

# Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS, QLD 4226

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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 Nicholas Okafor*

*Parish Administrator*

*Fr Paul Kelly*

*Associate Pastor*

*Helen Goldsmith*

*Pastoral Ministry*

*Coordinator*

## **PARISH STAFF**

*Sonya Slater*

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*Marylou Ayres*

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## **SCHOOLS**

*St Vincent's School*

*Clear Island Waters*

*Phone: 5572 1746*

*P: Kerry Rowlands*

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*Benowa*

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*P: Peter Anderson*

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*Director: Michelle Nelson*

*St Michael's College*

*Merrimac*

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*P: Michael Nayler*

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 8th / 9th APRIL 2017—YEAR A**

### **HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES AND EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES**



**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
50 FAIRWAY DRIVE,  
CLEAR ISLAND WATERS**



**ST VINCENT'S CHURCH  
40 HAMILTON AVENUE,  
SURFERS PARADISE**



**STELLA MARIS CHURCH  
254 HEDGES AVENUE,  
BROADBEACH**

#### **SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS**

##### **PALM SUNDAY:**

**Saturday 6.00pm Vigil (Reconciliation 5.00pm)  
9.00am & 6.00pm Sunday**

##### **RECONCILIATION:**

**After 9am Mass on Tuesday 11th April.**

**HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lords Supper 7.00pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 10.00am**

**PASSION OF THE LORD: Friday 3.00pm**

**EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 7.00pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 9.00am and 6.00pm**

#### **ST VINCENT'S CHURCH, SURFERS PARADISE**

##### **PALM SUNDAY:**

**Saturday 6.00pm Vigil (Reconciliation 5.15pm)**

**8.00am & 10.00am Sunday**

##### **RECONCILIATION:**

**After 7.00am Mass on Monday 10th April**

**GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 10.00am**

**PASSION OF THE LORD: Friday 3.00pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 8.00am and 10.00am**

#### **STELLA MARIS CHURCH, BROADBEACH**

**PALM SUNDAY: 5.00pm Vigil (Reconciliation 4.15pm)**

**MASS at 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday**

##### **RECONCILIATION:**

**After 9.00am Mass on Wednesday 12th April**

***NO THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 9.00AM MORNING MASS***

**GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 10.00am**

**PASSION OF THE LORD: Friday 3.00pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 7.00am and 8.30am**

**PLEASE NOTE: HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER VIGIL  
ONLY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH and NO ADORATION ON GOOD FRIDAY**

## READINGS THIS WEEKEND:

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;

Isaiah 50:4-7;

Philippians 2:6-11;

Matthew 26:14-27:66

### FEASTS:

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper;

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Passion of the Lord;

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### Resurrection of the Lord;

Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Colossians 3:1-4;

John 20:1-9

### REFLECTION:

*"The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught."*

*These words from Isaiah are a reminder to be conscious of our baptismal commitment to carry on the work of God and be attentive to the mind and heart of God. The passage from Isaiah ends with a note of sadness. It is a mystery that liberation is often a cause of suffering.*

*Matthew's passion story is a dark passage full of suffering. The plotting and treachery of the religious leaders leads them to sacrifice Jesus in the interests of state and religious security. There is betrayal from within the community too from Judas who is an opportunist. The drama is truly overpowering and needs really to be absorbed one incident at a time.*

*Paul reminds us to have the same mind as that of Christ Jesus. We are called to imitate Jesus, His humility and obedience to God. So, as we go through this day and this week, let us look very carefully at Jesus our Saviour. We watch, not just to admire, but also to learn, to penetrate the mind, the thinking, the attitudes and the values of Jesus so that we, in the very different circumstances of our own lives, may walk in his footsteps.*

*If we are to be his disciples, he invites us to walk his way, to share his sufferings, to imitate his attitudes, to "empty" ourselves, to live in service of others, that is, to love others as he loves us. This is not at all a call to a life of pain and misery. Quite the contrary, it is an invitation to a life of deep freedom, peace and happiness.*

## Prayer for Holy Week

We enter into a week made "holy" forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus for us all. Jesus entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils that we might never experience those struggles alone. This week we console Jesus and accompany him so he is not alone in his suffering and death. Spending a week with Jesus at Calvary is really not very difficult. It is only a matter of focus. We want to be touched by the meaning of his death for us.



