ**  
**7.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday**  
**Catering Options 0435 721 258**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am Sacred Heart <i>Next Anointing Mass 11am 7th June</i>	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7AM ST VINCENT'S 9AM SACRED HEART Year of Mercy Reconciliation 10-11.30 & 5-6.30	<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</b> Saturday evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH</b> Saturday evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am				
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**MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:** **FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE**

**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:** Next Mass in our Parish is 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](mailto:paterignacio@yahoo.com)

**Maronite Rite:** Saturday 7.15pm Sacred Heart

**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

**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:** Sunday 6pm Sacred Heart. **Next Date 8th May 2016**

**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:** Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri sessions. Casey Hall. Phone  
Nicole 0420 301 379 or at [nicolecalvinopilates@gmail.com](mailto:nicolecalvinopilates@gmail.com)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Una Parkinson, Ron Perry, Paul Kiely, Denise Darwin, Colleen Walton, Barden Thomas (Syd), Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Claffey, Kevin Thomas Malone, Theo Farr, Therese Brake, David Ramsis Boctor, Jose Portes, 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, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong, Dolly Roberts & Gerald Theron (Cape Town), Joan Wienand, Bruno Andreetta, Ron Cadd, Bernadine Lewis (Capetown SA), Sophia Wisniewska (Poland).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gordon Lepp, Tootsie Ware, Veronica Bond, John, Anton & Tereza Pavelic, Frank Glynn, Virginia Tablan, David Halpin.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Pat Burton, Valda Martin, Andreas Lunandi, Kate Needham, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning, Monica Bailey, Sage Amor (Canada), Brian Elsmore, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Mooney, Denise Tracey,



**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 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.*