***Each morning this week focus on your desire to be with Jesus in his death. Upon waking begin the day by tracing the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your heart. This can help consciously focus the day, leading to our walking through each day with a heightened awareness of the power that Jesus' dying has for our faith, hope and love today.***

1. Ask for the grace to follow Jesus all the way to the end of his life.
2. Read the daily readings, watch Jesus and listen to his words.
3. Talk to Jesus during the day as you console **him**, your friend.
4. Each evening give thanks for the one who shows us the deepest meaning of the Good News. By entering our life and death completely, Jesus fell into the hands of a loving God, who raised him and us to life, redeeming all sin and death forever.

***We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because you have embraced us while embracing the cross.***

5. End the day by tracing the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your heart.

***Blessings, Helen***

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS—6PM FRIDAY EVENING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Good Friday Passion Reading (PABASA):** Everyone is invited to come to **Casey Hall** from **6am** to late evening on **Good Friday** to join in the chanting of traditional Filipino bible highlights of Jesus' life and suffering during this time of Lent. Shared food (Caridad) for all. For any inquiries, call **Irma Courtney** at **5527 3321** or **0411 291 981**.



## New Course – Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry

Six modules offered in interactive workshops that focus on personal formation, developing skills and practical application in a parish or ministry context. The course will extend your understanding of sacraments and liturgy, Scripture, theology, mission, evangelisation, ministry, spiritual reflection, policies and practices of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 2017 location and course dates:

Francis Rush Centre Brisbane: 29 Apr, 27 May, 17 Jun, 22 Jul, 14 Oct + elective

Darra Jindalee Parish: 13 May, 10 Jun, 15 Jul, 5 Aug, 14 Oct + elective.

Please contact Helen Goldsmith on PH 5572 5433 or [helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au) if interested.



## Good Friday - Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart 10am Walking the grounds in the Footsteps of Jesus *Stations of the Cross for Our Times*

We are pleased to be offering the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters again this year, where we will once more walk the grounds in front of the church following in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross. All parishioners are welcome from across the three churches. There will be seats outside the church where the elderly can sit and participate in the Stations should they require this. Just as Jesus invites His disciples to 'Come and See' so we too invite you to come and experience this very spiritual journey to the cross. May you receive every blessing during this Easter Season.

**Atrium** Monday and Friday sessions run from 9.30am to 11.00am. **Baptism Preparation (3-8 years old)**  
 We are going to start a new group on **Saturday 29th April** from 9am to 10am.  
 Let us pray for the children who are to be baptised at Easter.  
 Please consider volunteering in the Atrium.  
[atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

Because of the Holy Thursday liturgy at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church, **Venire will not be on at 6pm. Instead, we will be going ice-skating in Iceland during the day from 1-3pm. Cost: \$12.**  
 Please bring socks and any money for food.  
 Where: 15 Strathaird Rd. Bundall



All youth are invited! Please come and join us for a fun afternoon. **RSVP to Steph at 0411669876**


**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Like many of her neighbours in her coastal village in the Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety as extreme weather battered their home and environment. But her participation in the Caritas supported integrated Community Development Program has offered her a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment. **Please donate to project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their children.**

**EASTER RAFFLE** The Raffle will be drawn this weekend after the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Winners will be notified after the draw and prizes will be distributed at 4pm on Monday 10th April at the Parish Hospitality Centre. Thank you to everyone for your support of this Raffle. All results and a list of all winners will be in next weekend's Newsletter


**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Pricilla Trosic for the week of **Monday 10th April 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**.

Easter Greeting cards available now at the Sacred Heart & St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops

**A SPECIAL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE** will be held on the **2nd Sunday of Easter, 23rd April from 2.00pm to 3.30pm** in Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Reconciliation will take place at **2.30pm. ALL WELCOME**

 Last Sunday night during the 6pm Mass, two vehicles were broken into and personal items stolen. Please keep all items in your vehicle hidden out of sight. Thieves will smash a window if there is something of value visible through the window of your car. This is also a timely reminder to keep your handbag in front of you at all times while you are in church and take it with you to communion. If we all work together we can reduce any opportunity for theft in the future.

**NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:** On Palm Sunday **The Passion of Jesus** is the focus. In the Library you will find books, DVD's and music to accompany you at this most Holy time. A helpful book is **"The Sacred Art of Fasting"**; contemplate how artists have depicted **"The Crucifixion"** through the ages; listen to the sublime music of **"Spem in Alium"** Tallis' Great masterpiece or even the modern movie **"Passion of the Christ"**. We have books which examine the **wounds of Christ** and their transformative power, and the issue of **anti-Semitism** in the Christian tradition. Lots to fill your Easter with hope and faith.

**Palm Sunday - Year A**  
**A VOCATION VIEW:** Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.  


**BOOK CLUB members are reminded our meeting is on Tuesday 11th April this month due to the Easter Holidays.**

The Queensland Choir is heading to the new Sunpac centre in Sunnybank for its First concert for 2017 on **Saturday 29th April at 7.30pm**. The venue offers allocated seating for the audience and has facilities for purchasing refreshments before and after the concert and during interval. As it is attached to the Sunnybank Community and Sports Club there are facilities for people who may like a meal before attending the concert. **BOOK NOW – LIMITED TICKETS:** Adults \$40 – Concession \$35 – Children/Students \$15. Phone 3323 9650 or go to [www.sunpac.net.au](http://www.sunpac.net.au)

Please join us at the Marian Valley, Canungra, for the wonderful feast of **Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd of April 2017**. The bus will leave 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am and leave 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.

**COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ -**  
 Open 8:00am—12:30pm Monday to Friday during School holidays.  
 Catering options are available for your function.  
 Phone: **Lauren 0435 721258**

**YOGA SESSIONS: EVERY TUESDAY AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE, 50 FAIRWAY DRIVE, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: RUTH GURNER 0421 338 110 / 5528 0917**

MONDAY 10th April	TUESDAY 11th April	WEDNESDAY 12th April	THURSDAY 13th April	FRIDAY 14th April	SATURDAY 15th April
7.00am ST VINCENT'S 7.30am Reconciliations	9.00AM SACRED HEART 9.30am Reconciliations	9AM STELLA MARIS 9.30am Reconciliation	No Mass at Stella Maris 7.00pm Sacred Heart Only	ALL CHURCHES 10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM PASSION OF THE LORD	<b><u>NO</u></b> <b><u>RECONCILIATION</u></b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b>	<b>STELLA MARIS CHURCH Sunday 7.00am &amp; 8.30am</b> <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH SATURDAY EVENING 7.00PM and Sunday 9.00am &amp; 6.00pm</b> <b>ST VINCENT'S CHURCH 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 April 2017**

**Friendship Day Thursday 20th April 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**

**Stations of the Cross: 6pm every Friday in Lent at Sacred Heart Church**

**Christian Meditation:** Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) Pam Egberts  
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 7th April - 7pm to 7am Saturday 8th April.

**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

**Venire Youth Mass—6.00pm Sunday 23rd April 2017**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lynn Maree Blond, Olympia Percuoco, Cecilia Teresa White, George Bonet, Edward Eric Rhoades, Guiseppa Mauceri, Ralph Harlander, Gloria Heal, Gaye Hope, Samir Moussa.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Justin Paul Fitzgerald, Earl Beitey, Tibor Endrody, Norma Weise, Darko Janzekovic, Tootsie Ware, Arthur Kelly Burns, Maurice Pyke, Patrick Sharp, Antoun Chrestophi, Nancy Posa.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Steve Wayt, Rose Arthurson, Brandon Watson, Claire Keefe, David Long (Vic), Maria Nazari, Sr Eileen Jones RSVN, George Bonet, Maria Shen, Helen Lindsay, Junko Costigan, Camelia Shamvian, Lauretta Peterson, Rosa Maria Santos, Vera McCormick, Jason & Jodie Morphett, Raymond Balkin, Jim O'Brien, Morgan McEniely, Ann Reich (Syd), Anne Donaldson, Irmgard (Joan) Graz, Carmelia Shamovian, Baby Ollie Hall, Andy Brown, Monica Bailey, Louie Kazzi, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong) Tony Bui, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, John Traynor (UK), Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, David Long (Vic), Fr John Milliken PP Stanmore, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Lunandi, 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, Barbara Farrell, Marian Komorowski (Poland), Mary Kerr, Conor Cosgrave, Anne Weston, Mary Hayes (Melb), Diep Armstrong.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?**  
Phone the Parish Office on **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 info.